

Suspension and Expulsion

Policy

PCDC will not expel any child from Early Head Start or Head Start programs due to a child's behavior, however, temporary suspension of a child for persistent and challenging behavior that may cause harm to themselves and others will be implemented as a last resort. This means, if there is a safety threat that cannot be reduced or eliminated by the provision of reasonable modifications provided by teaching staff.

Performance Standard: 1302.17 *Suspension and Expulsion* 1302.45 *Child Mental Health and Social Emotional Well-Being*

Procedures

- The Lead Teacher will document student's behavior on the Intervention Summary Form, strategies used and the results of those strategies. The form will be sent to the Mental Health Coordinator for review and discussed with the Lead Teacher.
- If the challenging behavior persists, there will be a meeting with the Family Advocate, Lead Teacher, Mental Health Coordinator, Parent, Assistant Education Manager and/or Education Manager to determine what type of services would best meet the need of the student.
- The Mental Health Coordinator, Family Advocate and Lead Teacher will connect with the Special Services Department within their school division to see if services can be provided.
- Continue to work with appropriate agencies and the student's family to determine appropriate placement
- Behavioral Health Services will be provided to student with the consent of the parent to provide both at home and/or in class support.
- The student may be placed on a modified schedule if needed. Additional services and support will be provided to ensure the student attends school regularly.