



# Policy Council



*Are you interested in helping make program-wide decisions?*

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## **What is Policy Council?**

Policy Council is a formal means for parents to be involved in the program's planning and decision making. Policy Council is a great opportunity to learn more about the program.

Each classroom or group elects one of their parents to be their Policy Council member. Members serve for one year: from October through September.

Policy Council meets monthly at a location (usually the Pro Action building in Bath) at a time determined by the group.

Policy Council also has community members: persons from the community with knowledge of early childhood development and community resources which benefit young children.

## **As a Policy Council member you will:**

- Receive information and program updates.
- Review, advise and participate in planning
  - program goals / objectives
  - policies and procedures
  - curriculum development
  - program funding proposals
- Participate in the staff hiring process
- Participate in program monitoring
- Share ideas and information about activities going on within classrooms

*Members may receive reimbursement for reasonable child care and/or transportation costs connected with Policy Council participation.*

- *You do not need any prior knowledge or experience to serve on Policy Council. Training will be provided as needed.*
- *If you are interested in being a Policy Council member, please contact a HS/EHS staff member.*
- *Policy Council meetings are open to all enrolled parents/guardians, even if you are not the elected representative.*
- *Talk with your Resource Advocate or Home Visitor if you are interested in becoming a Policy Council representative.*

### **Thoughts from parents who have served as Policy Council members:**

- ❖ *"Parents are a child's first teacher. Policy Council lets you continue a working relationship with the program."*
- ❖ *"I wanted to be a part of my child's education, in the classroom and behind the scenes."*
- ❖ *"If you are actively involved, you are helping to shape the person you want your child to be tomorrow."*
- ❖ *"Policy Council gives you a voice as a parent, and as a parent you know your child best".*