



## Objective

This assignment gives you the opportunity to learn about a community in depth. You will identify resources for family and community engagement that can help support children's growth, development, and learning, as well as families as lifelong educators.

## Instructions

1. Identify a community. Ideally, this would be a community where children and families from your program live. You can work individually or connect with others from your program or this training session.
2. Identify at least three community resources that provide family or child programming and activities. Interview someone who works at those organizations to gather information about the opportunities they offer.

Possible resources include:

- Public libraries
  - Art museums
  - Children's museums
  - Public health department
  - Hospitals
  - Local schools and school districts
  - Faith-based organizations
  - Parks and recreation departments
  - Community centers
3. Create a map of the community and label the kinds of resources available to families. Write at least one paragraph about each place. In addition, think about accessibility for families. For example, are there sidewalks or bus routes to the location?

Consider using a digital mapping tool, such as Google Maps (<http://maps.google.com/>), to explore the community virtually and to make your map. If you are not familiar with Google Maps, watch this video, *Beginner's Guide to Google Maps 2017 Tutorial*, for a general introduction: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQUaQpoF8xE>.

Assignment: Community Resource Map

**Rubric**

	<b>Exemplary</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Developing</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>
Resources identified	At least three community resources are identified.  Resources show clear understanding of family interests and priorities.	At least two community resources are identified.  Resources show clear understanding of family interests and priorities.	Only one community resource is identified, or there is no clear connection between resources and family interests or parent-child relationships.	Assignment is incomplete or misrepresents the community.
Written commentary about the resources	Provides clear and accurate descriptions of all resources and links to course content	Provides descriptions of at least two resources; descriptions may lack some detail	Provides a description of at least one resource; descriptions may lack detail or be inaccurate	Incomplete or inaccurate descriptions
Instructor's comments				

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