



## Parent Plenary - Foundations: Families Track Child Success from Their Earliest Years

What's stood out to everyone so far in terms of content, sessions, presenters, etc.?
yes and they have been very informative
Yes they have gone by fast..Hate that I missed part of last session due to connection problems
been very informative
yes they have.I have truly enjoyed each presentation. You all did a bumper job in putting it together.
All have been very informative!
I loved Dr. Honig's session
I could listen to her talk forever. I want her to move in with my three year old and my family!
The content has universally been engaging.
what stood out- the relationship and connection that we should build with families in order to assist them in formulating their goal-making plans to achieve these goals.
Thanks, I've enjoyed them a lot, and gained a wealth of knowledge.
This has been all good information and I have not had any computer issues today
Thank you for the information about the video. I thought that was very well done.
Know it was hard with all these people but did enjoy it and did learn a lot of info
Fantastic that there is a families panel!
So important to have parent's voices...from a Camily child Care Provider
Really nice to hear the way that a Head Start is succeeding in connecting with families.
and fancy toys don't necessarily teach children
Yes I agree, the children does not need fancy toys, it's the experience that is most important.
At one level, this is all very complex stuff (neuroscience, social science, large-scale evaluation, etc.) and at another, perhaps more fundamental level, it could not be more simple (caring for others, placing our priorities in the most human and humane order, etc.).
homemade toys teach parent child interactions and family time also
focusing on the family as a whole, what's going on with Dad, Mom and child. this is what creates a great learning environment.
This is an excellent testimony to how Head Start families are powerful players releasing their power, all family members working in partnership with program -Evidence guided in first person account! I hope this section is available to wider audience. Brilliant!
wasn't EHS started based with that in mind using every day house hold items
What an inspiring story, thanks!
Head Start is such a rewarding job! At times you don't think you are making much of a difference in families but hearing from families throughout the years you hear you DID make a difference! Great to hear!
Sometimes it is difficult to get our parents more involved in the center. We have tried different socialization but we always get the 5 great parents.
Engaging the whole family helps the child to succeed as well as the family
that's why socializations are so important for parent to build relationships and bonds
Continuity in care is so important--what a great session.
that is the biggest challenge is bringing parents together for my socializations



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The goal is to get the parent to support the program. If the parent participate and believe in the program, then they will make sure that the child succeeds.
It sounds like the outreach with people that spoke her language and materials that reflected her culture made a large difference.
Excellent reflections.
we're just beginning our home visitor program, any tips for getting families to come to and be engaged in socializations?
Patty sometimes working with family are challenging however, using different strategies, found to be helpful.
Heidi ask your families what they want out of the socializations and go from there!
Patty sometimes working with family are challenging however, using different strategies, found to be helpful.
It is amazing that the language barrier was not a problem
Heidi as a Home Visitor, I ask my parents what they look like to do.. Getting them involved in planning is key in getting my families to the socials
we do a variety of meals at my program (private child care), and we encourage parents to spend time with each other and each other's children. It has really helped build a real community
We bring in speakers and serve lunch. That has helped to get parents out to socializations.
Beautifully presented Xitlali. ABCD is so very proud of you!!
I have done that and I have either got no answer or I do what they have suggested and still get low turn out. I am at a lose for what to do to get a better turn out
For my families they were really interested in how children learn through routines and consistency and wanted to see how that works in a classroom setting so the attendance grew. School readiness
Syndy, can you have parents plan, lead and invite others?
Thank you for showing military families. I have four families on my case load. And I enjoy meeting with each of them they inspire me!
I am a Military Family Provider...thank you for your service!
Terri, I like your point. We also try to help parents give each other pointers and to help them establish routines
Its frustrating to have only a few families show up, but as a manager I am always having to remind staff that even ONE family showing up is a SUCCESS!!!
as parents share advice and watch each other's families grow and learn they become more involved.
Liz I have asked parents to step up and do so but no luck.
These are inspiring stories, it helps me to never tire in helping others and constantly find avenues to provide assistance to my parents.
How about parent-child activities in the classroom?
It is a big challenge in our small community since I started working here 7 years. Yeah it is a great success when a single family but it would be great to get more to show up
Francesca, you are so right. Sometimes it is that one family that will get involved and draw in others OVER TIME
Yes Laura, parents have been great advocates for each other which makes the socialization even more rewarding for all
Valerie is our Parent of the Year
That is true Francesca, it's just so hard being there and getting everything ready and have one show.



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What are some ways to foster the relationships between families during socializations?
Southern Illinois University Head Start/Early Head Start Program - Homebased Option
By sharing about what we learn in a variety of conferences, and books we are learning has also been helpful to getting families to see us as resources, which draws them in, creates a sense of safety and then begin building bridges with other families
In our program its been great though to have that one family talk about the fun they had a with another family and then to have the 2 families come to the next one.
yes, i like the idea of a parent ambassador. what a great idea!
Sometimes we need to explain better what will happen at a socialization. Sometimes our parents just dont know what to expect.
Thank you for bringing real stories and families.
Heidi you can ask a parent if they would like to share a resource they are using such as ESL classes, coffee club, zumba, etc. that has opened up so many new conversations. I had one mom want to show others how to make flowers from tissue paper. Unplanned but so meaningful
We find that our families tend to gravitate towards the other families in their own classrooms. Even at events we find that they are together vs. mingling with families from other rooms. How would you encourage families to mingle with families in other classrooms?
I love the honest sharing that the guest family speakers are engaging in
Heidi, giving them a genuine sense of belonging and ask questions.
talk about commonalities between them and help be the bridge
We do that and what we find is that they tend to not want to branch outside their comfort zone....would MORE site wide events help bridge that?
Get to know you socialization
Valerie I have tears in my eyes! What an amazing experience!!!
Enjoying the parents
Yes, remember it takes time to feel comfortable in new situations and to build trust with each other just as it does for them to build trust with us. Baby steps give it time.
I agree. So awesome
Awesome!!
wao, proud
The parent sharing part is always one of the very best parts of BTT for me.
I live for these kind of parents. where you see progress over time.
Thank you Valerie for your service to our country and your willingness to share your journey.
So proud of Valerie
The parents are doing a stellar job-very empowering for any family. Amanda is an outstanding facilitator. This is so informative. Thank you.
Valerie, some parents are not so receptive when it comes to receiving reflective criticism. How did you overcome the barrier so you could receive the feedback?
I think that sometimes parents think that we are judging them, when in reality we are learning from them. Not everyone have the same ways of raising a child, we are all different and we have different back grounds, Parents are great I feel
El ver y escuchar estas experiencias de las familias que son impactadas con el servicio de EHS/HS o cualquiera otro, hace que uno repiense lo que hemos hecho hasta ahora. Dios ha sido el arquitecto



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principal para que todas estas cosas tan hermosas ocurran. !!!Que privilegio ser parte de esto y poner un granito de arena!!!
i like your advice Laurie; what about engaging the parents who are more comfortable being social , first. work to build bridges between these parents and then let them be the ambassadors. what do you think?
I believe it takes tremendous courage to admit when we need help, especially as Americans. Valerie saw the gap between what she wanted to accomplish and what she was actually doing. Sandy must have been a fabulous, gentle example of how exciting it is to learn and that it doesn't have to be threatening. What a lovely REAL story!
it was the approach!!
Yes, I have a parent who has been very good at engaging the other parents and also bee a great role model in how to engage with their children during socializations, Laura.
Go Valerie, is good to hear the relationship that you increase with your kids.
As a EHS Home Visitor, WTG Sandy!!! I am proud!! :)
Home visiting changes lives! Early Head Start changes lives! Very proud to be part of this transformational culture!!
LOVE THOSE CHILD AND FAMILY EDUCATORS!!
I like the idea that the parent put their emotions aside and broke through barriers that would have hindered the progress for the child.
Yes, it is important that parents say it is okay, my child will get the help she/he needs.
Acceptance that your child may need more support is sometimes hard for parents to accept!Gentle communication is the key
Gentle communication! I agree
Yes, it was a true honor to be able to hear Dr. Honig speak!
I love hearing the stories of parents...
These families are so amazing. These programs are so inspiring.
very powerful story and amazing
Lexi's story, very uplifting and her Mother such a strong lady! Thank you, Stephanie!
Very moving that she gives back what she learned from the programs
Parental involvement is really important.
Thanks for that Stephanie! I screen and re-screen our program children many times through the year, and persist with families whose children do not pass until they seek follow-up evaluations
I love the family diversity and in whatever language they speak they all express happiness and humility
Awesome testimonies of early education benefits for families and children
wonderful stories I admire all the great work these ladies have done
You are ALL incredible testimonies to excellence in early care and education for our youngest children and their families.
Thank you for all wealth of knowledge
parent involvement is key because parents are the first teachers
Great stories! Thank you for sharing
So proud of these parents
Wonderful experiences



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Loved this session... Very powerful
So brave to share your stories!
Great stories; really enjoyed this session! thanks
Thank you for being here for this parent panel and for this vBTT! It has been so much richer because of your enthusiastic engagement and peer-to-peer sharing!
Parents thank you for all of your courage and excellent stories
Great testimonials!
Thank you for such a great session
Thank you Xitlali, Valerie, Stephanie for spending time to share your own compelling journeys in parenting and leadership. Yes, very well, facilitated and recap by Amanda integrating the topics discussed throughout the seminar. How it all connects. Thank you.
Thanks so much to the families for sharing their stories!
Amazing testimonials!!
I appreciate your sharing. this was a great session
Parental involvement can open lots of door. Myself share the same story with xitlali. I now own a child care center. I was always in the classroom with my daughter. I changed my career from nursing to teaching preschool.
Thank you for the wealth of knowledge it was great to be here
Great Conference!! Thank you!!
working with families is a challenge but it is something that we as community need to work together to meet the needs of the family
Thanks you parents for sharing your experiences with us.
Thank you for sharing your successful stories!
I just wanted to thank the parents for having the courage to share their story
I really enjoyed this session! Continue sharing your stories to inspire and uplift other parents.
Thank you.
Thank you Ladies for this wonderful presentation.
The BTT conference just gets better and better every year! Amazing speakers!!
Thanks so much. As a former Head Start child who is making every effort to improve the world we live in, I am honored and touched to be a part of this amazing initiative.
Thank you for sharing. Very good information.
Thank you, from a past parent, grandparent and a Head Start/EHS Supervisor. We need to get the stories out their so people understand what our programs do for us.
Well done organizers and the virtual and nonvirtual community for sharing great questions.
Thank you, its been 3 days wealth of experience.
Great Conference-Thanks for putting together such a wonderful group of speakers. So meaningful. Wonderful to hear the parent voices. Great way to end the conference. So many important messages to carry forward.
Thanks for share your family stories with us. Great conferences BTT. THX so much for all your efforts.
Agreed, EME! :) Well worth my time!!
Thank you for having this conference
Thank you!



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thank you
Thank you
great job and I learned something new
thanks
Thank You
Awesome
I agree Kristy. I have gained a wealth of knowledge during this conference.
Thank you for the exceptional speakers and videos filling the time between sessions!
Thank you everyone!
thank you for the conference
Thanks, awesome session!
Thank you
Thanks!
Thank you
I really enjoyed learning about the Infant Toddler world. Great Institute!
You're so welcome. Thank you everyone for helping to make this a great Institute!
Thank you
It was so great !
Very moving syory.. More parents should be involved.