

The National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Releases New Relationship-Based Competencies



The National Center for Parent, Family and Community Engagement (NCPFCE), which develops and disseminates resources for the early childhood community in support of the positive growth of young children and strong families and communities, has recently released new Relationship-Based Competencies (RBCs) to Support Family Engagement.

Based in research and recommended practice, the RBCs are designed to guide family-facing professionals working with families from pregnancy through the early childhood years. The RBCs are useful in a wide variety of ways by broad audiences at the individual, program, and state levels, including:

- Early Childhood Providers, to strengthen relationships with all families and support them in achieving their goals
- Program Directors, Coaches, and Consultants, to understand and identify the skills and knowledge providers need and have, enhance strengths-based and culturally and linguistically responsive family engagement, and plan and lead professional development opportunities
- Policymakers and Community Leaders, to develop strategies that enhance early childhood workforce development, support the inclusion of family engagement in educational opportunities, make decisions about the use of existing resources to promote family engagement, and coordinate family engagement efforts across early childhood initiatives

Go to Head Start's [Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center](#) to access the RBCs resources and tools for free, including an overview for using the RBCs, role-specific resources for family engagement staff, home visitors and others, and professional development assessment tools.

The National Center for Parent, Family and Community Engagement is housed at the Brazelton Touchpoints Center and works in partnership with the Offices of Head Start and Child Care to identify, develop, and disseminate evidence-based best practices to support the positive growth and development of young children and strengthen families and communities. Learn more about all of the resources they produce and make available for FREE to the public by checking out the Family & Community Topic are on [Head Start's Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center](#).