



## Family & Community Partnerships Newsletter

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### Check out the new and updated

#### [Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center \(ECLKC\) website](http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc;Y2hyaXN0aW5la2lsbGVu)

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**Parent Involvement:** Find information and strategies that promote increased parent involvement among a diverse community of caretakers.

*"Children's accomplishments depend less on material and educational advantages and more on the amount of experiences children accumulate with parents..."* – Hart & Risley, 1995.



**Family Literacy:** Find the federal definition of family literacy in this section. Explore information about the four components of family literacy. Head Start on Picturing America is also in this section.

*"Four fundamental needs that returned [adults] to education...the four purposes for learning: access, voice, action and a bridge to the future."* – National Institute for Literacy, 2001.



**Health & Wellness:** This section provides information staff can use to support families as they make health and wellness choices. Also included is information about family, home and community safety.

*"...Children's early development depends on the health and well-being of their parents"* – Shonokoff & Phillips, 2000.



**Self-Sufficiency:** Discover resources that help support families as they enhance skills, build wealth, and establish relationships.

*"We carry our homes within us, which enables us to fly."* – John Cage.



**Crisis Support:** Find information in this section to support and advocate for families, children, and communities in crisis.

*"When written in Chinese, the word crisis is composed of two characters- one represents danger, and the other represents opportunity."* – John F. Kennedy.



**Community Partnerships:** Find examples of community partnerships and collaborations in this section. You can also find useful strategies that are key to building and sustaining community partnerships.

*"As people gain confidence from discovering the...productiveness of partnering with others, they will...tap the resources of the larger community..."* – Partnerships for Change, 1998.



**Family Services:** Get ideas and information on family partnering strategies that will encourage family services staff to grow in their knowledge and learning.

*"All people and all families have strengths."* - Empowerment Skills for Family Workers.

### Essential Skills for Working with Families

Staff and families are partners, not experts and clients. The activities in this resource illustrate strategies for staff members who work with families that are effective in building partnerships with families. They also address strategies that work best with families who present challenging situations. The following is an excerpt from **Design for Family Support**.

#### [Key Concepts](#)

[Staff Family Partnerships](#)

[Influences on the Development of Staff-Family](#)

[Partnerships](#)

[Strategies for Forming Staff-Family Partnerships](#)

#### **Activities:**

[Demonstrating Supportive Behaviors](#)

[Developing Skills in Partnership Talk](#)

[Practicing Partnership Talk](#)

[Joining with a Family](#)

[Strategies for Building Staff-Family Partnerships](#)

[Addressing Challenging Behaviors](#)



### A Dedicated Profession

On any given day, social workers support others in so many ways. **View this 5-minute video** to gain a deeper understanding of this profession.

### Research



Find information that can help you keep current about what is happening with the early childhood community of learners who work with children and families. **Read More**

**Our Pledge:** The KY T/TA State Office pledges to provide timely, current, and interesting monthly newsletters for the Head Start and Early Head Start communities and others interested in the field. In keeping with our mission to be more "green," we will provide our easy to read newsletter via email. **We would like to hear from you and encourage your suggestions for newsletter content.**

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