

Waccamaw EOC, Inc. Head Start Director's Briefing  
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Head Start Director

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## Director's News

Time certainly moves quickly! I have enjoyed the beginning of this program year and getting off to a great start. Parents and family members are a vital part of Waccamaw EOC, Inc. Head Start. I have had the pleasure of meeting and talking with many parents that are volunteering in their child's classroom. Thank You, Parents, its because of you that we have an average daily attendance of 91%, which is very good, but we want to strive for 100%. I hope to meet many more of you during this program year!

We are still accepting applications in Georgetown County for the ABC Afterschool program located at Georgetown Head Start.

I'm also excited about our Male Involvement/Fatherhood Initiative. The Fatherhood Initiative is intended to strengthen the role of fathers in families. Strong families are essential to the future of the nation.

During the program year, monthly meetings are held with our fathers in each county in our service area (Horry,

Georgetown and Williamsburg Counties); and quarterly, the fathers from the tri-county area come together to share ideas and plan.

In May 2008, fathers from each county participated in the first statewide Early Childhood Male Involvement Summit in Columbia, South Carolina. The theme was "Empowering Today's Men...For Tomorrow's Future". The summit was a success! The fathers came together to dialogue about challenges and issues facing males today and the important role men play in young children's lives. Just recently, our fathers attended and actively participated during the Head Start Awareness Day at Finlay Park in Columbia, South Carolina.

We encourage all of our fathers to involve themselves in our Male Involvement/Fatherhood Initiative.

I hope that you have a great year, and I look forward to working with you. Please feel free to contact me or other staff members with your concerns or ideas!

## November Events

◆ 11/4  
Election Day  
(CENTERS CLOSED)

◆ 11/11  
Veteran's Day  
(CENTERS CLOSED)

◆ 11/12  
Policy Council Meeting &  
New Policy Council  
Orientation  
1837 N. Fraser St.  
Georgetown, SC 29440  
12:00 noon

◆ 11/16-21  
Onsite Monitoring Review

◆ 11/26-28  
Thanksgiving Holidays

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## We Salute our Volunteers!

- ❖ *Mr. Norman McGill*, Board Representative and *Mr. Michael Johnson*, Policy Council Chairman, for initial maintenance of the future Kingstree Head Start property.
- ❖ *Mr. Dwayne Edwards*, Georgetown County Father to Father Program, Agency Policy Council Member and the volunteer fathers assisted with the maintenance of property donated to Waccamaw EOC for construction of a new Head Start Center.
- ❖ *Mr. Tranis Parker*, former Georgetown parent and present Head Start daily Story Teller, drops by every morning before work and has also volunteered his time to replace covers on about 70 cots for children.

## Meet our Board of Directors

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