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**COMPONENT: DISABILITIES**

**SUBJECT: ACCESSIBILITY OF FACILITIES AND MATERIALS**

**PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE:** The agency will ensure the accessibility of facilities, equipment, and materials for all persons (children, families and staff, etc.) including those with disabilities.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE:**

The Head Start Program services as a whole must be accessible for all persons including those with a disability. Head Start Facilities are handicap accessible. Structural changes are required to make the program services available if alternative such as reassignment of classes or moving to different rooms are not possible. Renovations of space and facilities which may be deemed necessary to ensure the safety of the children or promote learning will be addressed as needs arise and identified.

The agency will ensure that children with physical disabilities have the necessary equipment and materials of correct sizing and type for their individual needs as indicated in the child's IEP or as directed by the child's medical provider. All efforts will be made to place children with physical disabilities with the appropriate size and shaped furniture and equipment to place children at the same level as their classmates whenever possible.