



Overview of the Family Services Role in Head Start Programs

The Foundations of Family Engagement Worksheet

Reflection Questions

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

What is your program's vision of parent, family, and community engagement (PFCE)?

How do/could you use the PFCE Framework in your daily work with families?

How do/could you share your program's PFCE vision with families?

Does your program have a definition of equity? How could you use your definition — or the [Office of Head Start \(OHS\) definition](#) — to inform your daily work with families?

What questions do you have about the PFCE Framework and how to use it to guide your work?

Key Takeaways

- The PFCE Framework provides a roadmap for family services professionals and all Head Start staff and leaders to better partner with families to make progress toward family and child outcomes. This framework is an important reference point for everything you do in your role in Head Start programs. It is a resource to return to again and again.
- Successful relationships between families and professionals focus on families' strengths and a shared commitment to each child's well-being and success.
- Uplifting equity in relationships involves affirming and celebrating families' cultures and languages. It also includes interacting with family members in ways that are authentic and meaningful to them. Finally, uplifting equity requires us to acknowledge and explore personal biases and how they can affect mutual respect and trust.

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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