



Family Partnership Center

Parenting Educators Professional Framework: *Critical Skills and Practices of Parenting Educators*

1. Personal Skills and Qualities

- Ability to apply and critically examine ethical questions & issues, principals in all aspects of professional life
- Awareness of personal biases/attitudes and ability to check personal assumptions
- Intellectual skills- ability to gather, read and process information and apply it to a topic and to group needs, and to articulate concepts and ideas
- Emotional stability, effective social skills, flexibility, appreciation of diversity & empathy
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

2. Professional Skills

- Demonstrate effective teaching and family support strategies.
- Understand group process and the role and responsibilities of facilitators/educators
- Ability to assess and evaluate parent strengths/weaknesses and make appropriate referrals
- Ability to adapt programs for diverse settings to include; groups and home visiting
- An understanding of the general philosophy and broad principles of parenting education in conjunction with the ability to plan, implement, teach and evaluate such programs
- Knowledge of content area
 - Parent development
 - Parent-child relationships
 - Early childhood development
 - Family development
 - Culture and community

3. Professional & Educational Requirements

- Minimum of Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience in related field.
- Participation in ongoing professional development through: workshops, seminars or conferences, review of current research, networking and/or membership in professional organizations.

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