

Your CFCE Strengthens the Community by Strengthening Families.

Communities can play an important role in helping families to support their children's growth and learning.

Your CFCE helps strengthen your community by providing:

- Strength-based family education.
- Networking and leadership opportunities.
- Information about local education resources including public schools.
- Information about resources such as your local child care resource and referral agency or Mass 211.
- Information to help you manage your family finances.
- Information about resources such as WIC, housing, food pantries, local early education and care options.



Look to your local CFCE for:

- Opportunities to connect with other families from your community.
- Access to training on topics such as:
 - Child growth and development.
 - Managing challenging behavior.
- Information about and referrals to local services such as early intervention and early childhood special education services when needed.
- Connections to learning opportunities that help your child build understanding through experience.
- Participation in completing the Ages and Stages Questionnaire to help you better support your child's educational development.



Your CFCE Promotes Lifelong Learning.

Your child begins learning as soon as he or she is born through the experiences he or she has every day.



Your CFCE helps you build on these experiences by offering:

- Literacy focused opportunities for you and your child.
- Activities such as story times.
- Opportunities to participate in programs such as *Raising a Reader*® and/or *Story Walks*®.
- Access to information to support your child's healthy development.
- The opportunity to participate in a play group with other families.
- Information about how to make the most of every day experiences to promote your child's learning.
- Information about local family and community events.

You Have the Greatest Impact on Your Child's Life.

The connection between you and your child becomes critically important as your child develops foundations for learning. Your Local CFCE is available to provide support during this most crucial time.

Your CFCE provides support for families and children from before birth through school age. They provide access to comprehensive services, child development information, and educational opportunities to support you in your role as your child's first teacher.



"Healthy development depends on the quality and reliability of a young child's relationship with the important people in his or her life, both within and outside the family. Even the development of a child's brain architecture depends on the establishment of these relationships."

*National Scientific Council
on the Developing Child*

Your local CFCE Program:

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Massachusetts Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE)

Local Family-Focused Programming and Services to Support You as Your Child's First Teacher



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