



Training Instructions
**ET 4: CONNECT: Communication for Collaboration and Family-
Professional Partnerships**
4 Training Hours

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe effective practices for developing trusting family-professional partnerships in early care and education programs
- Use a decision-making process to select partnership-oriented practices linked to developing an initial friendly relationship, making shared decisions, and developing a trusting partnership with families to address challenging issues.
- Describe effective practices for communicating with professionals and families in the context of early education and intervention
- Use a decision-making process to select communication practices linked to specific purposes including attending and active listening, seeking and verifying, and supporting and joining

MATERIALS

Training hours will post to your Training Log after completing all steps (1 through 7) for this training. The completion date reflected on your Training Log will be the date the Training Office received your Training Quiz.

1. Training modules:
 - a. Communication for Collaboration
 - b. Family-Professional Partnerships
2. Handouts:
 - a. Training Quiz
 - b. What You Will Learn
 - c. Checklist of Practice
 - d. IdahoSTARS Training Office Cover Sheet

INSTRUCTIONS

- You must have reliable internet access to complete this training.

Step 1: Review Training Instructions

Step 2: Review What You Will Learn training handout

Step 3: Begin the [Communication for Collaboration](#) module

Move through each step of the module to complete the CONNECT 5-Step Learning Cycle. Complete all “Core Activities” and review all handouts provided in the Communication for Collaboration module.

- Introduction
- Step 1: Dilemma
- Step 2: Question
- Step 3: Evidence
- Step 4: Decision
- Step 5: Evaluate

Step 4: Begin the [Family-Professional Partnerships](#) module

Move through each step of the module to complete the CONNECT 5-Step Learning Cycle. Complete all “Core Activities” and review all handouts provided in the Family- Professional Partnerships module.

- Introduction
- Step 1: Dilemma
- Step 2: Question
- Step 3: Evidence
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Step 5: Complete Training Quiz

Submit Training Quiz and Cover Sheet to the IdahoSTARS Training Office for review

Mail to: IdahoSTARS Training Office

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Step 6: Complete Checklist of Practice

Step 7: Complete the Evaluation through your [provider account](#)

Additional Training Information

IDAHO EARLY LEARNING EGUIDELINES

The importance of collaboration and partnering with families to support children’s growth and learning is highlighted in the [Guiding Principles](#) and Essential Practices of the [Idaho Early Learning eGuidelines](#).

ESSENTIAL TRAININGS

This training is one of the Essential Trainings developed or identified by IdahoSTARS to meet our goal of improving child care through professional development. The Essential Trainings are embedded in Steps to Quality (Idaho’s Quality Rating and Improvement System), and introduce the basics of child development, health & safety, relationships with families & communities, and supporting children with diverse abilities. Think of this training and all Essential Trainings as introductions to a broad subject. You can explore other IdahoSTARS trainings to deepen your knowledge.