

WHERE DO YOU GO FROM HERE?

Listed below are some features of Even Start Orientation and Goal Setting. You may want to use the list with your staff as a self-assessment of your program as you plan for next year.

Place a in the applicable box(es):

Already implemented	Consider for 07-08	Feature
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orientation of about 12 hours conducted immediately following new family registration in September & January
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orientation includes baseline assessment (orientation and counseling count as instructional time (contact hours)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Includes Goal Setting, including short and longer term goals
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion of Families' Barriers to Attendance and Possible Solutions
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Participatory Orientation including <i>time for students to discuss the various topics with each other and ask questions of the teachers and coordinator</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion of Parents' Responsibilities to the Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion of Program's Responsibilities to Parents
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion of and Signing a Contract for Participating in Even Start that delineates responsibilities of the participant and the program to each other.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Goal Setting Session is a component of Even Start Orientation; also includes development of strategies for accomplishing the goals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orientation includes an Overview of the program (so that parents are cognizant of how the program works and how they "fit" into the program).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specific discussion about the purpose of the parenting component and its importance on their children's emergent literacy and eventual success in school, with examples
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specific discussion about the purpose of the ILA component and its importance with examples of activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The program's Attendance Policy and the importance of regular attendance is discussed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parents discuss the importance of their children attending school regularly and why it is critical for children's success.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Orientation is participatory and each topic discussed includes a question-and-answer time.