

ECFE MISSION:

The mission of ECFE is to strengthen families through the education and support of all parents* to provide the best possible environment for the healthy growth and development of their children.

(The word “parents” includes all individuals who function in a parenting role – mothers, fathers, partners, grandparents and other relatives, foster parents, etc.)

ECFE GOALS:

1. Parents understand the importance of their role and how it changes over time.
2. Parents have the knowledge and realistic expectations to anticipate and meet the developmental needs of their children.
3. Parents demonstrate sensitive and responsive care and interaction with their children.
4. Parent-child relationships support the child’s development in:
 - Physical well-being and motor development,
 - Social and emotional development,
 - Approaches to learning (e.g., curiosity, persistence, attentiveness, reflection, interpretation, imagination, invention),
 - Language development and communication skills, and cognition and general knowledge.
5. Families participate in formal and informal social networks in their communities that support effective parenting.
6. Families are knowledgeable about and use community resources.
7. Parents and children experience a smooth transition from early childhood programs and services into kindergarten and the K-12 school system, setting the stage for school and life success.
8. Parents are engaged in their children’s learning and education in the school-age years.