



Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS): Family Engagement Features Report

Utah: Care About Childcare

Feature Category	Child Care Centers	Family Child Care
Communication <i>e.g., Bulletin board, parent handbook, written communication, initial intake or orientation meeting</i>	✓	✓
Family Needs & Feedback Inform Program <i>e.g., Strengthening Families checklist, parent advisory board, parent survey, child assessment results are shared with families</i>	⊘	⊘
Collaborative Activities with Families <i>e.g., Parent teacher conferences, activities with families, parent education</i>	✓	✓
Community Resources & Family Support <i>e.g., community resource list</i>	⊘	✓
Comments	<p>Family Involvement Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families are invited to spend time with their child at the program prior to enrollment. Written monthly calendar of events is posted and/or given to every family. Program conducts an enrollment orientation meeting for new families. Family conferences are held at least twice a year. Program provides opportunities for families to share knowledge about their children. Families are given written information about their child. Program has a written plan that describes how children are supported as they transition into kindergarten. Program provides opportunities for families to share their family culture/traditions. Photographs of the children together with their families are available for children to see. Families have the opportunity to assist in the 	

program.

- Program schedules family social activities on different days of the week and/or different times of the day to accommodate varying family needs.
- Families receive monthly information from and about the program through written newsletters or social media
- Program has a family bulletin board used for sharing information.
- Families are involved in the planning of activities and/or menu options.
- Families are provided with information on community-based trainings and offered resources about children, parenting or other family issues.

CC Only:

- Program has a plan to support English language learners to share their home language with the child care program.

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