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2020 Virtual Family Services Manager Institute— Session 5a: Building Community Partnerships to Sustain Program Progress



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Key Message

When partners work well together, it's a win-win for Head Start and Early Head Start programs, community agencies, and, most importantly, for children, families, and communities.



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Head Start Program Performance Standards

- §1302.53(a)(1): A program must establish ongoing collaborative relationships and partnerships with community organizations...
- §1302.53(b): Coordination with other programs and systems. A program must take an active role in promoting coordinated systems of comprehensive early childhood services to low-income children and families in their community...

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Defining "Community Engagement"

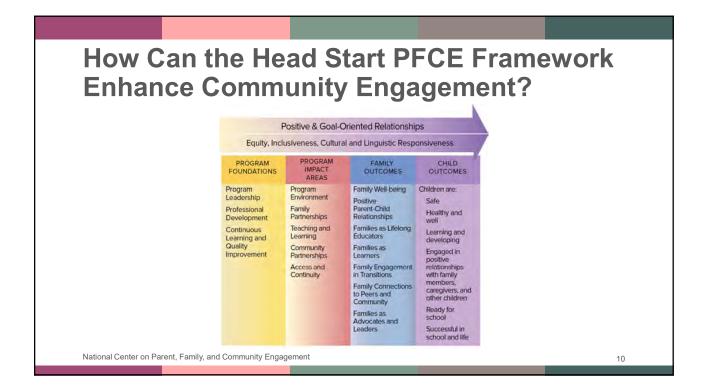
- Community engagement refers to the mutually respectful, strengths-based interactions of Head Start and Early Head Start staff and families with community members and agencies at all levels.
- These partnerships support parents' roles as valued community members and their progress toward their goals for themselves and their children.



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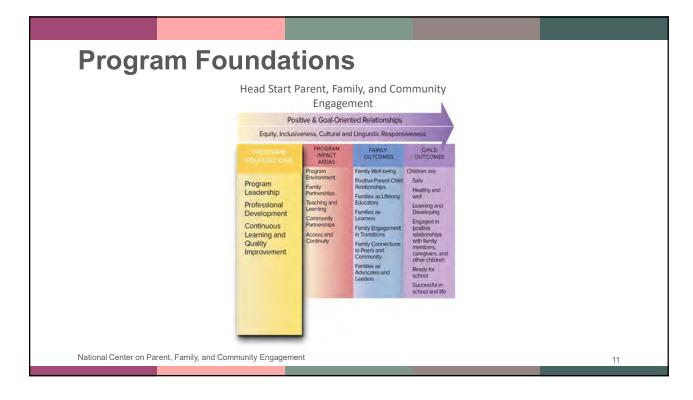








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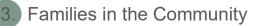




Engaged community partnerships benefit children, families, programs and staff, other agencies, and communities. Partners are more likely to meet their goals by working together. Head Start and Early Head Start programs can engage with community partners to focus on three priorities and learn how to best support:

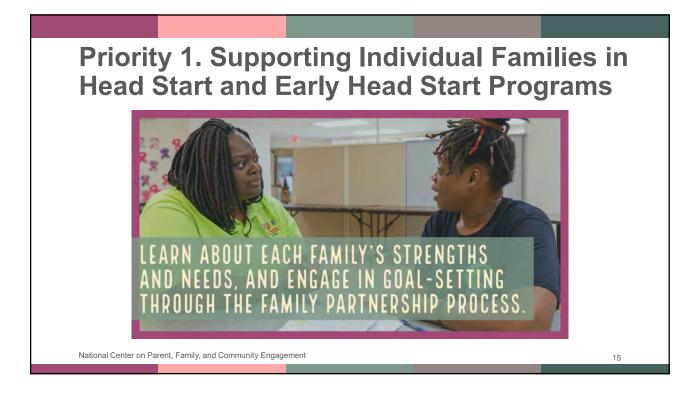
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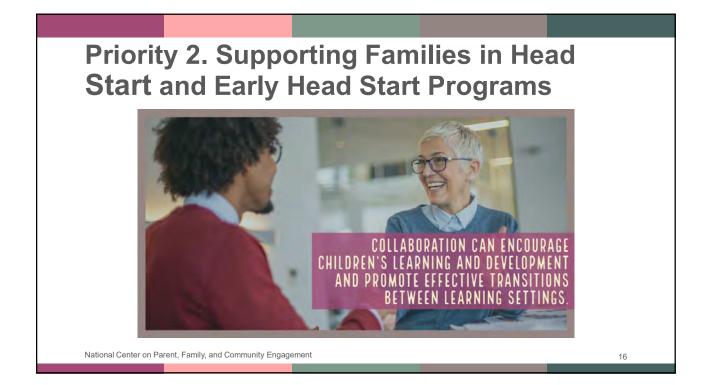




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Wrap Up

- Family and Community Engagement are at the core of Head Start and Early Head Start programs.
- Services to families are enhanced when community engagement is effective.

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