

Tri-County Community Council, Inc.
Head Start/Early Head Start

Part: 1302 Program Operations
Subpart: D Health Program Services
Section: 1302.47 Safety Practices
Subject: Animals on Site

Policy:

Animals will not be permissible at any Head Start/Early Head Start center unless properly immunized. Fish and birds will be the only animals on site.

Procedure:

1. Animals must be properly immunized, free from disease, and clean.
2. Parents must be informed in writing of all animals on the premises. Such information may be provided by way of a conspicuously posted notice or bulletin, policy handbook, parent flier, or a statement included on the enrollment form.
3. Documentation of current immunizations must be available for review upon request by the licensing authority.
4. Children must wash their hands after feeding the fish.
5. Fish tanks must be cleaned as needed.
6. Birds will be allowed on site with the following instructions:
 - A) Birds will not be handled by children, staff, or volunteers at any time.
 - B) If birds cause any allergy to be triggered, birds will be removed from classroom.
 - C) Must be posted at entrance way of classroom that bird is on site and is only to look at and not to touch.
 - D) Skirting will be kept around cage to catch dander. The cage will be cleaned as needed.
7. There must be a designated member of staff who will be responsible for the cleaning of the cages and tank.