Aligning Standards

Head Start Standards:
- Family Partnerships
- Home based childcare

NAFCC Standards:
The Provider with Parents and Families
- Trust and Respect
  - 1.10 The provider encourages parents to visit any time their children are present.
  - 1.11 The provider is available to communicate with parents when children are present, or regularly checks for messages from parents.
  - 1.12 The provider respects diverse family structures and recognizes the strengths of each family.
  - 1.13 The provider is attentive to parents’ specific requests, preferences, and values, and individualizes each child’s care as appropriate.
- Communication and Involvement
  - 1.14 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.
  - 1.15 The provider engages in and maintains open communication with each family.
  - 1.16 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.
  - 1.17 The provider shares concerns with parents when they arise, and together they develop a mutually satisfying plan of action.
  - 1.18 The provider encourages breastfeeding and offers a place for on-site breastfeeding.
  - 1.19 The provider supports children in developing friendships with each other. The provider supports children in finding positive ways to interact with others.
  - 1.20 The provider supports children in identifying and describing their own feelings and those of others.
  - 1.21 The provider encourages children to help and support each other.
  - 1.22 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

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