



Aligning Standards

Head Start Standards:

- Family Partnerships
- Home based childcare

NAFCC Standards:

The Provider with Parents and Families

- Trust and Respect
 - I.10 The provider encourages parents to visit any time their children are present.
 - I.11 The provider is available to communicate with parents when children are present, or regularly checks for messages from parents.
 - I.12 The provider respects diverse family structures and recognizes the strengths of each family.
 - I.13 The provider is attentive to parents' specific requests, preferences, and values, and individualizes each child's care as appropriate.
- Communication and Involvement
 - I.14 The provider keeps parents informed about how their children are spending their time in care. This happens daily for infants and toddlers and at least weekly for older children.
 - I.15 The provider engages in and maintains open communication with each family.
 - I.16 In addition to ongoing conversations, the provider has a conference with each child's parents/guardians at least once per year. Together they review the child's progress and needs and set goals for the child.
 - I.17 The provider shares concerns with parents when they arise, and together they develop a mutually satisfying plan of action.
 - I.18 The provider encourages breastfeeding and offers a place for on-site breastfeeding.
 - I.19 The provider supports children in developing friendships with each other. The provider supports children in finding positive ways to interact with others.
 - I.20 The provider supports children in identifying and describing their own feelings and those of others.
 - I.21 The provider encourages children to help and support each other.
 - I.22 Children are engaged in play, activities, or conversations with each other and the environment reflects positive affect.

Developing Skills

- Parent engagement
- Conscious discipline/self-regulation
- Early childhood partnerships
- Responsive caregiving

Resources:

HS PFCE Framework eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/school-readiness/article/pfce-interactive-framework