

CONTRACT

**Between
ASSESSMENT COUNSELING AND TRAINING SERVICES
And
VAN BUREN COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM**

Assessment, Counseling and Training Services (ACTS) and the Van Buren Head Start Program hereby enter into a Contact Agreement, this 1st day of July 2009 for Mental Health services to be provided to the Head Start Program for a term of (12) twelve months and terminating June 30, 2010.

Assessment, Counseling and Training Services (ACTS) will provide licensed clinicians to perform in classroom assessments twice per school year. These assessments will be done on site in each classroom.

ACTS staff will provide a designated mental health services coordinator to serve as a liaison between ACTS and Van Buren County Head Start in the management of Mental Health Services. ACTS will fill out the customary evaluation forms and give an exit interview with each set of classroom personnel prior to leaving the location for that day. Besides the classroom observation, ACTS will provide in service training for all staff (2) two times per year in a centralized location that is convenient for the Van Buren County Head Start staff. The in service training will cover a wide variety of topics which may be generated from either the ACTS staff or requests made from the Head Start staff.

Assessment, Counseling and Training Services are also available on an as needed basis for parent consultations.

In consideration for:

- ❑ Designated mental health service coordinator.**
- ❑ Two classroom observation visits by a licensed staff member in each classroom**
- ❑ Consultation with the Federal Site monitor for the Van Buren Head Start program on an as needed basis.**

ACTS will receive (\$1,320.00) One Thousand, three hundred and twenty dollars, per year. The in service training sessions and the consultation services for both staff and parents are considered part of this basic contract.

Additionally, ACTS will offer the following options:

OPTION I: On a per case basis, ACTS will perform individual student evaluations. A licensed ACT staff member will provide individual observations for students upon referral from a Head Start staff member. The ACT staff will fill out the appropriate paper work and provide documentation of the assessment. A meeting will be arranged with the Head Start staff and the parents to discuss the finding of the observation. Also, recommendations will be made to help intervene with the identified problem areas. The cost of the individual observations is (\$200.00) Two hundred dollars per evaluation.

OPTION II: A strong aspect of any educational program is family or parenting training. ACTS will provide a two-session parent training program (one in the Fall and one in the Spring). The parents will be expected to participate in the treatment program under the direction of a trained staff member. This program will focus on the parenting skills necessary for preschool children. Attempts will be made to schedule the training program at times that are convenient for families and Head Start personnel. The training programs will be 2 hours in length in the Fall and in the Spring. The cost of this option is (\$500.00) five hundred dollars per year.

OPTION III: ACTS staff members will conduct team home evaluations. The team would consist of a Head Start staff, and an ACTS staff member. Children having learning or behavioral difficulties that continue after every reasonable attempt has been made by Head Start staff may be having problems at home that are being acted out at school. Home visits may prove beneficial in addressing these problems. An individualized in-home behavioral intervention recommendation will be submitted for each case. Cost for home visits is (\$150.00) one hundred fifty dollars per visit.

OPTION IV: ACTS will provide a Behavior Intervention Specialist on an as needed basis to work with children having behavioral or adjustment difficulties in the classroom during normal school hours. ACTS will provide training for the Behavior Intervention Specialist. The Behavior Intervention Specialist will have a minimum qualification of bachelor degree in education, psychology or related field. The cost of this option is (\$150.00) One Hundred Fifty dollars per day.

ACTS will submit a monthly statement at the end of each month and receive payment on or before the tenth of the following month.

Either party giving written notice to the other at least 60 days before the effective date of termination may terminate this agreement.

ACTS looks forward to a professional relationship with Van Buren County Head Start. We are looking forward to your response to this proposal.

For ACTS

For Van Buren Head Start

Date

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