



# Teacher's Guide: Infant/Toddler Family Engagement Resources



## What is This?

Engaging with families to promote social-emotional learning has lasting positive outcomes for children. The following resources are created to increase family engagement in children's social-emotional learning outside the classroom. Families are children's best and most impactful teachers and have much to share with the teaching team!

Each resource will...

- Help you share with families what you do to build relationships with the children in your classroom,
- Prompt families to reflect on their social-emotional learning practices and try new practices at home, and
- Give you opportunities to engage in conversations with families about how they can promote the social-emotional learning of their children.

### How Do I Use This?

- 1. Familiarize yourself with each resource.
- 2. Share the resource with families through any means of communication you are using (e.g., daily note or newsletter).
- 3. Families can use the resource to learn what is happening in the classroom, reflect, and try new social-emotional practices at home.
- 4. Check in with families about the topic in the resource.
- 5. Use your conversations with families to make adjustments to your teaching based on families' cultural practices and priorities.



### **Resources by Topics**

Below are the four different topics of *Family Engagement Resources*. Click one of the topics to check out the resource. Each resource comes with a *Teacher's Guide, Family Handout*, and *Family Engagement Activity*.





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- More strategies for communicating with families can be found on the Communicating with Families: Helpful Suggestions fact sheet.
- Check out resources for facilitating infant and toddler parenting groups in The Pyramid Model Consortium PIWI Training Modules.



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