Family and Community Partnerships

Activity Options

1. Host a speaker into the program—include the speaker’s name and contact information and date and what they discussed. Who attended. (could be a speaker for the children or for the parents)
2. Coordinate field trips to community partners or bring to program. (i.e. fire station, EMS, grocery store)-
3. Host a group parent/guardian meeting. (parent/guardian provides feedback to the provider; Back to School Night is not an example for this type of meeting)
4. Share how your program communicates with families.
5. Offers sliding fee scale, scholarship, or reduced fee for families not qualifying for CCA and do not place a cap on CCA spots.
6. Annual family survey completed with regard to program planning.
7. Active participation in a professional organization.
8. Program/Provider has a parent/guardian advisory/board group that meets at least 4 times a year.
9. Program/Provider hosts at least 2 family events in a year. Program provides/organizes/hosts activities that provide opportunities for parents to strengthen the bond between them and their children. (i.e. playing together in cooperative games or make-believe, cooking, making an art project, etc.)
10. A program staff member/provider presents to a local organization about their program or other relevant topic.
11. Program holds activities/programs specific to fathers/male role models and actively works to engage them in the activities or offers information specific to fathers/male role models.
12. Program provides a family ‘resource room/area’ consisting of free physical items a family may need (i.e. diapers, wipes, food, toys, clothes, bottles, toilet paper, personal hygiene products, hair care items, etc.) and/or up to date referral information to services available in the community, (i.e. toy exchanges, resale shops, play lots, family activities, existing parent to parent organizations, family peer networks, parent-initiated school-community efforts, food pantries, health providers, domestic violence shelters, family shelters, respite care, alcohol and substance abuse services, mental health services (for adults and children), economic supports (CCA, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Rental Assistance, etc.), legal assistance, transportation, home visiting programs, prenatal care/women’s health care, parenting classes, etc.).
13. Other activity that promotes family and community partnerships, as approved by DHS.