

## Framework for Effective Practice in Head Start Home-Based Option

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Narrator: The Framework for Effective Practice is sometimes called the House. The House represents five components of high-quality teaching and learning. Let's take a look.

First is the foundation: nurturing, responsive, and effective interactions and engaging environments. Then, the first pillar: Implementing research-based curricula and teaching practices. Next, the second pillar: Using screening and ongoing assessment of children's skills. Fourth is the roof: Individualizing teaching and learning. And finally, at the center, is engaging parents and families.

So, what does this look like in a home-based setting? In a home-based setting, the foundation of a house is supporting parents, as they provide nurturing, responsive, and effective interactions, and engaging environments. This means helping parents notice, identify, and practice interactions that help their children learn and grow in safe and interesting spaces. When home visitors implement research-based curricula and effective home-visiting practices, they support parents, as their child's first and most important teacher while using curriculum that is grounded in robust research.

Home visitors work with families to screen and assess their child's progress. Families can share their observations and gather artwork, pictures, or video of their child learning. Together, the home visitor and parent use that information to plan home visits and socializations. To apply highly individualized supports with parents and children, home visitors work with families to plan activities, interactions, and learning experiences with just the right amount of support to allow all children to participate, especially those with disabilities or suspected delays.

Finally, engaging parents and families is at the heart of the house and at the center of the home-based work. Building trusting and respectful relationships with parents and children is paramount to effective home-visiting practices. In home-based programs, effective practices support parents and families, just as parents and families support their children as they grow, learn, and thrive.

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