



Overview of the Family Services Role in Head Start Programs

Community Partnerships and Engagement Worksheet


Reflection Questions

Reflect on each question. Write your response in the space provided.

What is it about creating community partnerships that interests and excites you?

What more would you like to learn about the process of creating community partnerships?

Who are some of the community partners that work with your program?



What other community partnerships can you identify that would enhance equity and meet the specific needs of the families in your program?

Key Takeaways

- Community partnerships are necessary to help Head Start programs and families each achieve their goals. Community partnerships benefit families and staff in Head Start programs and all families in the community. The community assessment and aggregated family assessment data can help determine community engagement priorities and which community partners will best meet the needs and strengths of families in your program.
- When difficult situations arise, be prepared to connect families with the community resources they need. Head Start programs have specific resources for building comprehensive community partnerships to support families experiencing challenging situations, such as child welfare involvement, domestic violence, and homelessness.
- Making the transition to a new care and learning setting impacts families. Partner with families, community partners, and school or early childhood settings to develop a transition plan that ensures a positive adjustment and continuity of services. Your support can ensure a smooth transition for both families and new providers.

Next Steps

- Identify two to three key takeaways that you want to implement in your daily work.
- Complete the Action Starters table below.

Action Starters				
Something to think about or discuss more. . .	Something to try in practice. . .	When?	How?	With whom?

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