## Social-Emotional (Mental Health) Observations

Letter to Parents

## Hello PACT Parents!

## You and your child's sense of well-being are important to us here at PACT!

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PACT's Mental Health Services Consultant will be observing all of our classrooms and socialization activities at least once this program year.

During the annual observation, our consultant will be looking at interactions between staff and the children, and between children. Particular attention will be given to any children to whom the teacher has made the consultant aware of from areas of concern on their Developmental and Social/Emotional Screenings.

In Early Head Start, the consultant will be looking at nurturing & play interactions between the children, teachers, and parents.

Following observations, the consultant will be talking to the teacher(s) about recommendations for helping children with their social-emotional development. The consultant will also be making recommendations for children with atypical behavior or concerns.

After the observation, our consultant will write a report and include findings and ideas. If there are any suggestions for your child, your teacher will share them with you.

As always, your ideas and opinions will be sought and you will be involved in any and all planning which concerns your child. No special services or referrals will be made unless you give permission.

Please feel free to call me, Fran Parker, Disabilities/Mental Health Services Coordinator, at 217-773-3903 with any questions in regard to this letter. 5/29/13

