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**COMPONENT: TRANSPORTATION**

**SUBJECT: CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

**PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE:** To ensure that there are school buses or allowable alternate vehicles adapted or designed for transportation of children with disabilities available as necessary to transport such children enrolled in the program. Whenever possible, children with disabilities must be transported in the same vehicles used to transport other children enrolled in the Head Start program. Any special transportation requirements for a child with a disability should be identified when preparing the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP). Head Start must ensure that special transportation requirements in a child's IEP are followed, including special pick-up and drop-off requirements; special seating requirements; special equipment needs; any special assistance that may be required; and any special training for bus drivers and monitors.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE:**

The Health Services Manager will coordinate with the public school system to provide transportation for children who may be in a wheelchair.

Children requiring transportation to the school system for special need services will be transported on a Head Start bus that is equipped with safety seats.