



5 Ways Working With a Whole Family Can Help Your Practice

Many early interventionists find themselves working more with one parent during home visits. In honor of Father's Day, we offer 5 reasons that expanding your services to include all of a child's caregivers can help families build increased confidence and competence.

CHILD INTERESTS

While you may feel like you know everything a child likes to do, sometimes parents have different routines with their children. By incorporating a new caregiver in your visits, you may find new ways to engage a child in daily routines.



ACTIVITY SETTINGS

Similar to interests, different caregivers do different things with their children. Sometimes a change of scenery or activity can be just what a child needs to reach a goal.



GETTING ON THE SAME PAGE

Sometimes parents are working on the same routine in very different ways. If parents are using conflicting strategies for child learning, children end up confused and frustrated. Involving the whole family in home visits can ensure that the child has consistent chances to grow and learn.



GENERALIZE LEARNING

Children learn best when they have the chance to try their learning in a variety of contexts. Using a new ability with a different caregiver can help a child become more confident in his/her learning and helps increase independence.



RICHER RELATIONSHIPS

Caregivers with busier work schedules may feel like they do not have enough quality time with their children. Involving all of a child's caregivers in home visits can help the family see ways to make sure that a child is bonding and learning from all of their caregivers and can build the confidence of the whole family.

