

Early Head Start for Family Child Care Partnership Week 2012 – EHS FCC Partnership

Examples

Slide 1: Hi, I am Kathy Elder, A National Head Start Fellow based at the Office of Child Care. As Shannon and Yvette mentioned, we wanted to make sure that during this week you had an opportunity to hear about the EHS FCC demonstration project and felt that sharing some photos would provide you with a clear sense of the activities community partnership teams implemented as part of the project. The overall project goal focused on supporting teams in finding the right model for their communities to increase the availability of high quality comprehensive early care in family child care homes.

Slide 2: As you will see on the slides, we were pleased to see during our site visit to an EHS FCC provider's home numerous examples pointing to a high quality child care arrangement.

Slide 3: This family child care program follows both local child care standards and Head Start Program Performance Standards and both the provider and families served by the FCC program benefit from the comprehensive services and supports of Early Head Start.

Slide 4: You will notice the happy looks on these young faces, and see children who are engaged in active learning in a well-organized family child care environment.

Slide 5: Here you also see learning areas clearly labeled, a way to help children build pre-literacy skills.

Slide 6: Another important quality indicator is pictured here – an infant enjoying safe floor time activities.

Slide 7: And finally, in these last slides you will notice that this EHS FCC home has dedicated space outdoors that allows the children room for active play,

Slide 8: and also includes materials and equipment for learning activities. All of this supports the idea of EHS family child care as a high quality option for children and families.

Slide 9: Many teams engaged in activities to link family child care providers to training and professional development resources to build a stronger early care workforce. The following pictures highlight a visit to a professional development opportunity in Fairfax County, Virginia by Administration for Children and Families; or ACF, staff.

Slide 10: Here you are seeing the final class of a 16-hour “Word Power” course designed for family child care providers who wanted to enhance their English skills so they can pursue additional coursework to meet higher training standards.

Slide 11: This class builds off the Virginia's Early Learning Guidelines to familiarize providers with the principles for young children's learning.

Slide 12: This session focused on promoting literacy and language, so you see students in these photos creating storybooks they can use as a part of their child care curriculum.

Slide 13: During the classes, students gained awareness of words and built confidence in their ability to communicate.

Slide 14: They explored ways to promote language and literacy in their programs through board books and simple picture books, puppets and flannel board stories, and color and shape bingo.

Slide 15: In closing, we want to thank you for your interest and support during the Early Head Start for Family Child Care Partnership Week.

Slide 16: and hope you will join us on Friday for the live teleconference where you can ask your questions and get more ideas to bring back to your community. Thank you.