

# Engaging Community Partners to Strengthen Family Services

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Engaged community partnerships are supportive relationships between Head Start and Early Head Start programs, local schools, and community organizations. Communication between community partners, whether by individuals or groups, is regular and responsive. The goals of each partner are best met through their work with each other. Together, they share leadership and assess effectiveness to inform continuous learning and improve the quality of their partnership.

Use this collection of resources to guide your program's efforts as you work alongside your partners to strengthen child and family outcomes.

- **Building Community Partnerships:** Explore an overview of opportunities for family and community partnerships in Head Start and Early Head Start programs.
- **Strategies and Examples for Community Partnerships:** Strengthen community partnerships by identifying strategies and actions that address three priorities for community engagement.
- **Planning Tools for Community Partnerships:** Use these tools to develop clear action plans that enhance community partnerships.



## Transition to Kindergarten: Head Start Program-School-Community Connection

Community partnerships have a positive effect on school readiness. Explore these resources to enhance your knowledge about the importance of partnering with schools and other community partners to support transitions to kindergarten. Find strategies for helping children and families continue to access services as they make the transition to kindergarten.

- [Family Engagement in Transitions: Transition to Kindergarten](#)
- [Engaging Families in the Transition to Kindergarten](#)
- [Family and Community Partnerships for School Readiness](#)
- [Family Connections to Peers and Community](#)

## Upcoming Events

Learn more about this topic in our upcoming **Community Engagement Series** webinar:

- Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 3–4:45 p.m. ET: [Community Partnerships for Family Engagement in the Transition to Kindergarten](#)

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