August 11, 2020

Dear Parents:

I hope you are all well and staying safe!

As summer begins to wind down, we wanted to share our plans with you about opening for the 20-21 program year. As a program, policies and procedures have been developed following the regulations set forth by the CDC, Office of Head Start (OHS), PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), as well as maintaining communication with the School Districts in our 4-county area. Please know that we will continue to monitor, and as the situation with COVID-19 in our communities changes and evolves, so will our policies and procedures.

SLHDA operated Head Start and Pre-K Counts classes will begin with virtual teaching on August 31st. Our target date for in-person classes to resume is October 5th. Plans will be re-evaluated in September to determine if children can safely return to school on this date. This plan allows additional time for the program to ensure the safety and well-being of our children, families and staff while collaborating and planning with each of the Districts and LEA’s/BSU’s (entities that provide special education) in our area.

Children enrolled in partner childcare and/or school district sites will follow the opening plans set forth by their respective programs.

All Early Head Start classrooms will be operating with children on site by September 8th.

Staff will be reaching out to you with more information to begin the 2020-2021 school year.

Take care and see you all soon!

Sincerely,

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