



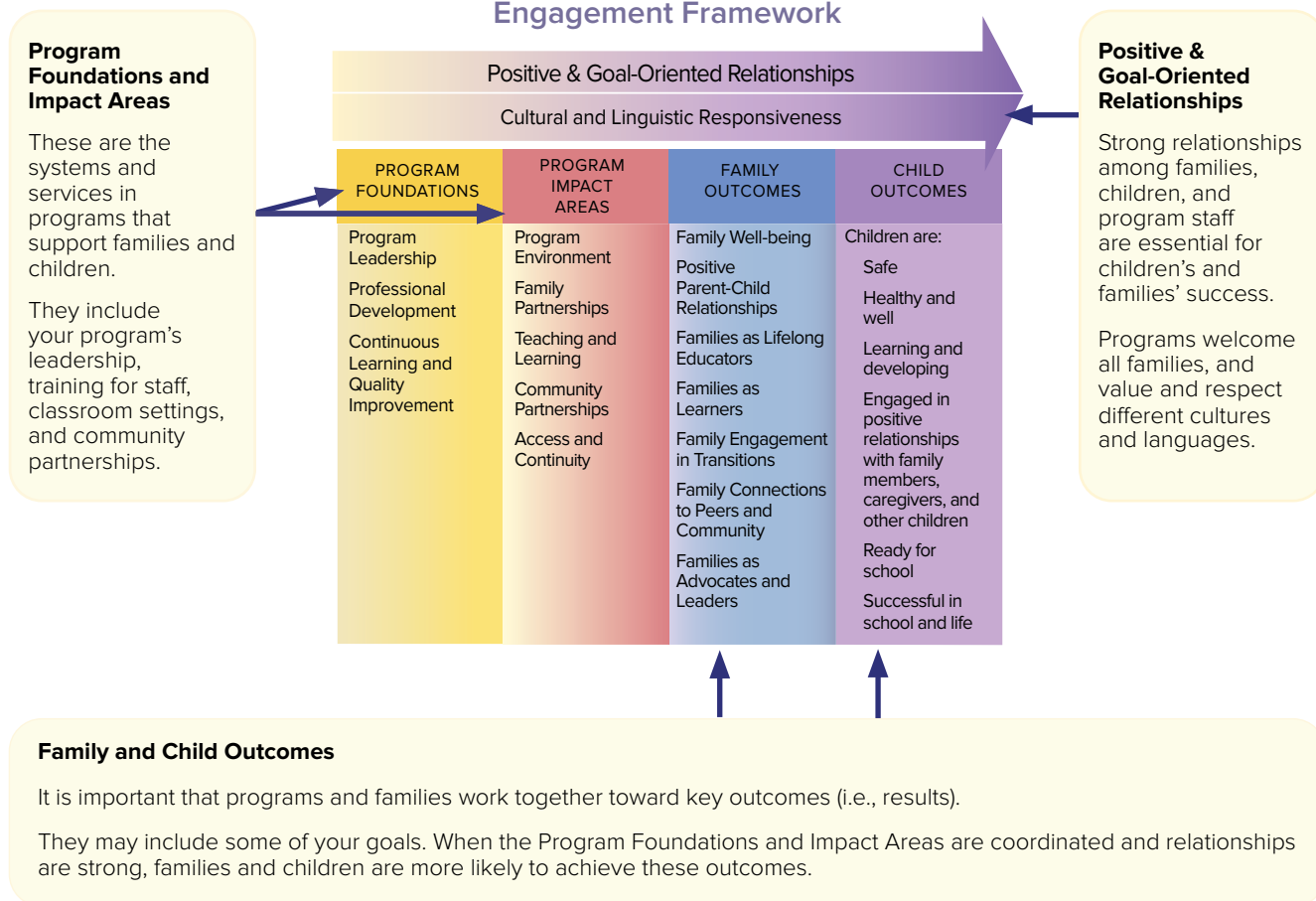
Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework: An Overview for Parents

As parents and family members, you know your children better than anyone else does. You know their personalities, strengths, and challenges. You also know the goals you have for your children and for yourself.

Head Start and Early Head Start programs partner with parents, families, and communities to help you achieve those goals. When you share what you know about your child with us, we can help make your children’s everyday experiences better. Together, we can lay the foundation for their future success.

The Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework is a visual tool that program staff, parents, and families can use to build effective partnerships. It describes how programs, parents, families, and communities work together to promote children’s healthy development and learning, and well-being for families.

Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework



Reflection

Take a moment to reflect on each of these questions as you think about the Framework.

1. What do you want for your children, your family, and yourself? What are your goals?
2. Which family and child outcomes in the Framework are connected to your goals?
3. How can you partner with staff and other parents to reach your goals?

Tip for Policy Council Members

As a Policy Council member, you play a key role in making decisions for all children and families in your program. You can review this resource during a Policy Council meeting. You can discuss how your program can use different parts of the Framework to make services better for families.

For example:

- How might staff and families make the program environment more welcoming to all families?
- How can you and staff work together to recruit more families into leadership roles?
- How can parents, families, and staff use data together to identify families' strengths and needs?

Related Resources

Explore these resources on the HeadStart.gov website. Or ask your program staff to print a copy.

- Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework
- Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework: Families as Partners in Promoting Family Engagement
- Parent Leaders as Partners in Promoting Family Engagement

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