

Unit 2 Importance of Parent Involvement in an Early Child Care Center

Content Area: **21st Century Life & Careers**
Course(s):
Time Period: **Generic Time Period**
Length: **26 weeks**
Status: **Published**

Unit Introduction

After studying this unit students will be able to list objectives for parent involvement, advantages and disadvantages of various methods for involving parents in a preschool program, design a Little Vikings newsletter, plan and conduct a parent-teacher conference, plan and prepare a Mother's Day Tea and complete a pre and post assessment on a child that will be shared with their parents.

Standards

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| VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.15 | Use correct grammar, punctuation, and terminology to write and edit documents. |
| VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.18 | Apply active listening skills to obtain and clarify information. |
| VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.53 | Employ organizational skills to foster positive working relationships and accomplish organizational goals. |
| VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.54 | Employ teamwork skills to achieve collective goals and use team members' talents effectively. |
| VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.55 | Establish and maintain effective relationships in order to accomplish objectives and tasks. |
| VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.56 | Conduct and participate in meetings to accomplish tasks. |
| VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.64 | Demonstrate knowledge of ethical and legal behavior to enhance professionalism in education and training. |
| VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.65 | Identify and demonstrate positive work behaviors and personal qualities needed to succeed. |
| VEDC.9-12.9.4.12.E.68 | Maintain a career portfolio to document knowledge, skills, and experience in a career field. |

Essential Questions

1. How do teachers build positive relationships with parents?
2. How does effective communication create a positive relationship with a student's parents?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of various methods for involving parents in the center?

4. How do teachers plan, conduct, and follow-up on a parent teacher conference?
5. What is the purpose of a Learning center newsletter and what should be included?
6. Why do teachers conduct and share with parents pre and post assessments of young children?

Content / Skills

Content

1. Written communication
2. Pictures/Videos
3. Parent teacher conferences
4. Other methods of parent involvement such as newsletters, daily news flash, and letters.
5. The benefits of classroom activities that include parents.

Skills

1. Students will design and create an informative newsletter for the parents of the preschoolers.
2. Students will take pictures of special events and create a slideshow for graduation.
3. Students will plan, conduct and follow-up on a parent-teacher conference with the child that they observed throughout the year.
4. Students will be able to list several accomplishments that could be shared with a preschool child's family.

5. Students will be able to cite the advantages and disadvantages of various methods for involving parents.
6. Students will plan, prepare and manage the Little Vikings Mother's Day Tea.