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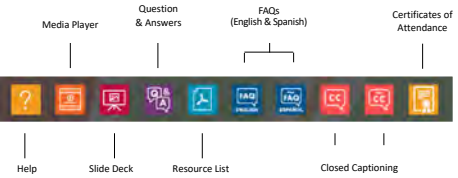


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Supporting Family Advocacy

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Learning Objectives

- Explore Family Advocacy from the lens of a family leader.
- Review how the PFCE Framework supports Family Advocacy.
- Identify strategies that can support the components of advocacy and leadership in their everyday practices.



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“Behind every child who believes in himself is a parent who believed first.”
-Matthew L. Jacobson



Talk and Share-Telling Stories and Experiences



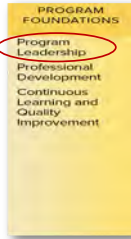
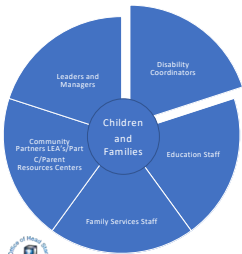
Advocacy through the experience and expertise of a family



Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework



A Coordinated Approach to creating collaborative environments 1302.101 (b) (3)



HSPPS 1302.101 (b) (3) The full and effective participation of all children with disabilities, including but not limited to children eligible for services under IDEA, by providing services with appropriate facilities, program materials, curriculum, instruction, staffing, supervision, and partnerships

Knowledge and Communication is Key



- Access to knowledge and information on:
 - IDEA Rights
 - Local Resources and Supports
 - Parent to Parent Connections
- Meeting families where they are at
 - Identify with families who needs to be included in team discussions
 - Ask how they want to interact or gather their ideas
 - Find out what are the family's priorities, interest and aspirations.
- Respect and recognize Parents abilities
 - Build Culturally Responsive Partnerships with Parents



Family Advocate Helpful Strategies

What are some strategies that has helped you to become the advocate you are today?





Strategies for Growing Family Advocates

- Meeting Families Where They Are At Including
 - Convenient meeting times for families,
 - Clear Communication
 - Jargon Free Information
 - Focus on family aspirations
 - Listen to Families
 - Reflect with families what is important to them and what changes they want to see

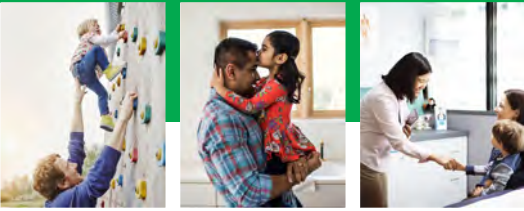


Strategies for Advocacy

- Plan** Plan. Create a vision, develop goals and a plan for how to reach those goals.
- Lead** Lead by example. Act as a role model and hold yourself to high standards, such as being fair and honest and following through with commitments.
- Communicate** Communicate and actively listen. Use two-way communication without interrupting, and make your points calmly and clearly.
- Negotiate** Negotiate. Include everyone in making decisions when possible, but be able to make the final decision when necessary.
- Value** Value feelings. Understand and manage your own emotions, and recognize and value the emotions of other people.
- Motivate** Motivate and inspire others. Engage people in ways that boost their enthusiasm and confidence about completing a task or achieving a goal.
- Be Positive** Be positive and flexible. Maintain a positive attitude by staying upbeat and optimistic. Be able to adjust and adapt when things do not go as planned.
- Accept** Accept mistakes. See mistakes as an opportunity for growth and learning.



Benefits of Advocacy



- Influence Children’s Learning,
- positive role models to others, and
- driving force for creating change.

Questions and Answers



Resources

- PFCE Framework
- Families as Advocates and Leaders
- Head Start Program Performance Standards
- Families are Full Team Members Checklist: Informed Family Decision-Making Practices Checklist
- Enhancing Parent Advocacy and Leadership Skills- A guide for Head Start Staff and Early Head Start Staff: Helping Families Be Full team members
- Advocacy and Leadership-Tips for Families Making Time for Leadership
- Advocacy and Leadership Tips for Families: Everyday Leadership Skills
- Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Simulation: Boosting School Readiness through Effective Family Engagement Series
- Center for Parent Information and Resources





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- PATH planning session
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- Certificate and evaluation
- Share your inclusion stories at **#HeadStartInclusion**

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