

## COMMUNITY

**OUTCOME: ALL STAKEHOLDERS INVESTED IN THE HEALTH, WELFARE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEADERSHIP AND DECISION MAKING.**

**STANDARD 1: The comprehensive needs of young children and their families are met through ongoing relationships and collaboration in the community, involving families, programs, personnel, and individuals whose work relates to or may impact the development of young children.**

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Describing/planning  
Demonstrating  
Integrating  
Enhancing*

Description of  
Current Practice

The program staff collaborates with community resources to provide services as needed by the child and family (e.g., programs provided by community agencies, schools, health care and mental health professionals).							
The diversity and cultures of the community are reflected in the program.							
Referral procedures ensure that families are linked to needed services in the community.							
Local interagency coordinating councils address developmental needs of young children and their families.							
The community and families work together to provide continuous services for all children, ensuring smooth transitions between programs.							
Public awareness activities are implemented to inform the community about the needs and availability of early childhood services.							
<b>Action Plan for Standard 1:</b>							

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**STANDARD 2: All available resources in the community are used to eliminate duplication and to reduce gaps in services for children and families.**

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*Enhancing*

Description of  
Current Practice

All pertinent funding sources and services are utilized to provide comprehensive services to meet individual needs of children and their families.							
A community-wide needs assessment is conducted to identify strengths and weaknesses in available services to eliminate service gaps and overlaps.							
Hard-to-reach families are served through outreach efforts and collaboration among community programs.							
Extended child care needs are addressed within the community, including but not limited to such programs as before- and after-school care, summer programs, respite care, sick-child care, and transportation.							
Community volunteers are invited to participate in the program in a variety of roles, such as serving on interagency committees or advisory groups, communicating with other community organizations, or assisting with public awareness efforts to reach more families.							

**Action Plan for Standard 2:**