Family Orientation

The Family Orientation experience is an opportunity for FACE staff and FACE families to come together. The purpose of the event is to share the expectations, goals, and outcomes of FACE with participating families. Parents should leave feeling very positive about their participation in the program. It is also an opportunity for FACE families to meet each other and identify their collective goals. Your role is to facilitate this event based on input from families and the outcomes intended to be reached during the program year.

As a result of the Family Orientation experience, families will

- understand the goals of FACE;
- understand the 4 components of FACE (Adult Education, Child Education, PACT Time®, and Parent Time);
- understand the requirements for full-time, part-time, and flex-time;
- build relationships with each other and share what they learn with others; and
- build relationships with FACE staff.

As a result of the Family Orientation experience, program staff will

- build relationships with families,
- communicate program expectations, and
- provide additional resources to participating families as appropriate.

Potential agenda items for a Family Orientation could include

- introductions,
- a warm-up/icebreaker activity,
- program requirements,
- an overview of the 4 components,
- a short PACT Time activity,
- intended outcomes for families,
- overview of program schedule,
- discuss next steps, and
- a closing activity.
# Sample Family Orientation Agenda

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<th>Agenda Item</th>
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<td><strong>Introductions</strong></td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Do a warm up activity to help everyone feel comfortable, lighten the mood, and get to know one another a little better.</td>
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<td><strong>Overview of FACE Requirements and Expectations</strong></td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Give a brief overview of each of the 4 components (Adult Education, Child Education, PACT Time, and Parent Time) and the expectations for full-time, part-time, and flex-time families.</td>
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<td><strong>PACT Time Activity</strong></td>
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<td>Get parents excited about doing Parent and Child together (PACT) Time® in the classroom, at home, and in the community. Include • goals of PACT Time, • PACT Time sequence, • child-directed activities, • parent and child interaction and talk, • letting children do the work, • how to review play time with their children, and how to use your parent engagement log.</td>
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<td><strong>Meal</strong></td>
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<td>Serve a meal to families. Use this time to answer questions from parents and to build relationships among parents and staff.</td>
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<td><strong>Closing</strong></td>
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<td>Close the orientation with a debriefing. • What is something you learned? • What is an intention you have for parent engagement (PACT Time and Parent Time)? • Is there a closing comment you want to make?</td>
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