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Parent Child Interaction Strategy Assessment Tool: Strengthening Positive Parent-Child Interaction by Increasing Sensitivity to Child Behavior

As part of our Child Well Being Assessment and Planning we are developing an asset assessment of programs and practices within (community) which help to promote and increase positive parent child interaction. This asset assessment will be used to identify the opportunities and gaps in Positive Parent Child Interaction programs and practices in our community. We will then develop a plan for enhancing and building upon the attributes of our local programs and practices to fill these gaps. The information that we gather as a community and our plan will also be used to continue to inform practice at the state and federal levels.

Positive Parent-Child Interaction occurs when a parent is attentive to and understanding of their child's communication cues and behavior and then chooses to respond to them appropriately. Parent-child interactions occur in the context of daily caring for the child, in promoting learning, in setting limits, and in reciprocal play. Parent Child Interaction occurs across the age span of a child. The content and delivery section of this assessment supports the existing science recommendations of focusing on the early years (0-8). However, we want to understand the parent child Interaction strategies that exist across the continuum of a child's life.

Keys to Positive Parent Child Interaction include observation skills, child and youth development understanding, a repertoire of responses, and a commitment to the child or youth. Important supports which enhance Positive Parent Child Interaction are adequate resources, physical and emotional health, a supportive social system and a safe and welcoming community.

We apologize for the quick turnaround request of April 29 and thank you in advance for completing the survey. The next Child Well Being regional meeting will be May 4, 9:30 to 2:30 at the Prairie Winds Community Center in Bridgeport. Please RSVP to kengel@pphd.org if you are able to attend.

Sincerely,

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