

Techniques for Communicating with Families

Child Development



Entry Task Discussion Questions

Please write out a paragraph answer in your composition books to these questions.

1. What are ways you can communicate effectively with families?
2. How do you professionally communicate information about a child's development?

Partnerships

The partnership between families and early learning professionals is fundamental to children's current and future success and their readiness for school.

In your work, you will have an opportunity to help develop the attitudes and skills that support genuine partnerships with families.



What Family Members May Bring

A broad array of information, feelings, beliefs and expectations relevant to their child's experience to your program, including:

- The Child's Temperament health history, behavior at home
- Family expectations, fears and hopes for the child
- Families' experiences of school and beliefs about their role as relation to professionals
- Families' sense of control and authority

What you bring to the program

- Unique knowledge, beliefs and attitudes
- Development and educational information about the child based on observation and assessment
- Your own culturally-rooted beliefs about child-rearing
- Information about the child's performance in the program
- Information about the curriculum and learning goals for the child
- Knowledge about the child's next educational environment

What you bring contd.

- Your unique personality and temperament, family history and culture
- Your education, training, experience, and professional philosophy
- Your job description, program policies, and procedures

Respectfully sharing

- Respectfully sharing these different perspectives is an essential step toward creating healthy learning environments