Developing  Partnerships with Families

In doing this you will make your life as and Early Childhood Educator so much easier!

Research proves that home-school partnerships help student remain successful.

Skills to be utilized when working with families

·         Respect families

·         Use empathy

·         Establish a strong home-school relationship

·         Validate all questions and concerns-no judging

·         Help families get resources

·         Use frequent two way communication

·         Collaborate with other family agencies

·         Create and inviting class

·         Provide guidance for parents to help their children

·         Consider schedules

When working with families it is imperative that we realize that we all come from different walks of life.  As educators we will need to be sensitive to all student and family backgrounds.

Successful Ways to Keep the Involvement through Communication

·         Parent Conferences

·         Parent Meetings/Parent Ed. Programs

·         Email/Phone Calls

Teaching and Valuing Diversity-Teachers need to be aware of the multiple cultural differences that encompass a classroom.  Teachers need to value all cultures and recognize these in the classroom.  Here are some ways to do this:

·         Validate a child’s home language

·         Use familiar, culturally relevant literature

·         Use environmental print

·         Help children share personal stories

·         Sing songs and do actives from home

What we will avoid by valuing diversity

ü  Gender Bias

ü  Stereotyping

ü  Inequitable Attention

ü  Dividing by gender

ü  Linguistic bias

ü  Religious bias

How do children benefit form staying physically fit?

Ø  Weight control

Ø  Decreased blood pressure

Ø  Improved concentration, attention, and retention

Ø  Decreased disruptive behavior

Ø  Reduced risk of diabetes/heart disease

Ø  Healthy bones, joints, and muscles

Ø  Better overall health

Ø  Decreased anxiety, and depression

Ø  Increased energy

Ø  Positive self esteem