Minneapolis ECFE Home Visiting

The mission of Minneapolis ECFE home visiting is to serve families with children birth-3rd grade in the Minneapolis school district, who may not be able to attend ECFE classes or who would like more information about ECFE and/or specific parenting issues.

Home Visiting Info

- Minneapolis ECFE home visit program is formatted around information from the Parents as Teachers curriculum and the MN Parent Education Core Curriculum Framework.
- Parents are offered a series of 6-8 visits, or a phone consultation if they prefer. Visits may take place in the family’s home or at a location in the community (library, ECFE classroom, etc.).
- There is no cost to families for home visits or phone consultations.
- Home visits include:
  - Parent/child activity
  - Story time
  - Parent topic (from our created list of topic options)

Our Referral Sources Include

- Minneapolis Early Childhood Screening
- Minneapolis Early Childhood Special Education
- Local hospitals and clinics
- Hennepin County Programs
- Outreach

Home Visiting Tips

- Attempt contact with referral families multiple times and multiple ways.
- Always confirm home visits, families may cancel at the last minute.
- Be flexible, families may have a different agenda in mind than what you have prepared.
- Be respectful of culture’s and the family’s home (ex. ask about taking off your shoes, etc.).

Home Visit Programming Suggestions

- Make sure to establish safety protocols.
- Think of ways to ensure your home visit program is inclusive of all families (languages, income levels, transportation, housing situations, etc.).
- Develop a data tracking system.