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National Consumer Education Resources to Help States and Preschool Development Grant Grantees

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What is your position or role?



Overview

- ◆ ChildCare.gov
- ◆ Preschool Development Grants (PDGs)
- ◆ School-age child care, NCASE
- ◆ Family and community engagement, NCPFCE
- ◆ Additional Resources



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Supporting States and Families through a National Consumer Education Website

ChildCare.gov

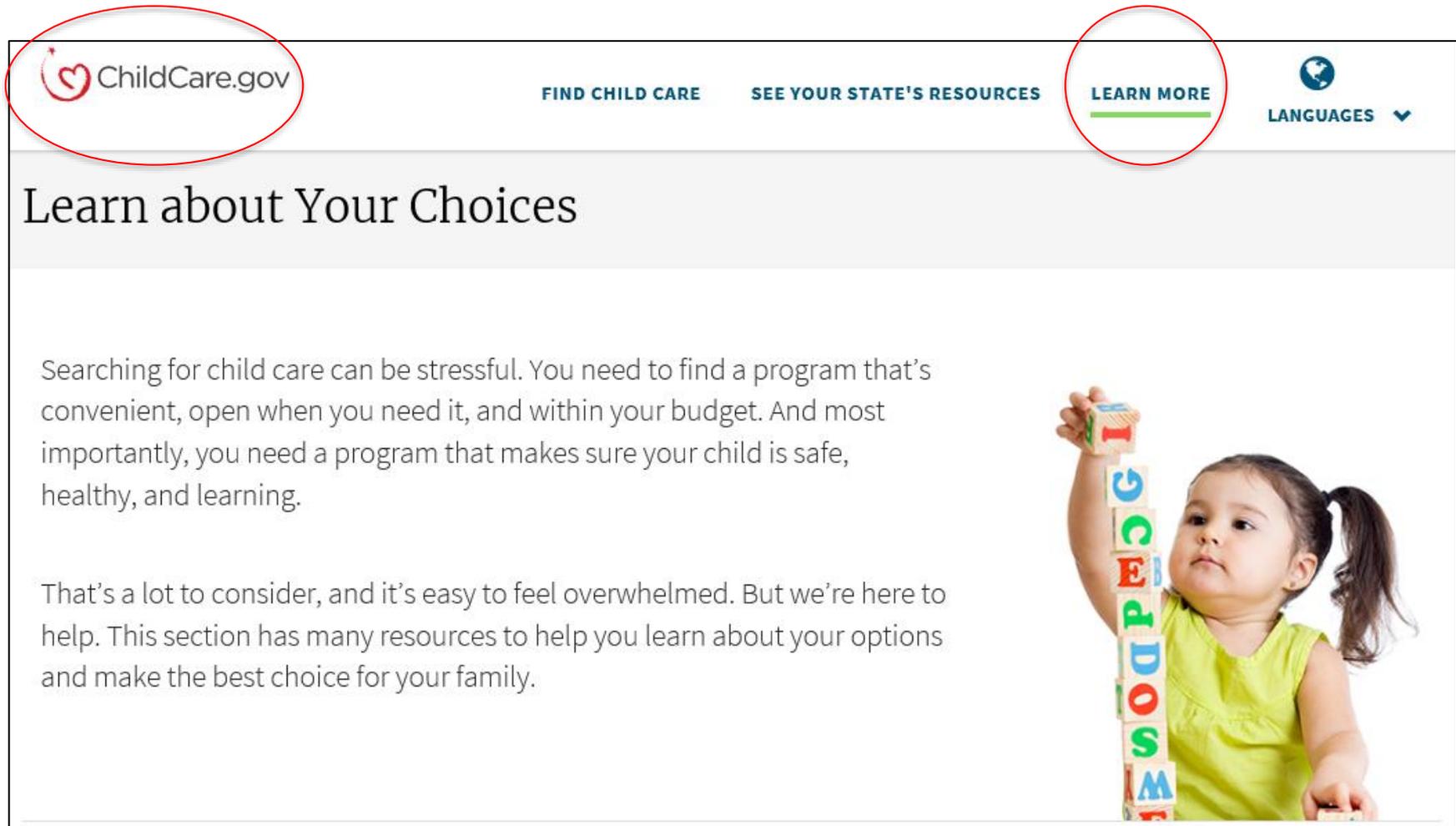
Helping Families Find Child Care and Local
Resources

ChildCare.gov

- ◆ Targets families as the primary audience
- ◆ Links to state-specific websites and provides general information



Learn More



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the ChildCare.gov website. The logo 'ChildCare.gov' is circled in red. To its right are three navigation links: 'FIND CHILD CARE', 'SEE YOUR STATE'S RESOURCES', and 'LEARN MORE', which is also circled in red. Further right is a 'LANGUAGES' dropdown menu with a globe icon. Below the navigation bar is a grey header with the text 'Learn about Your Choices'. The main content area contains two paragraphs of text and a photograph of a young girl in a yellow shirt stacking colorful alphabet blocks.

[ChildCare.gov](#)

[FIND CHILD CARE](#) [SEE YOUR STATE'S RESOURCES](#) [LEARN MORE](#) [LANGUAGES](#) ▼

Learn about Your Choices

Searching for child care can be stressful. You need to find a program that's convenient, open when you need it, and within your budget. And most importantly, you need a program that makes sure your child is safe, healthy, and learning.

That's a lot to consider, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed. But we're here to help. This section has many resources to help you learn about your options and make the best choice for your family.



Learn More



Child Care Options

You will find some common definitions of types of child care settings and some helpful tips to make your child care choice easier.



Ensuring Safe & Healthy Child Care

When you are choosing a child care provider, it is important to look for evidence that your child's health and safety will be a priority.



Choosing Quality Child Care For Your Children

Find child care that is convenient and within your budget but is also a safe and healthy environment for your child.



Paying For Child Care

When you need child care, it's important to know what resources are available to help with child care costs where you live.



Other Support and Resources for Your Family

This section helps ensure that low income families have access to good nutrition, affordable health care, and more.



Your Child's Health and Development

Here you will find easy access to a full range of information, programs, and services that can support you in your parenting.

Child Care Options

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Ensuring Safe & Healthy Child Care	✓
Choosing Quality Child Care For Your Children	✓
Paying For Child Care	✓
Other Support and Resources for Your Family	✓
Your Child's Health and Development	✓



You want the best for your child.

Children need care that keeps them safe, healthy, and learning.

And you need a child care provider that supports you as your child's most important teacher and works with you to ensure your child's healthy development and learning.

When you have peace of mind that your child is safe, happy, and learning, you can focus on your work and providing for your family.

There are many types of child care to choose from, and it is important to find a provider that fits the needs of your child and your family. When choosing a child care provider, there are many factors to consider.

This section provides important information about different kinds of child care programs, including how different types of programs are regulated.

You will also find some tips and tools to help make your child care choice easier.

If you have questions or want to talk with someone about the types of child care available in your community, there are state and local agencies that can help you. They can provide additional information to help you make the best choice for your child.

You can select any of the agency types below to find more information about these services in your state. Once you select one of the agencies below, select your state under the "Get Child Care Resources". You will then see a variety of child care related resources including information about finding quality child care and financial assistance for families.

Quality Is Reinforced throughout the Learn More Pages

Get Help Paying For Child Care

Child Care Options



Ensuring Safe & Healthy Child Care



Choosing Quality Child Care For Your Children



Paying For Child Care



Get Help Paying For Child Care

Military Child Care Fee Assistance Programs

Other Support and Resources for Your Family



Your Child's Health and Development



According to Child Care Aware of America's 2017 report, [Parents and the High Cost of Child Care](#), child care is one of the biggest items in families' monthly budgets. It is often higher than the cost of housing, college tuition, transportation, or food. Families across the country know that it can be hard to find quality child care that is affordable.

High-quality child care programs may cost more than other options. But when children are in a quality child care program they are able to develop, explore, and grow. A safe and nurturing early learning environment

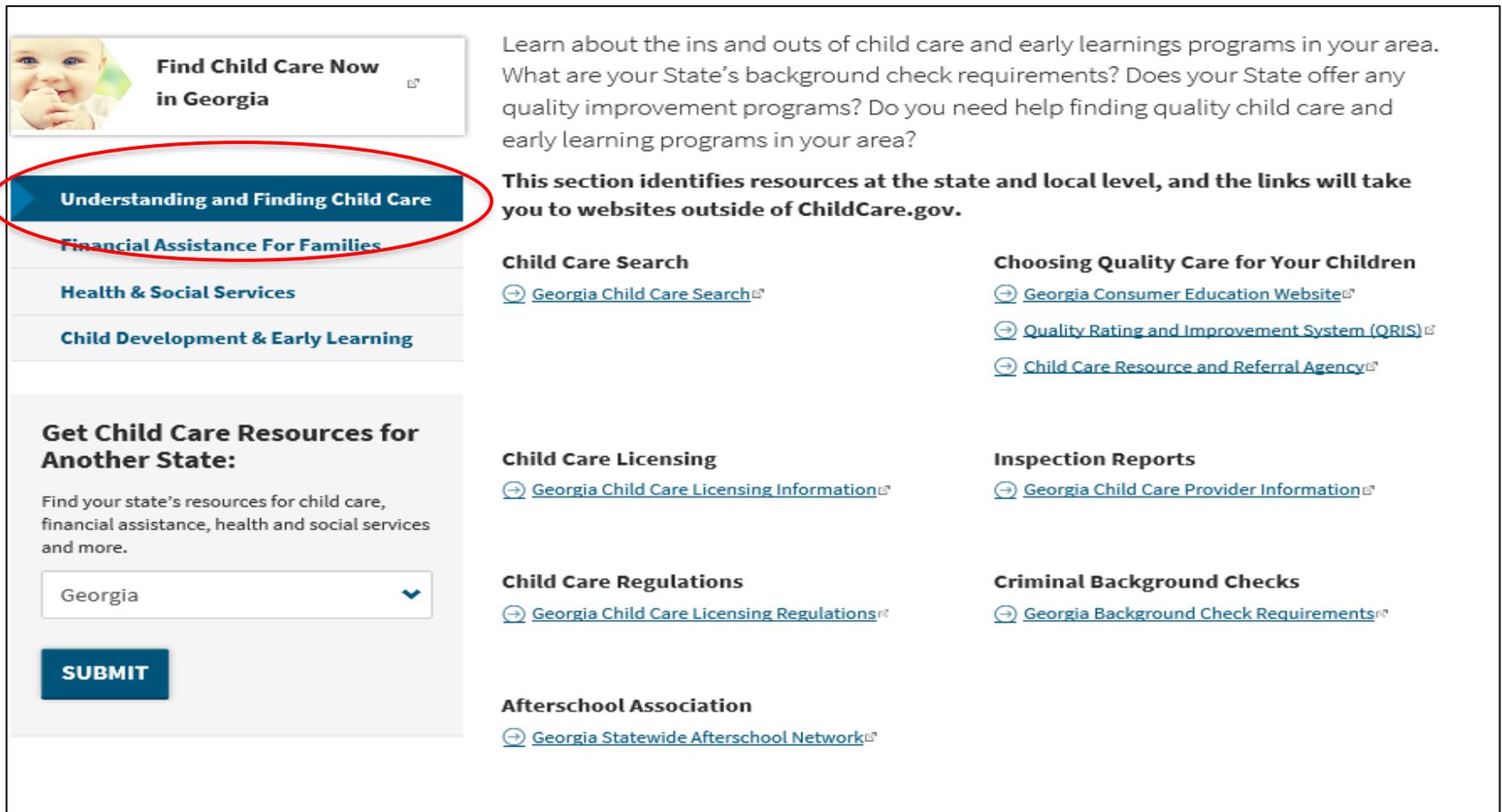
allows children to get ready for school, and allows their parents to focus on work or school knowing that their child is in a healthy, caring environment.

It is important to make sure your child care provider meets [health and safety requirements](#). You should always ask to see a copy of the provider's [license](#). It is also a good idea to review the provider's inspection reports. Visit our [state resources](#) page to learn how to access these reports in your state.

Find Child Care Now

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Resources: Understanding and Finding Child Care



Find Child Care Now in Georgia ¹⁷

Understanding and Finding Child Care

Financial Assistance For Families

Health & Social Services

Child Development & Early Learning

Get Child Care Resources for Another State:

Find your state's resources for child care, financial assistance, health and social services and more.

Georgia

SUBMIT

Learn about the ins and outs of child care and early learnings programs in your area. What are your State's background check requirements? Does your State offer any quality improvement programs? Do you need help finding quality child care and early learning programs in your area?

This section identifies resources at the state and local level, and the links will take you to websites outside of ChildCare.gov.

Child Care Search

- [→ Georgia Child Care Search](#) ¹⁷

Choosing Quality Care for Your Children

- [→ Georgia Consumer Education Website](#) ¹⁷
- [→ Quality Rating and Improvement System \(QRIS\)](#) ¹⁷
- [→ Child Care Resource and Referral Agency](#) ¹⁷

Child Care Licensing

- [→ Georgia Child Care Licensing Information](#) ¹⁷

Child Care Regulations

- [→ Georgia Child Care Licensing Regulations](#) ¹⁷

Afterschool Association

- [→ Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network](#) ¹⁷

Inspection Reports

- [→ Georgia Child Care Provider Information](#) ¹⁷

Criminal Background Checks

- [→ Georgia Background Check Requirements](#) ¹⁷

Benefits of ChildCare.gov

- ◆ Helps organize state resources for families in one place
- ◆ Provides families with a variety of useful information and resources
- ◆ States and territories can use the language on ChildCare.gov on their website

Questions?



Parent Consumer Education PDG B-5 TA Project

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Presentation June, 2019



Purposes of the PDG B-5 Initiative

- ◆ Conduct or update a thorough statewide birth through five needs assessment and a strategic plan, based on needs assessment results;
- ◆ Encourage partnerships among the wide range of ECE programs and service partners, improving collaboration, coordination, and more efficient use of resources;
- ◆ Maximize parent engagement, expand parental knowledge about existing programs and services;
- ◆ Enhance school readiness and transitions for children from low-income and disadvantaged families, by sharing best practices between and among ECE providers.

PDG B-5 Initiative – Parent Education

◆ **Activity Three**

- ◆ Maximize parental choice and knowledge about the State's mixed delivery system of existing programs and providers
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Broad View Perspective of PDG B-5 State Websites

- ◆ Six Consistent Content Site Themes
 - Child Care Information and Linkages
 - Child Development Knowledge and Information
 - Information for Financial Assistance
 - Early Signs – Screening Information
 - Advocacy Linkages
 - Practitioner Resources, Linkages, Professional Development

State Examples

The screenshot displays the homepage of the My Child DE website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the My Child DE logo and the text "Welcome to Delaware's Child Care Consumer Education website." Below this, a search bar asks "Searching for Child Care?" with two buttons: "Looking in Delaware" and "Looking in Other States". The main content area features three primary navigation cards: "FAMILIES" (Making the best choices), "RESOURCES" (For those living with and caring for children), and "PROVIDERS" (Everything you need to know). A green banner below these cards displays statistics: 135,000 CHILDREN UNDER 12 IN DELAWARE, 16,000 CHILDREN RECEIVING PURCHASE OF CARE EACH MONTH IN DELAWARE, and 1,200 LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IN DELAWARE. Below the banner are two circular buttons for "GLOSSARY" and "FAQ". At the bottom, a "Delaware Documents" section lists four documents: Delaware's Consumer Statement, Delaware's Early Learning Dashboard, Child Care and Development Fund State Plan, and Expansion & Suspension Policy in Early Childhood Programs.

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- [Child Care and Development Fund State Plan](#)
- [Expansion & Suspension Policy in Early Childhood Programs](#)

State Example

Pennsylvania's PROMISE for Children

WATCH THEM GROW | HELP THEM LEARN | CARE FOR THEM | GET A LITTLE HELP

QUICK LINKS | HOME | DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES LIST | WHO WE ARE | CONTACT US

Select Language
Chinese (Simplified)
English
Russian
Spanish

LITTLE ACTIONS. Big Impact!

All the tools you need to help your child learn and grow from PA Promise in partnership with OCDEL.

Watch Them Grow
Understanding Healthy Development

Help Them Learn
Learning and Preparing for School

Care for Them
Child Care, Health Care and Parenting Challenge

Get A Little Help
Expert Advice and Financial Assistance

State Examples



Services News Government Local

Select language

Talk to someone now



New York State Multiple Systems Navigator

Search The Multiple Systems Navigator Site

Advanced Search

Home Navigating Basics Resources News/Events Tools/Mapping Terms/Acronyms Agencies/Organizations Transitions

Multiple Systems Navigator

Access helpful health, education, human service and disability information on one user-friendly website.

Built for youth, parents, family members and caregivers that rely on supports from multiple child and family serving systems.

Navigate Complex Situations	NY Connects Resources	Family Peer Advocate
Youth Peer Advocate	Health Homes Explained	Systems of Care Explained

Questions, Tools and Support

Unique Site to Mention

Our Vision....

KANSAS IS THE BEST PLACE TO RAISE A CHILD.

Every day, we hear stories of resilient families that have bounced back from great challenges. Stories of hope...and stories of struggle. Through these stories we can gather nuggets of wisdom about the ways in which things could, and should, be going better...to make **OUR TOMORROWS** *brighter*.

Using a tool called SenseMaker to collect and analyze the stories, we gain a rich understanding of what family resilience looks like in our state. Each story helps map community strengths and needs. These maps can be used during Community Sensemaking sessions, where community members make sense of the patterns formed by their stories. Focusing on these patterns, communities can try a portfolio of small changes through Community Action Labs in their area.



All of us will benefit from **OUR TOMORROWS** –

- » Story maps & community dialogues to gain understanding
- » Publicly accessible data dashboards
- » Decision-making support
- » Policy-making informed by parents & community voices
- » Ideas and strategies for local, actionable solutions

There are several ways to participate...

		ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNER	
RESPONDENT	CITIZEN JOURNALIST	COMMUNITY CHAMPION	ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNER
Share a story online or with a Citizen Journalist. Participate in a Community Sensemaking session.	Collect stories by attending community events or independent outreach locally. Participate in Community Sensemaking sessions.	Connect Citizen Journalists and local organizations with others in the community. Participate in Community Sensemaking sessions and help drive Community Action Labs.	Collect stories and coordinate Citizen Journalists. Network within the community, host community events and Community Sensemaking sessions, and spearhead implementation of small, locally-determined actions.
<p>Learn more at: kucppr.org/OurTomorrows</p> <p>To follow the project and get involved: bit.ly/JoinOurTomorrows</p>			
<p>KU CENTER FOR PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS & RESEARCH The University of Kansas</p>			

Linkages to sites

- ◆ Pennsylvania
 - <https://papromiseforchildren.com/>
- ◆ Delaware
 - <https://www.mychildde.org/>
- ◆ New York
 - <https://www.msnavigator.org/>
- ◆ Kansas
 - <http://kucppr.org/OurTomorrows/>
- ◆ Florida
 - <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/>
- ◆ Virginia
 - <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/cc/index.html>

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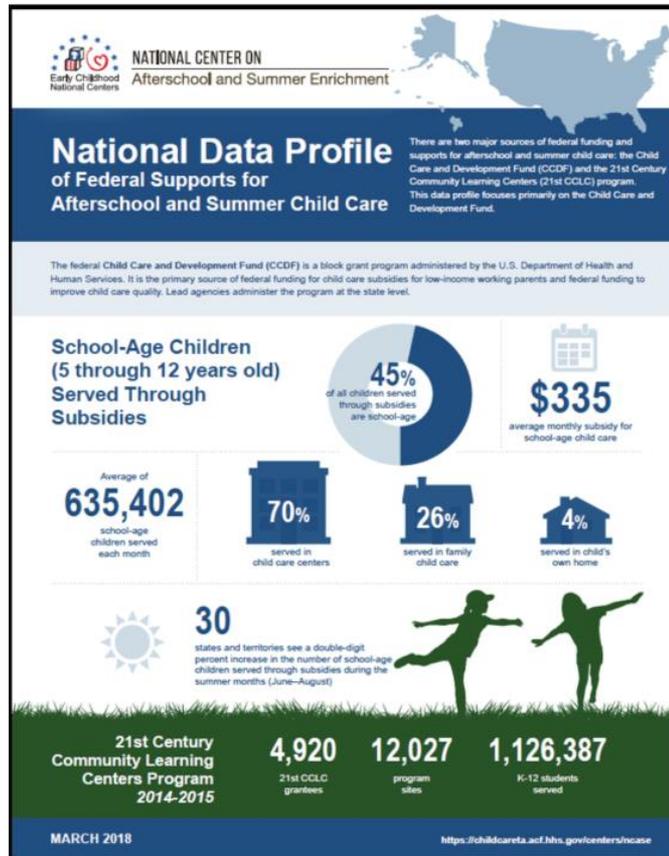
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School-Age Child Care



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Consumer Education Toolkit: Spotlight on Summer



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Spotlight on Summer



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School-Age Consumer Education Toolkit

Spotlight on Summer

Summer learning programs have the opportunity to support the growth and development of school-age children in a relaxed environment. They can take advantage of the warmer weather to engage children and families in outdoor and other activities.



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What is it?



State Examples



Resources

Many child care programs for children under 5 provide services year round, from early morning until the evening. However, once children enter school, many parents find themselves looking for summer programs that meet their needs and the interests of their children. Studies show that without quality summer programs, children from low-income families run the risk of falling behind in reading and math skills.¹ In addition to supporting parents as they continue to provide for their families, summer programs can help prevent learning loss, promote healthy habits, and provide a safe, nurturing environment.

¹ Cooper, H., Nye, B., Charlton, K., Lindsay, J., & Greathouse, S. (1996). The effects of summer vacation on achievement test scores: A narrative and meta-analytic review. *Review of Educational Research*, 66(3), 227–268.



Toolkit Overview



Physical Health and
Development



Social and Emotional Health
and Development



Parent and Family
Engagement



Spotlight on Summer

Summer Learning and Enrichment: Tips for School-Age Care Providers



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Summer Learning & Enrichment

TIPS FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE PROVIDERS



Summer is a time for sun and fun, but children's learning is too important to take a vacation! Many school-aged children lose up to 3 months of grade-level equivalency in math and reading skills over the summer months.¹ This phenomenon is known as the summer slide. As a summertime child care provider, you can help school-age children and their families make the most of the summer months and avoid the summer slide. Here are some things to think about as you plan for summer.



BEFORE SUMMER:

Get to know your families! Talk to parents/caregivers about:

- What they are looking for in summertime child care programming. What experiences do they hope their child will have?
- Their child's special skills and interests. Any ideas from their child's teacher about summer activities? Any concerns that you can help to address?
- Any aspects of their cultural or linguistic background they would like you to know. Think of ways to honor families' cultural heritage and traditions in your programming, and strive to be inclusive of children of different backgrounds and abilities.



from children and families about what they hope to get out of your summertime programming, and include with your own goals.

- If you are a year-round provider, think about what you will do during the summer months that's different from the school year. How will you make use of the longer full-day program time? Think of ways to engage in more extended hands-on learning activities, such as inquiry-based projects.
- Create a list of activities in support of your goals to inspire you and the children you serve. Determine which resources, materials or supports you will need to carry out those activities. Identify professional development and training opportunities that can help you deepen your understanding of how to support children's learning and development in different areas.

Create a plan for the summer months:

- Their child having a library card. If not, consider helping them obtain one.
- Needing assistance with accessing healthy meals and snacks during the summer. Does their child need transportation to and from your program? If needed, help families obtain transportation vouchers and share information about summer meal programs.
- What do you hope to accomplish with the children you'll be serving? Write down goals related to academic learning, social and emotional development, and other areas of skill building. Seek input

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BEFORE SUMMER: Continued

- Collect information on fun, family-friendly summer activities and events in your community. Share this information with families on an ongoing basis so they know when something is coming up.
- Collaborate with family child care networks, libraries, museums, and other organizations in your community. Work with these partners to generate ideas for enriching summer activities and opportunities. Identify ways to share resources to help you achieve your summer goals.





DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS:

Build a relationship with parents, caregivers, and children:

- Share news about your activities and themes with families on a weekly basis—via email, a handout, or online through a parent communication portal. Also invite parents/caregivers to share noteworthy accomplishments or events that their child experiences (e.g., finishing a book on their reading list, jumping off the diving board for the first time, or visiting the zoo together as a family). Find a way to recognize these special occasions at your program.
- Explore ways to share pictures with families. Photos can help parents feel connected to what their children are doing and spark conversations about their day.
- Have children pick one thing about the day to discuss with their families. Make this part of a pre-pickup routine or another time when children come together before heading home.
- Find ways to celebrate children's reading successes. For example, let children place a special sticker next to the name of each book they read on their book list, and recognize milestones such as a child completing the final book from their summer reading list.
- Consider organizing a family potluck or picnic dinner so families can meet other parents/caregivers and see what the children have been working on. Help children organize games or put on a performance for their families.



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Summer Learning and Enrichment: Tips for School-Age Care Providers



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DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS: *Continued*

Engage children in activities to help prevent the summer slide:

- Find ways to engage children in activities related to the skills and interests their parents/caregivers and teachers identified. Summer is a wonderful time to give children opportunities to expand on what they learned during the school year and to explore new ideas.
- Help children put together a list of books they'd like to read from your program's collection. Consider a field trip to the library to help children choose additional books to add to their reading list. Post children's reading lists where they can see them and celebrate the completion of each book.



- Engage children in activities and games that promote math learning, as it is one of the areas most affected by the summer slide. Board games and card games are fun ways to help children strengthen and retain math skills. Many games are suitable for children of multiple ages.



- Create reading routines so children have a built-in opportunity to read every day. Remember that all forms of reading count: whether you read to the child, the child reads silently, or the child reads aloud to other children. Daily reading is one of the best ways to help children retain language, vocabulary, and reading comprehension skills over the summer.

- When it comes to screen time—TV, video games, and other devices—use sparingly and consider what parents would find appropriate. If you do include screen time as part of your programming, integrate simple uses of technology in hands-on projects or focus on age-appropriate interactive games and apps that have educational value. There are many games and apps that help build literacy, science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills; and problem-solving skills. Some even promote physical activity.

PLAN CULTURAL AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Exploring cultural stories and traditions is a great way for children and families—as well as your staff—to learn more about each other and to make a connection between your program and the community you serve. Take a field trip to a local historical site, invite a community elder to come speak or explore the origins of various foods, music or other cultural traditions. The goal should be to celebrate diversity and make all feel included.

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DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS: *Continued*

Keep children healthy and active during the summer months:

- Start a small garden and involve children in growing and caring for the plants. This is a great way to connect them to nutritious food sources and to promote conversations about healthy eating.
- Get outside! Encourage children to make use of safe outdoor play areas. Lead children in cooperative games and other activities that get them moving and working together as a team. Create opportunities for water play with water tables, sprinklers, and other ways to cool off. Don't forget sunscreen and make sure there is plenty of water available to keep children hydrated!



You can help children have a fun, healthy, and enriching summer!

AT THE END OF SUMMER:

- Hold an end-of-summer celebration event with families. Use this chance to give parents/caregivers a sense of what their children experienced over the summer, and how it will help them start the new school year ready for success.
- Make a plan to connect with the children and families from your summer program during the school year. Sending children a postcard during the winter is a great way to keep in touch—plus they will love receiving mail!



¹ National Summer Learning Association. (2014). Doesn't every child deserve a memorable summer? Retrieved from <https://www.summerlearning.org/news/edps-center/doesnt-every-child-deserve-memorable-summer/>

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Summer Learning Fun: Tips for Parents and Caregivers



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TIPS FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

School may be out for the summer, but your child's learning needs don't take a vacation! Children learn best when they have opportunities to build skills and knowledge across settings. These include summer child care programs as well as time spent at home. Read on for tips on how to engage your child in fun, meaningful learning activities throughout the summer.

☀️ BEFORE SUMMER:

Talk with your child to:

- Find out what they would like to learn about or experience during the summer.
- Share details about summer plans. What kinds of activities will your child get to do? Are any of their friends attending the same program? Consider visiting the program with your child ahead of time so they are familiar with the setting and staff.
- Learn what kinds of books your child would enjoy reading over the summer and help them create a reading list.



Meet with your child's teacher to:

- Get a list of recommended books for summer reading. Your child's teacher can identify books that match your child's reading level and interests.
- Ask about specific skills your child could pursue over the summer, and explore ways to align those skills with your child's interests. Focusing on what your child already enjoys and feels confident about can make them more excited to learn.
- Discuss what your child can write about during the summer—alone or with your help—such as a journal or letters to relatives.

Meet with your child's summer child care provider to:

- Talk about your goals for your child's summer child care. Share the information you got from your child's teacher, including your child's skills and interests.
- Find out what themes and activities the provider has planned. You can use this information to come up with fun ways to build on program activities when you are home with your child.
- Let them know the best way to share information with you about your child's activities.
- Share information about your family and culture, and discuss aspects of your child's background that the provider should be aware of to enrich the program. Many providers love having families share stories, traditions, cultural celebrations, or other activities with the children in their program!
- Find out where your child can access healthy meals and snacks during the summer months. Ask your child care provider if they are connected to a summer meals program. Summer food programs can help to provide your child with healthy meals when school is not in session.

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DURING SUMMER:

Make reading a regular routine:

- Have your child read every day—either independently or with you or another caregiver, such as an older sibling. Also, continue reading aloud to your child, even after they begin reading independently. Reading to your child helps them build listening comprehension skills and can expose your child to new and richer vocabulary.
- Ask your child questions about the plot or storyline of the book they're reading, to summarize what's happened to that point, and to predict what they think will happen next. These steps promote reading comprehension and make the reading experience more meaningful. Prompt your child to tell you if they come across a word or phrase they don't understand.

Turn your child care drop-off and pickup into learning opportunities:

- Play "I Spy" with shapes, numbers, letters, words, and other objects on the drive or walk to your child care provider. Find patterns in the designs of buildings and fences you pass by.
- Talk about your child's favorite part of the book they read the night before. It's just one way to turn everyday activities into fun brain-building exercises.

Stay active and have fun:

- Take advantage of the longer days to play an extra game of tag or to go for a long walk together. Children get less exercise when school is not in session, which may lead to unhealthy weight gain. There are many fun ways to help your child stay physically active all summer long!
- Seek out educational and interactive games and apps. Letting your child have some screen time can be beneficial, but try to balance your child's passive viewing screen time (e.g., watching TV, movies, or online videos) with more interactive games and apps that are fun as well as educational.

Promote math learning:

- Play games together. Board games and card games are fun ways to help children strengthen and retain math skills. Games also help your child develop cooperative play skills and problem-solving skills. Many games are suitable for players of all ages, so you can include the whole family.
- Cook together. Involving your child in meal preparation is a great way to promote math learning as you measure out ingredients, set baking temperatures, and calculate cooking times.



END OF SUMMER:

Throughout the summer, find ways to celebrate your child's successes (e.g., finishing a book, learning to ride a bicycle, or swimming in the deep end of the pool) and share their accomplishments with your child care provider. As a parent or caregiver, you can help make these months a summer to remember and ensure your child will start the new school year ready for success!



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Additional Resource



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Frequently Asked Questions

This FAQ document is designed for summer program providers who serve children from low-income families and may be interested in serving families who use child care subsidies, but who are not overly familiar with CCDF. A basic introduction to the CCDF program follows, as well as links to online sources so summer programs can learn more about their eligibility to serve children whose families use subsidies to pay for their summer child care.

What is CCDF?

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), authorized by the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act, is a federal funding source that provides low- and moderate-income working families with financial assistance to help offset the cost of child care. The program also helps to improve the quality of child care programs and promotes coordination among early childhood development and afterschool programs. CCDF generally serves children from birth through age 12

and helps to support the participation of school-age children (ages 5 through 12¹) in afterschool and summer child care. [State, territory,](#) and [tribal](#) lead agencies administer the program and establish policies governing family and program eligibility, payment rates and practices, quality improvement activities, and consumer education efforts, among other aspects of CCDF administration. CCDF subsidies are typically distributed through vouchers, or certificates, that parents use to pay child care providers.

¹ CCDF also supports children with special needs who are under the age of 18.

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/summer-programs-and-child-care-and-development-fund-ccdfprogramas-de-verano-y-el-fondo-para>



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Resources to Help States and PDG Grantees

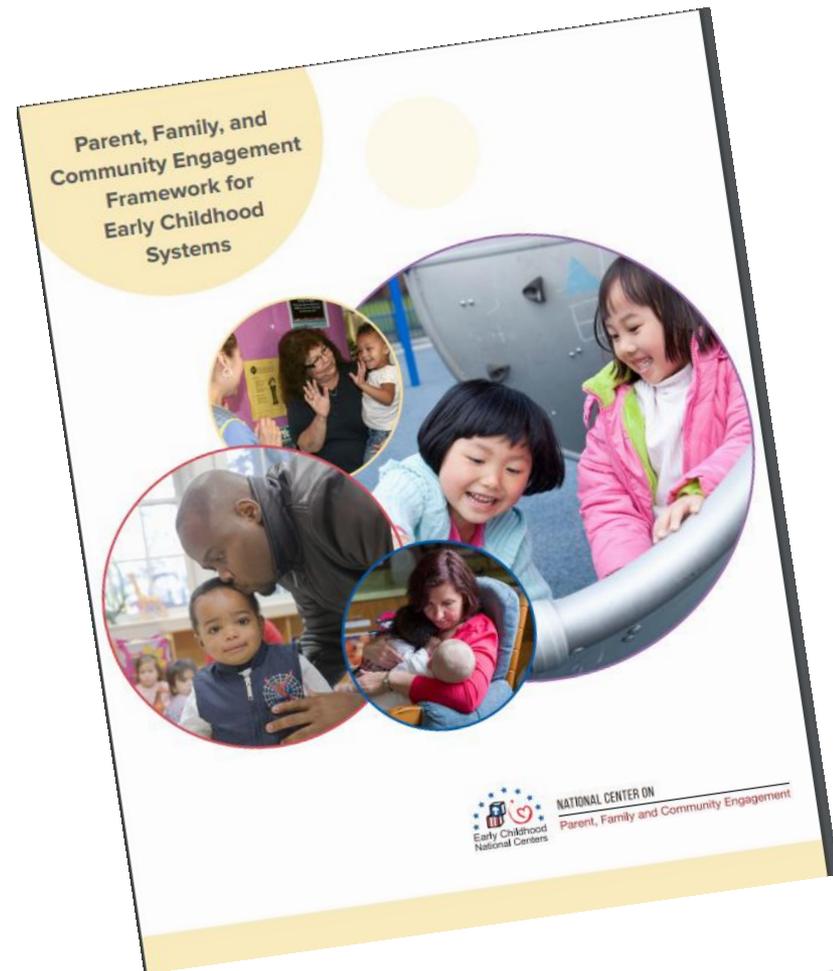
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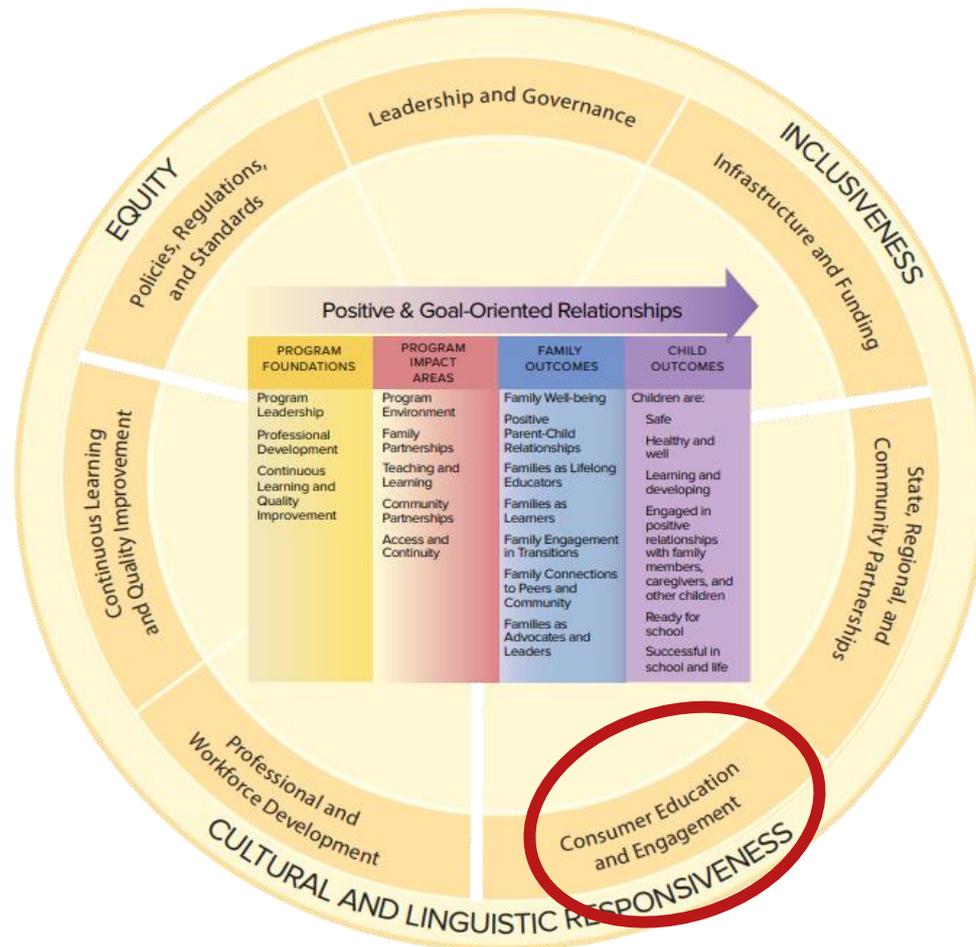


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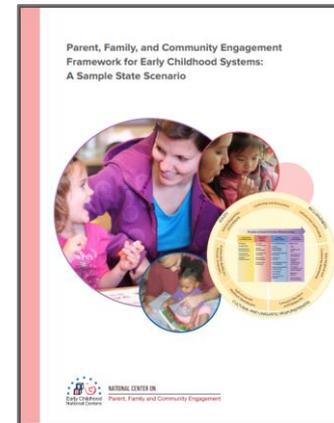
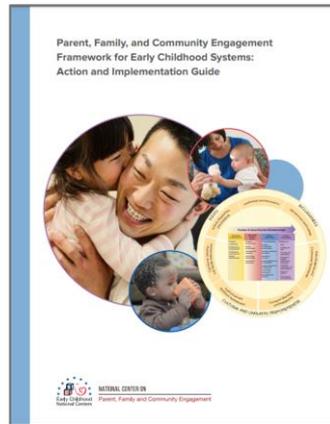
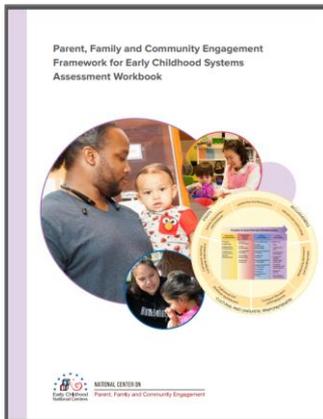
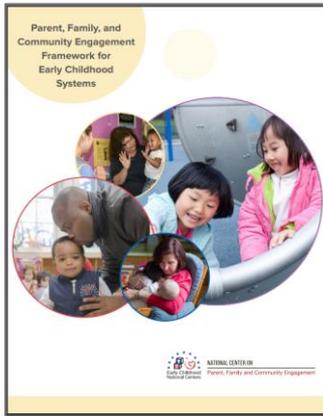
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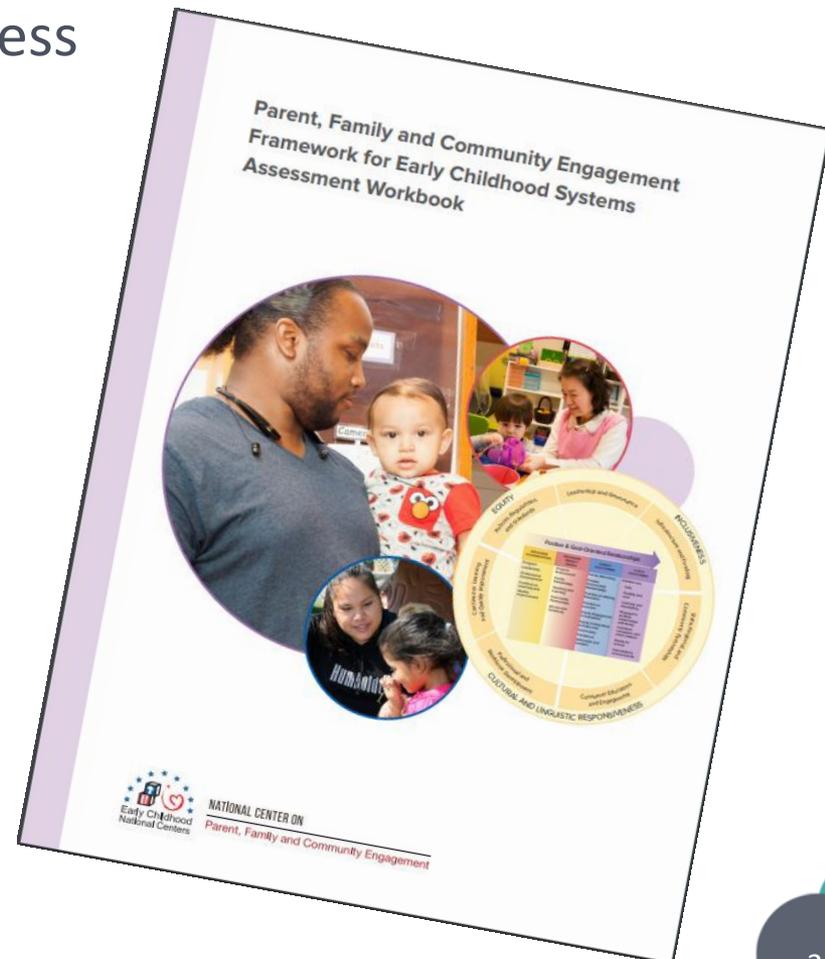


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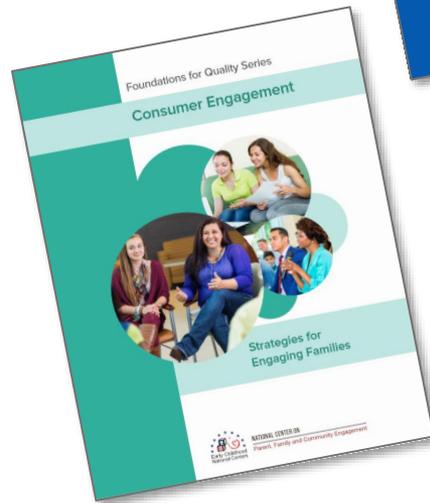
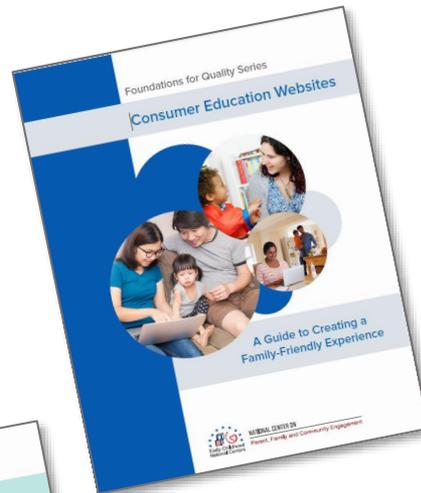
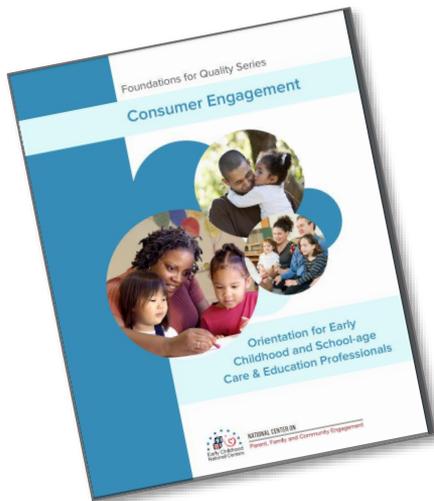


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- Prepare for a planning process
- Assess your current efforts
- Develop an action plan



Foundations for Quality: A Consumer Education and Engagement Series



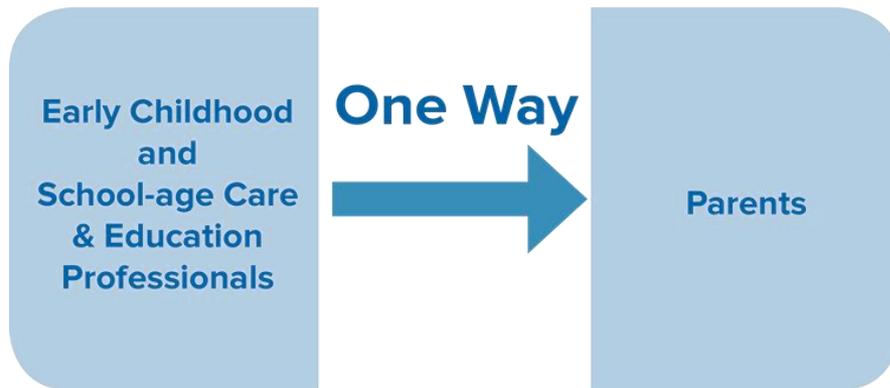
Consumer Engagement: Orientation for Early Childhood and School-age Care & Education Professionals

- Definitions
- Examples
- Graphic illustrations



Consumer Education

one-way sharing of information



Consumer Engagement

two-way sharing of information



Families as:

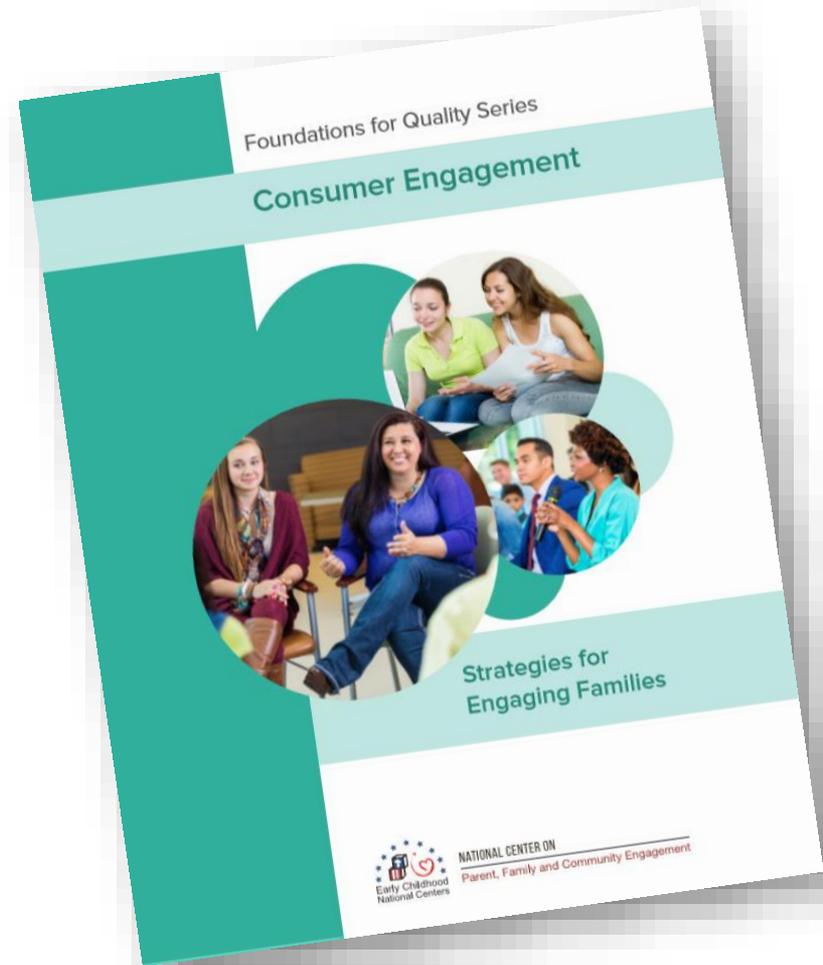
- Decision makers
- Resourceful users
- Trusted peers
- Leaders



Consumer Engagement: Strategies for Engaging Families

Tips for:

- Including families' voices
- Using Strengths-based Attitudes and Relationship-based Practices
- Ensuring cultural and linguistic responsiveness

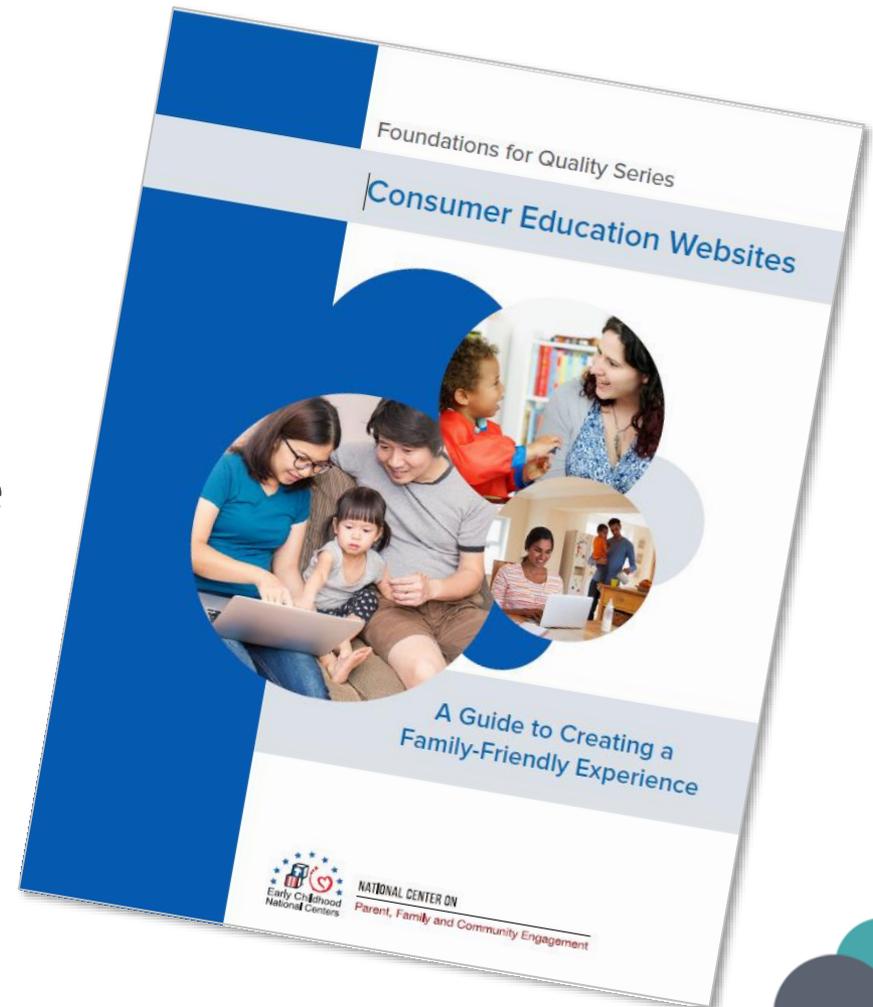


Consumer Education Websites: A Guide to Creating a Family-Friendly Experience

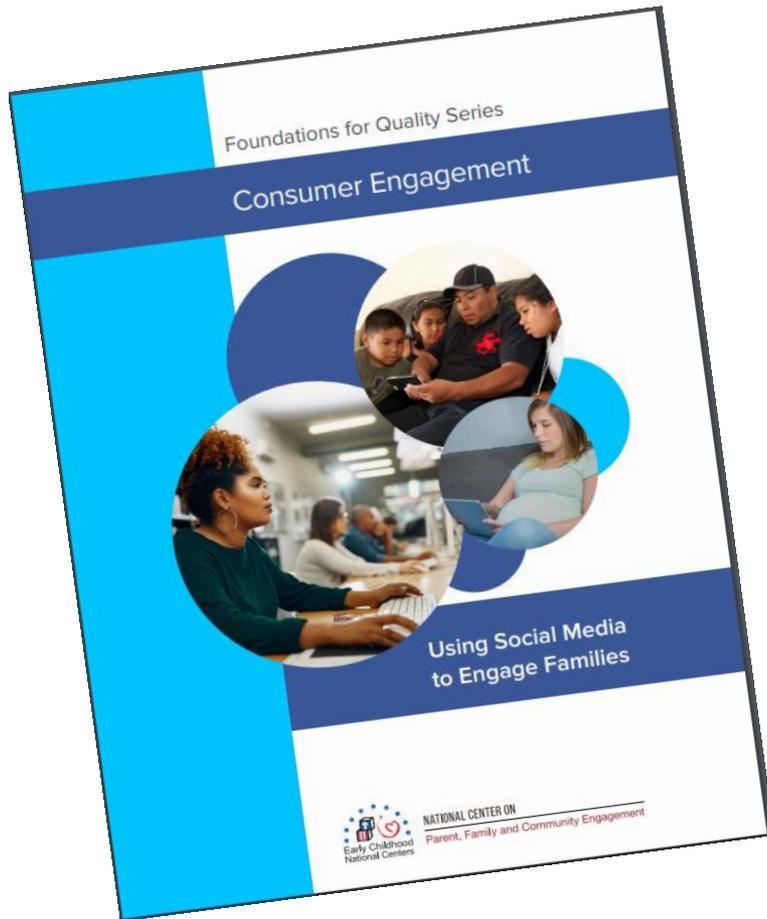
Tips for creating a website that is:

- Easy to understand
- Strengths-based
- Culturally and linguistically responsive
- Easy to use

Includes an assessment tool



Consumer Engagement: Using Social Media to Engage Families



Tips for:

- Matching platforms to your audiences and purposes
- Choosing the best times to post
- Exemplary practices for consumer engagement through social media

Includes an assessment tool

Engaging All Families: Strategies for Outreach Series

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- Strategies for Outreach: Overview
- Strategies for Outreach to Families Experiencing Homelessness
- Strategies for Outreach to Families with Limited English Proficiency
- Strategies for Outreach to Families Living in Remote or Rural Areas



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Consumer Education Resources

- ◆ Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System website:
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/>
- ◆ Consumer Education Resource Page:
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/topics/consumer-education>
- ◆ SCBC consumer education webinar series:
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Poll 2.

How likely are you to use these strategies in your future work with consumer education websites?



“Ask Me Anything” Webinar

June 27, 2019, 2:00–2:30 p.m. (ET)



- ◆ This 30-minute follow-up webinar will answer questions raised today.
- ◆ Send additional questions to CapacityBuildingCenter@icfi.com.
- ◆ Note: Every question may not be answered during the webinar.

Poll 3.

What other webinar topics interest you?



Next Hot Topic Webinar:

Using Data to Inform Your Website

July 11, 2019, 2:00–3:00 p.m. (ET)

- ◆ **Description:** This webinar will explore how to use tools such as Google Analytics to understand how consumers use your website and social media platforms. You will learn how to interpret data and put that information into action to improve the user experience. This session will also explore search engine optimization (SEO) techniques to help your website get recognized when families are searching for consumer education resources.
- ◆ **Intended audiences:** State/Territory Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Administrators and staff, child care resource and referral staff, early childhood and school-age training/technical assistance providers, quality improvement specialists, state/territory marketing and communication staff, and state/territory information technology and website development staff.
- ◆ **Registration link:**
<https://ccssn.adobeconnect.com/usingdata/event/registration.html>

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