

COLLABORATING WITH FAMILIES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S LEARNING

The majority of children are currently being cared for in homes by family. Our responsibility as early childhood professionals is to collaborate with families to support their child's learning and share our knowledge and expertise. Creating a learning partnership requires thoughtful reflection and intentional planning. Consider the following ideas when sharing resources with families.

EVALUATE

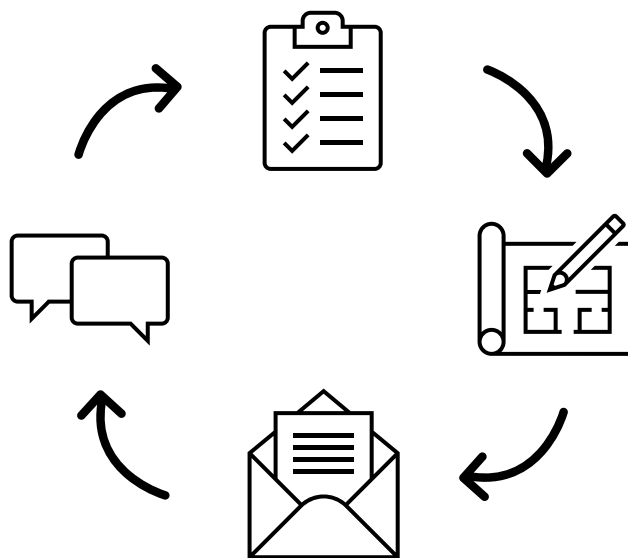
Identify successes and challenges as you help families reflect on their daily routines. Look for what families are doing well and build on their strengths. Take note of family interests and needs.

PLAN

Respond to what you learned about the family and the child by finding or creating resources that meet their needs. When searching for appropriate resources begin with reputable early childhood organizations with the mission of sharing best practices.

FOLLOW-UP

Provide opportunities for families to share challenges and celebrate successes. Check in frequently. Reflect on what you learn and plan your next steps.



CONNECT

Consider the best way to communicate with each family based on their preference. Explore the wide variety of options on social media, smart phone apps, and video conferencing. Don't forget simple tools such as texting and email are often most effective.

As we engage in this exciting process with families, early childhood professionals in Wyoming can share and find ideas at wyecplc.org. We can also encourage families to share their successes by posting on social media using the hashtag #wylearnathome.