

Family Engagement Conference

The Family Engagement Conference is a strategic plan for Head Start programs. All Head Start staff regardless of their roles or responsibilities who attend the conference, will understand the PFCE framework and be able to implement the framework across systems and service areas that promote Head Start children's learning and development. Participants will:

- Find the conference useful in planning and implementing systematic, integrated parent engagement activities
- Learn to analyze the effectiveness of current practices that support parent engagement
- Learn to train policy council members, staff and parents in a dialogue to create a profile of their program's parent engagement activities
- Learn to engage staff who are discouraged when parents don't come into the center for activities as well as learn to gain fresh perspective on what parent engagement means
- Learn to relate to families as they carry out their daily work and discover how each of their interactions with parents contribute to parent engagement with the program.



Learn to engage parents to support quality child outcomes!

Learn to develop program engagement opportunities...

...That support parents who are engaged in their child's education, their program and their community!



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Implementing the PFCE Framework

February 27 - March 2, 2012

Las Vegas, NV



Parent engagement benefits children in several ways. We all know the saying, "Parents are their children's first and most important teachers." Children learn not only from the active instruction their parents give them but also from what they observe their parents doing, from the way their parents talk to them and behave toward them and from the home life their parents provide them. There is a direct benefit from parents working with Head Start staff, so that more can be accomplished for their children.

The conference will focus on what the PFCE Framework means and how your program can develop a continuum of engagement practice strategies. This conference is designed to follow the **NEW! Parent, Family and Community Engagement (PFCE) framework** and will:

- Help staff create strength-based and family-driven collaborative partnership building
- Help staff enhance parenting skills by providing educational and developmental activities
- Help staff provide opportunities for children and families to participate in literacy services and activities critical to literacy development.

Join us in Las Vegas, NV





This conference will help programs design systemic, integrated and comprehensive approaches for effective PFCE activities!

This five day conference is designed to ground you in the essentials to engage families.

Day 1: February 27, 2012

Session 1—Defining Family Engagement. This session will help programs apply a broad definition of family engagement to their daily interactions with parents. Participants will learn to define goals of Head Start's renewed vision for family engagement that support those goals.

Session 2—Engagement as the Foundation. This session will help participants work together with families, programs and communities to co-construct opportunities for engagement by understanding the foundation of engagement which consist of mutual respect and trust.

Session 3—Strength-based Engagement. This session will help integrate collaborative processes that recognize a family's readiness, interests, and strengths, as well as individualizes the interactive process. Students learn about creating a supportive environment for families and growth-oriented paths of family well-being and educational outcomes.

Day 2: February 28, 2012

Session 4—Engagement through Assessments. This session stresses a strong understanding of children's behavior and development and presents challenges staff may face in family functioning and staff-family relationships.

Session 5—Culturally Competent Engagement. This session develops staff awareness for cultural and linguistic diversity of families. Breakout sessions are designed to address the importance of actively valuing families and incorporating the richness of diversity, family culture, physical surrounding and social interactions.

Session 6—Special Needs Engagement. This session presents several engagement tools to support families of children with disabilities and enhance inclusive participation in program opportunities.

Day 3: February 29, 2012

Session 7—Engagement through Adversity. This session addresses awareness and respectability of engagement interactions. Instructing students on how to engage parents as competent partners in their child's development even when they are struggling with adversity.

Session 8—Engagement through Leadership. This session helps establish leadership and management protocols that reflect a commitment to engagement and establishing an engagement organizational culture.

Day 4: March 1, 2012

Session 9—Teaching and Learning Engagement Strategies. This session teaches staff how to support children's acquisition of emerging literacy skills in the context of home, family and the program, how to converse with families and children in ways that encourage engagement and how to provide culturally relevant language and literacy experiences that offer opportunities for children to express themselves, and build knowledge and understanding.

Day 5: March 2, 2012

Session 10—Engagement in Transition. This session will help staff identify elements and requirements of effective transition practices, how to support children and families preparing for and experiencing transition and how to develop transition practices to facilitate engagement continuity between settings.

Credential Review and Exam (Optional) For students that are seeking a credential award. A credential is a competency based examination process that is designed to develop and enhance the skills related to critical family engagement functions of staff working in Family Development. Participants learn skills through the examination and credential process that they can perform with an optimal level of proficiency and competence.



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