

Exploring the Link

Between Family Outcomes and Child Outcomes

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Key Points To Remember When Measuring Family Engagement Work:

Be Clear About What You Are Measuring.

- Parent Satisfaction
- Family Engagement Effort
- Family Strengths, Needs, & Interests
- Family Outcomes (Effect)

Two Ways to Measure Family Outcome.

- Changes Between Pre and Post Measures of Family Strengths, Needs, & Interests (e.g. Self-Sufficiency Matrix)
- Post-Only Survey of Parent Opinion on Specific Area of How They Benefited From the Program (e.g. CCR Family Outcomes Survey)

Identify 2 or 3 of Your Family Engagement Activities and Link Them to Child Development:

Family Outcomes Area	What Are You Doing?	Why Are You Doing it? What's the goal?	Expected Child Development Domain Outcome	Why Do You Expect an Impact on Child Development?

FAMILY OUTCOME AREAS
Head Start Parent and Family Engagement Outcomes

FAMILY WELL-BEING

- Parents and families are safe, healthy, and have increased financial security.

POSITIVE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS

- Beginning with transitions to parenthood, parents and families develop warm relationships that nurture their child's learning and development.

FAMILIES AS LIFELONG EDUCATORS

- Parents and families observe, guide, promote, and participate in the everyday learning of their children at home, school, and in their communities.

FAMILIES AS LEARNERS

- Parents and families advance their own learning interests through education, training and other experiences that support their parenting, careers, and life goals.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN TRANSITIONS

- Parents and families support and advocate for their child's learning and development as they transition to new learning environments, including EHS to HS, EHS/HS to other early learning environments, and HS to kindergarten through elementary school.

FAMILY CONNECTIONS TO PEERS AND COMMUNITY

- Parents and families form connections with peers and mentors in formal or informal social networks that are supportive and/or educational and that enhance social well-being and community life.

FAMILIES AS ADVOCATES AND LEADERS

- Parents and families participate in leadership development, decision making, program policy development, or in community and state organizing activities to improve children's development and learning experiences

CHILD OUTCOME DOMAINS
Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) 2010

SELF AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- There is a strong relationship between children's early relationships and their later behaviors. This domain includes three objectives: regulation of emotions and behavior, establishing positive relationships, and participating cooperatively in groups.

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

- The early years are critical for literacy development. The level to which a child progresses in reading and writing is one of the best predictors of whether the child will function competently in school and in life. This domain includes interest in literacy, comprehension of meaning, and letter and word knowledge.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Language learning is a basic feature of the early development of all children. The language-learning process for bilingual children, or simultaneous language learners, closely resembles the process for monolingual children.

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

- Cognitive development is influenced by various factors including biological makeup, the environment, and how the child approaches learning tasks. The domain includes cause and effect, problem solving, and engagement and persistence.

MATHEMATICAL

- Research has made a clear link between early math skills and later school reading and math achievement. Children's mathematical knowledge at kindergarten entry is considered predictive of future mathematics success throughout their years in school. The domain measures areas like number sense, classification, and shapes and patterning.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Physical development refers to physical well-being, use of the body, muscle control in gross and fine motor skills and balance. Physical well-being, health, and motor development are foundational to young children's learning.

HEALTH

- Health includes appropriate nutrition, exercise, hygiene, and safety practices. Early health habits lay the foundation for lifelong healthy living.