



## **Family Engagement**

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The Worcester Child Development Head Start (WCDHS) works to support strong family engagement and home to school connections.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT refers to ongoing, goal-directed relationships between staff and families that are mutual, culturally responsive, and that support what is best for children and families both individually and collectively. Staff and families share responsibility for the learning and development of children, the progress toward outcomes for children and families, and for parent engagement in the program.

WCDHS strives to provide a welcoming environment with a family friendly atmosphere, where ALL families feel welcome, included and valued. We work to foster school-community connections and help to link parents to support services and resources.

A strong focus is placed on home learning support to assist families as they work with their child at home. Through “Homework” activities, Transition planning, goal setting, and planning for the future, families connect classroom learning to home life and develop lifelong learning practices.

Our program feels that two-way communication between the school and home is essential and sets the foundation for constructing all home-school activities.

If interested in participating or getting more information on any of our family engagement opportunities please call Linda Jackson or Laura Polanco at 508-799-3252.