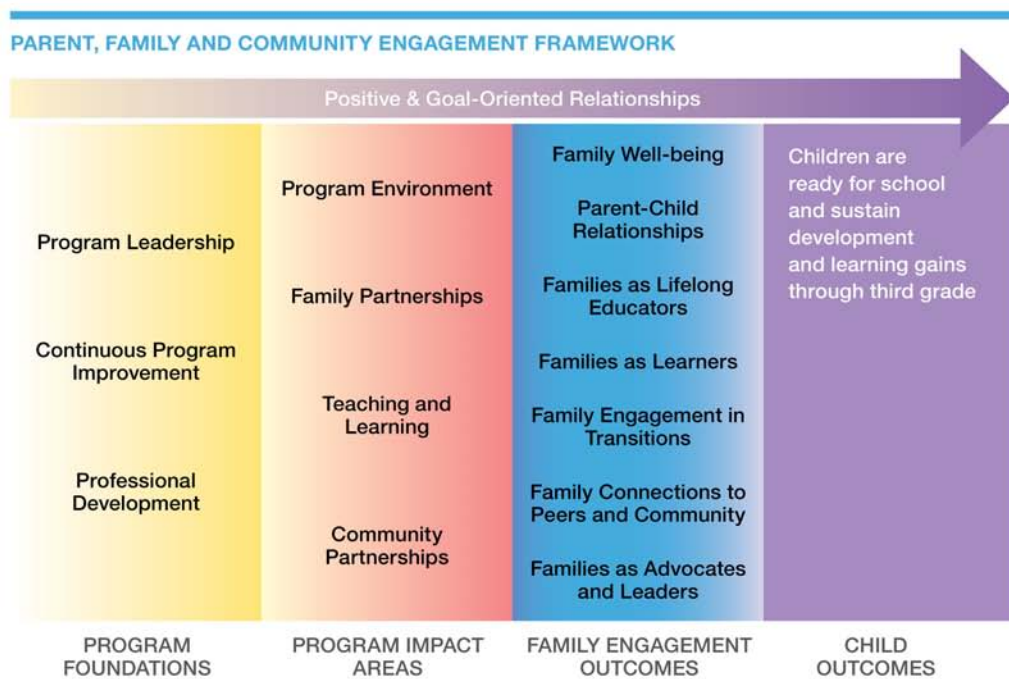




## Best Practices in Family and Community Engagement Video Series Engaging Fathers Viewer's Guide

### Video Series Overview

The Best Practices in Family and Community Engagement Video Series is designed to support each program's efforts toward systemic and integrated engagement. Rooted in the Office of Head Start (OHS) Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (PFCE) Framework, the videos highlight examples of innovative approaches to engagement that foster strong relationships with families and lead to positive outcomes for children and families.



The OHS PFCE Framework is a research-based approach to program change that shows how Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) programs can work together as a whole – across systems and service areas – to promote family engagement and children’s learning and development.



## Engaging Fathers Video Overview

The Engaging Fathers video highlights the strategies one HS/EHS program uses to engage fathers in their children's learning and healthy development. Fathers are welcomed and valued in every aspect of the program. Dedicated fathers learn from one another, make connections, and build a community that helps them fulfill their role as one of the most important people in their children's lives.

As you watch the video, look for these themes:

### Strategies and Practices

- Committed Program Leadership (PFCE Framework Program Foundation)
- Supportive and Welcoming Program Environment (PFCE Framework Program Impact Area)
- Creating and Sustaining Family Partnerships (PFCE Framework Program Impact Area)

### Outcomes\*

- Strong Positive Parent-child Relationships (PFCE Framework Family Outcome)
- Parent and Family Connections to Peers and Community (PFCE Framework Family Outcome)

*\*An outcome is the final result achieved after you have implemented your goals.*

### Guiding Questions to Consider:

- What specific strategies did you see the program use to engage fathers? How do the strategies work together to create a father-friendly environment?
- What interested you most about this program's approach to engagement?
- Did you observe any missed opportunities for engagement? What might you do differently?
- What father engagement strategies do you already use in your program? Are there any new strategies your program might want to try?

