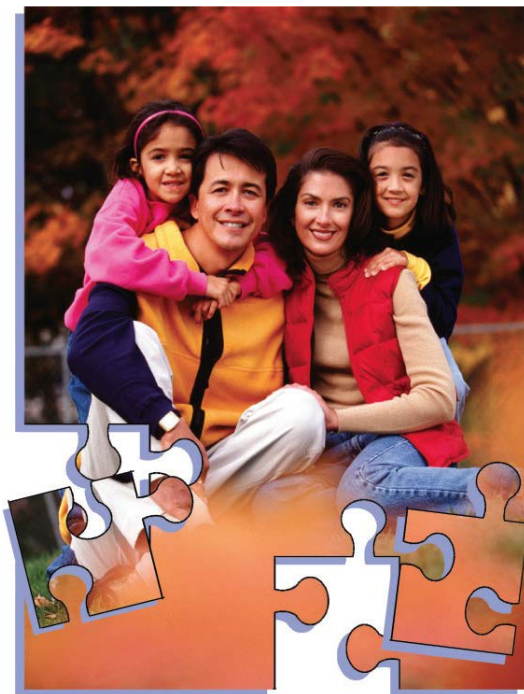


The Family Partnership Agreement Institute

Head Start and Early Head Start staff members who partner with families need a variety of skills to develop the life-changing relationships that ensure success for families. **The Family Partnership Agreement Institute** has been designed and developed exclusively for Head Start and Early Head Start staff who work directly with or who supervise staff working in the area of Family and Community Partnerships... including, but not limited to, Family Service Workers, Family Advocates, and Family/Community Partnership managers, specialists, and coordinators.

The work that Head Start and Early Head Start programs do with families can be described as life changing. Partnering with families to address interests and concerns leads to goal setting which, in turn, helps strengthen families beyond their time in the program. Staff members responsible for partnering with families need an array of skills to nurture this life-changing relationship. **The Family Partnership Agreement Institute** demonstrates that a Family Partnership Agreement is more than just a set of completed forms; it is a continuous, ever-changing and on-going relationship between the program and the family.



Learning Outcomes

- ★ Focus on understanding how to partner with families;
- ★ Examine strategies for developing relationships with families;
- ★ Look at ways to use family strengths for the development of family goals;
- ★ Explore appropriate ways to use the family needs assessment that are consistent with the requirements of *The Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007*;
- ★ Analyze Family Partnership Agreement as a process; and
- ★ Review strategies for documenting partnerships with parents.

SAMPLE AGENDA

DAY ONE (6 hrs)

Morning Session:	Developing Relationships with Families Understanding Family Strengths Reframing as a Tool to View Strengths
Afternoon Session:	Building Blocks to Family Support Becoming Customer Friendly Review of Relevant Standards Using the Parent Committee to Introduce the FPA Process

DAY TWO (5 hrs)

Morning Session:	The Family Partnership Agreement Process Selling The Process to Families Documenting the Process
Afternoon Session:	Documenting the Process, continued Looking Within & Next Steps Planning Q & A

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