

# What is In-Kind?

In order to continue receiving Federal Funding, each Head Start program must receive donations from the community. These donations are called “In-Kind” donations and they must equal at least 25% of the total dollar amount that comes from the Federal Government. These donations can be in several forms including time and goods.

Head Start will accept donations from any person or organization. All donations are appreciated and will be counted toward the 25% In-Kind requirement.

## **You can support your Head Start Program**

Every child in our community is a precious gem. Each one needs love and support from parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins, friends, teachers, counselors, community leaders and others. Remember “It takes a whole village to raise a child.” Please give the children of your Head Start program the gift of your participation by volunteering in any way you can!

### **Donating Your Time . . .**

Some examples of In-Kind time donations include:

- Volunteering and observing in the center
- Attending Center Committee or policy council meetings
- Reading and telling stories to children at the center
- Maintaining or fixing toys
- Picking up trash outside the center
- Building or fixing playground equipment
- Making or fixing furniture
- Watching training videos in the center
- Reading educational material in the center
- Eating lunch with the children in the center-help demonstrate good manners and assist supervising the group
- Going on field trips with the children
- Bringing your child to screenings required for Head Start
- Calling other parents to inform them of Head Start events
- Cleaning and sanitizing toys in the center
- Planning or helping with an activities such as making play-doh or pudding finger-paint
- Assisting the teacher with lesson plans (preparing materials)
- Bringing in artwork or other “treasures” to share with the children
- Sharing talents by teaching classes to Head Start families, children or community members
- Participating in Head Start sponsored training
- Completing homework assignments sent home for your child.

## **Donating Goods...**

In-Kind can also be in the form of donated goods such as:

- Food for potlucks
- Children's books, catalogs and magazines
- Old T-shirts for painting
- Extra winter clothing
- Art materials
- Materials used to repair toys and furniture
- Classroom or playground equipment bought by the Center Committee with funds from a fund raiser