

ENGAGING PARENTS IN THEIR CHILD'S EARLY LEARNING AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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- Incorporating learning into everyday family routines and other regular activities increases the number of opportunities for parents to support their children's development

Engaging Parents and Care Givers

- Brain Development
- Child Development
- Social Development
- Influences effecting Child Development
- Early Learning
- Culture and Self Concept of Children

Establishing Rapport with families

- Listening —meeting families where they are.
- Demonstrating respect and empathy for family members
- Developing an understanding of the family's past experiences, current situation, concerns, and strengths
- Responding to concrete needs
- Establishing involvement with the family—while dismissing our own biases and prejudices



Brain Development

- Setting the stage for learning
 - Enriched environments
 - Making Connections
 - Preschool experience



Supporting Child Development



Research has shown parents who are involved in their child's early learning continue their engagement through out their school experience

Help parents understand their children's earliest learning and development occurs in the family



- Physical Development
- Social Development
- Emotional Development
- Cognitive Development

Early Learning

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Providing information, support, and encouragement empowers parents to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life

Working together to plan, implement & review activities

- Increases parent capacity to support development & increases program development





Influences on Child Development

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- Environment
- Social Interaction
- Nutrition
- Health
- Sleep
- Media

Family Engagement



Engagement is Multidimensional

- Genuine interest
- Willingness to partner
- Awareness of values, biases and culture





Parent Gatherings

- Family Activity
- Presentation
- Ongoing Group Meetings
- Community Event
- Parent Cafes



Culture and Self Concept



Affirm the strengths of the family

- Culture is a strength for most families
- A strong cultural identity promotes a sense of belonging
- Cultural traditions are learned by example
- Respect for culture is important to social development





- When Cultural traditions are ignored, it negatively affects children's self-concept



Parent's Questions or Concerns



- Listen and reflect back to the parent's words
- Understand the direction
- Learn more about the situation
- Determine next steps

Parent Engagement enhances long term relationships in the home, school, and community.






