



LEARNING FROM FAMILIES

Learn about and build on children's interests to support children's development and learning across the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework (ELOF) domains. Talk with families to learn about children's interests. Use the questions and ideas below to start and document the conversation.

WHAT MATERIALS DOES YOUR CHILD ENJOY PLAYING WITH?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Markers, crayons, paints ▪ Play dough, clay ▪ Dirt, mud ▪ Rattles, drums, other musical instruments ▪ Bubbles ▪ Blocks, boxes, building materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Puppets, dolls ▪ Puzzles ▪ Water/water toys ▪ Balls ▪ Other ▪ Other
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WHAT EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES DOES YOUR CHILD LIKE?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Playing with siblings or other children ▪ Listening to stories, story time ▪ Building, constructing ▪ Playing games (e.g., peek-a-boo, I Spy) ▪ Singing ▪ Dancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cooking ▪ Taking care of plants or animals ▪ Going on walks ▪ Acting out stories, make-believe play ▪ Other ▪ Other
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WHAT IDEAS OR TOPICS DOES YOUR CHILD ENJOY TALKING ABOUT OR EXPLORING?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Animals ▪ Plants ▪ Superheroes ▪ Community helpers (e.g., police, fire fighters) ▪ Rocks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dinosaurs ▪ Music ▪ Sports ▪ Other ▪ Other
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WHAT SPECIAL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DO YOU AND YOUR CHILD ENJOY?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Family gatherings (e.g., birthdays, weekly dinners) ▪ Going to the grocery store ▪ Fishing ▪ Bowling ▪ Community or cultural celebrations (e.g., picnics, parades) ▪ Playing outdoors or at the park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Going to religious events (e.g., church, temple) ▪ Visiting family that lives outside the home ▪ Going out to eat ▪ Watching TV ▪ Other ▪ Other
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