Region 8
MiFamily
Engagement Centers

Everyday Actions

to Promote Protective Factors for Families

Parental Resilience:

- Demonstrate in multiple ways that families are valued.
- Help parents connect with professional support if needed.
- Support parents as decision makers and help build decision making and leadership skills.
- Recognize stress in parents and give grace.
- Honor each family's race, language, culture, history and approach to parenting.

Positive Social Connections:

- Provide opportunities for parents to connect with each other.
- Provide opportunities for parents to self-organize around an activity or event.
- Help parents create trees of support for things like emergencies or transportation.
- Create an inclusive environment.

Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development:

- Model developmentally appropriate interactions with children.
- Set developmentally appropriate expectations for the classroom.
- Provide information and resources on parenting and child development.
- Provide concrete tips for how parents can change simple at-home behavior and the role it can play in helping their child learn.
- Address classroom issues from a strength-based perspective.

Concrete Supports:

- Have information about resource networks readily available for families.
- Collaborate with school social workers, counselors and community organizations to hold resource fairs for families to connect with supports.
- Communicate information through multiple channels to share immediate opportunities like free community events or emergency assistance programs.

Social and Emotional Competence of Children:

- Model nurturing care to children.
- Respond proactively when social or emotional development needs support.
- Help children develop a positive cultural identity and interact in a diverse society.
- Include children's social and emotional development activities in programming.