Resources on the Role of Relationships in Early Childhood Education

**Young Children articles and NAECY resources**


Other articles, books, and recordings


Websites and online resources

Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships has projects aimed at understanding the practices and partnerships that help children succeed by conducting and analyzing research, policies, and programs. The site offers related publications, professional development opportunities, and research on partnerships among schools, families, and communities, as well as between schools, districts, and state organizations.

Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning focuses on promoting the social-emotional development and school readiness of children from birth through age 5. The website offers family training tools, including tips for parents about supporting their children’s relationship-building skills. There are also briefs for teachers on supporting positive peer interactions and teacher-child relationships. http://cesel.vanderbilt.edu

The Engaging Diverse Families Project, with help from Pre-K Now, identified policies and practices that exemplary early childhood programs use to engage diverse families successfully. The project’s site includes principles of effective family engagement strategies, a list of and links to programs with excellent engagement practices, and resources programs can use with staff and families. www.naeyc.org/familyengagement

The SEDL National Center for Family and Community Connections with Schools offers research and resources that encourage family, school, and community partnerships. The organization offers an online database of articles on family engagement, strategy briefs, and toolkits focused on family-school relationships and family involvement. www.sedl.org/connections

The Strengthening Families initiative works to build research-based protective factors into early childhood systems and programs in order to prevent child abuse and neglect. This approach recognizes and supports parents as decision makers and leaders. The website describes the protective factors and how teachers and parents can build them, and offers resources for creating family and community partnerships. www.csp.org/reform/strengthening-families