



**EARLY CHILDHOOD
COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE**

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SECC Early Childhood Community of Practice E-Newsletter

Greetings! Our [Community of Practice \(CoP\)](#) website has a new look! Please click the CoP link to access the redesigned site, which features resources, articles, upcoming events, and more.

Forgotten your password for the CoP site? Please email [Kathleen Theodore](#) to request that it be resent to you.

Professional Development

Visit the Early Childhood Technical Assistance (ECTA) Center's web page to learn about the [Family Capacity-Building Online Module](#). This four-lesson, interactive, professional development module supports early childhood professionals and service providers in engaging families to understand and use everyday activities to strengthen early learning. The lessons are focused on family capacity-building for introducing and illustrating early learning best practices to parents, engaging parents in using those practices while providing supportive feedback, self-assessing and reviewing parents' use and understanding of practices, and helping parents identify next steps for incorporating the practices into various contexts and situations.

Resource Spotlight

The [2019 Prevention Resource Guide](#) is now available. This annual publication is prepared by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Children's Bureau, the Child Welfare Information Gateway, and the FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention. It is designed to help communities, organizations, and individuals prevent child abuse and neglect, promote the emotional and social development of children and youth, and strengthen and support families. The guide contains information about the protective factors that promote well-being and how to use them as a framework for keeping children safe and families strong. It also includes an extensive compilation of tools, strategies, and resources for early identification and prevention of child abuse.

Research Spotlight

[Leading by Exemplar: Case Studies of Head Start Programs](#), a recent publication from Bellwether Education Partners, examines five high-performing Head Start programs from around the country and describes the components that make them exemplars of successful early learning environments for young children. The case studies provide detailed information about each program's design, implementation, and practices as they relate to general educational components such as curriculum, assessment, family engagement, and data use to inform instruction and decision-making in early childhood settings.

For more early childhood news and information, please visit the [CoP website](#). We appreciate your continued collaboration.

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