

CHAPTER 13

Family Program Partnerships

Study Guide

Directions Fill in the blanks as you read the section in the textbook or listen to lectures and view demonstrations.

Building Partnerships

Family members should be involved in _____ services that children need.

Family relations philosophy: _____

A family relations philosophy gives program staff clear guidance on:

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Family Involvement in Child Care Centers

The first step in building good partnerships with children's families is _____

Communication with Families

Information shared by family members helps teachers _____

Staff should seek parent input about _____

Once or twice a year, early childhood professionals schedule _____

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More frequent meetings should take place _____

Face-to-face conversations are best, but _____

Open Door Policy

An open door policy means _____

An open door policy _____

Family Engagement Opportunities

Some ways to include families in program services are:

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Providing Parent Referrals

Staff that is well informed of community services _____

A referral is based on _____

Deciding If a Referral Is Needed

You can determine if a referral is needed by reflecting upon the following questions:

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Referrals should be made _____

Types of Referrals

The following are typical referrals made by child care staff:

- Nutrition education:

- Family therapy:

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- Financial assistance:

- Child development services:

- Medical referrals:

In order to give families timely referrals, many early childhood care programs create _____

Directories should include information about each referral agency:

Problem Solving with Parents

Even in the best of family program partnerships, _____

Use the following steps to solve problems:

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Professional Ethics with Families

If you are in doubt on how to respond to a new challenge, the _____

_____ can guide your decision making as you create an action plan that is respectful to parents, children, and staff.

Legal Duties to Families

Program directors and staff must be aware of _____

Family Licensing Laws

Licensing laws in each state address _____.

Custody rights: _____

If a court of law has decided on child custody rights, _____

Changing demographics and non-traditional families complicate custodial issues, making it _____

Referral Legal Issues

The type of referral and the reason it was given, including incidents that lead to the referral, must be _____

Ethically and legally, early childhood professionals must _____

Only _____ have the right to referral status.

Only _____ have the right to be informed of decisions related to giving referrals.