

# WEST ORANGE-COVE CONSOLIDATED ISD

# NORTH EARLY LEARNING CENTER HEAD START

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Health and Wellness Plan

### Vision and Mission Statement

The health and wellness program at North Early Learning Center Head Start is to:

- Provide healthy lifestyle education and support to staff, families, and community members
- Assist staff, families, and community members in leading healthier lifestyles
- Increase program engagement and productivity
- Manage health care costs

North Early Learning Center Head Start will create a culture of wellbeing where commitment to the development of the whole person includes providing comprehensive programs that support and encourage good health and healthy lifestyles.

# **Program Goals**

- 1. Inspire Team Members to lead healthier lifestyles by increasing participations in current wellness programs, services, and monthly challenges
- 2. Develop framework for supporting a culture change to a focus on overall health and wellness
- 3. Control health care and absenteeism costs for North Early Learning Center Head Start staff members
- 4. Engage staff, families, and community members in becoming better health care consumers while increasing work place productivity
- 5. Improve retention by increasing morale, enhancing teamwork, and providing a culture where team members truly enjoy their work

# Eligibility

Primary:All active full-time employeesSecondary:All currently enrolled students, families, and local community members

## Tactics we will use to obtain the above goals

**Goal 1**: Inspire employees to lead healthier lifestyles by increased participation in current wellness programs

- Introduce new health and wellness programs to all staff, enrolled students and families
- Include wellbeing information and resources to assist in leading healthier lifestyles on current campus website
- Highlight current wellness programs offered to full-time staff through a wellness resource guide
- Partner with community businesses to implement and execute a comprehensive communication plan segmented to the least engaged and at risk or high risk audiences, which will increase participation and engagement

Goal 2: Develop framework for supporting culture change to a focus on health and wellness

- Create a wellness committee with representatives from staff, families, and community members
- Define wellbeing to all staff members, families, and community members highlighting the benefits of increasing health and wellness in all 5 areas; career, social, community, physical, and financial.
- Determine potential changes to office food choices, meetings and celebrations
- Strategic alignment to relationship with specific community groups (i.e. local food bank)

**Goal 3**: Control Health Care, productivity, and absenteeism costs for North Early Learning Center Head Start and staff

- Full analysis on top ten issues by dollars and prevalence and then categorize solutions by time, cost, and impact
- Partnership within appropriate groups specific to policy changes that support engagement, work/life, flexibility, and stress management
- Analysis on time-of and absenteeism, provided local and state sick leave, and workers comp
- Develop strategic wellness interventions to address top cost drivers may include safety objectives

**Goal 4**: Engage Team Members in becoming better health care consumers and increasing work place productivity

- Partner with appropriate committees on employee engagement initiatives
- Partner and develop plan with wellness committee on results of work environment in relationship to stress management and productivity increases

Goal 5: Improve overall health and wellness of local community

- Increased communication and engagement in all current wellness programs
- Create and provide health assessment on campus website
- Finalize and implement incentive strategies for healthy behaviors

### FIVE PILLARS OF WELL-BEING

### PHYSICAL

- Fitness (daily 1 min exercises)
- Maternity Health (partnerships with WIC, HHS, AgriLife, Nutrition Consultant)
  - Change in food choices (healthier options in vending)
  - Health Assessment
  - Exercise Videos / Parent and
    - Community Partnerships

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### FINANCIAL

- BYO Lunch and Learns
- TRS Education for all Staff
- Annual Finance Awareness
  Workshop
- Community Partnerships

#### COMMUNITY

SOCIAL

networks

Committee

Develop social environments to promote expanding personal

Partner w/ Sunshine and RR

Establish a mentoring program to

support wellbeing engagement

- Implement an incentive for employees that engage in charity work and environment protection
- Strategically align with student organizations (i.e. boys and girls club, girl scouts, cub scouts) to implement wellness initiatives

#### CAREER

- Create wellness committee
- Establish working group to align talent management tools on wellbeing principles
- Policy changes related to work/life
- Support for further education

# Data

The following areas are opportunities for North Early Learning Center Head Start – we will implement focused wellbeing strategies to address each:

- **Pregnancy and Childbirth**: increase communication and engagement in the Healthy Pregnancy Program
- **Obesity and Diabetes**: partnership with AgriLife to bring education onsite to address both
- **Depression and Mental Health**: increase communication and engagement in the health and wellness program

# **Key Stakeholders**

Leadership Team

- Director announces health and wellness program concept and discusses short- and longterm changes to North Early learning Center Head Start
- Committee members provide monthly articles / blogs on website regarding current wellness progress
- Wellbeing modeled personally at all levels

Wellness Committee

- The wellness committee is chosen via staff volunteers
- The wellness committee will meet monthly in person to discuss and review upcoming plans

The responsibilities of the wellness committee include:

- Solicit input and feedback from co-workers about the wellness program
- Review survey results and make recommendations for newsletter articles, training, and incentive programs
- Review evaluations from wellness events and consider feedback in planning future programs and events
- Help "spread the word" in promoting wellbeing activities and events, acting as a wellness champion
- Attend appropriate wellness events to learn and network with other representatives involved in wellness
- Participate in, and assist as appropriate, with wellness programs and events

### **POTENTIAL 5 YEAR OUTLOOK**



### Key Activities

- Leadership is in alignment with the program vision
- Leadership program announcement
- Middle management support
- Begin wellness champion program
- Communicate pillars of wellbeing
- Incentive plan to focus on screenings and health
- *Results-base incentives*
- Wellness vision fully implemented