



PODCAST INFORMATION SHEET

Families Speak: Home Visitors Help!

We don't have to tell you that home visiting is one of the most challenging, and most rewarding, jobs there is. Visitors work with families in their homes to get to know them and celebrate them, to nurture parent-child relationships, offer families information, support, and connections to community resources – and really make a difference! This podcast features families sharing how home visiting has impacted them.

Reflective Questions:

After you've seen or heard the podcast, consider these questions:

- How do I honor the families I serve?
 - What do I like about being a home visitor?
 - What is most challenging for me? Where can I get help?
 - How do I know that my work is worthwhile?
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Featured Video in this Podcast:

In Their Hands: Grandparents Raising Their Grandchildren. Fuentes, Frank, McDonald, Molly, Smith, Anna, Thomas, Lynda. 2009. Birth To Three Institute. Washington, DC. HHS/ACF/OHS. 2009. English. Streaming Video.

Never Alone: Family Stories of Community Connections. Beigel, Kiersten, Coleman, Tatum, Hillis, Amber, West, John and Ginger. Birth To Three Institute. Washington, DC . HHS/ACF/OHS. 2011. English. Streaming Video.

Perseverance, Potential, and a Program's Promise: Lessons from Families Once at "Highest Risk." Andersen, Yvonne. Farris, Jayson. Villavicencio, Sara. Birth to Three Institute. Washington, DC. HHS/ACF/OHS. 2010. English. Streaming Video. <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/ehsnrc/comp/family-engagement/2010BirthToThr.htm>

Head Start Program Performance Standards Relevant to the Content in this Podcast:

1304.40 (a) (1) Grantee and delegate agencies must engage in a process of collaborative partnership-building with parents to establish mutual trust and to identify family goals, strengths, and necessary services and other supports. This process must be initiated as early after enrollment as possible and it must take into consideration each family's readiness and willingness to participate in the process.

1306.33 (b) (1) The purpose of the home visit is to help parents improve their parenting skills and to assist them in the use of the home as the child's primary learning environment. The home visitor must work with parents to help them provide learning opportunities that enhance their child's growth and development.

If you do not have a copy of the Head Start Program Performance Standards and would like to view them electronically, you can use the following link to the ECLKC:

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/standards/Head%20Start%20Requirements>