Guided by cultural beliefs and principles, families select experiences, convey attitudes, and impart knowledge to their children to prepare them for adulthood. Accordingly, it is important for program staff to learn to collaborate effectively with families. To develop a partnership and to tap into the family as a primary resource, early childhood educators must reach out to, learn about, and develop strong partnerships with families. This process requires openness to learning and an effort to understand the individuality of each family and the diversity of the families from which the children come.
1: Looking at Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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3: The Development of Identity in Children

4: Teachers’ Professional Identity and Becoming Equity Minded

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• 7: Effectively Negotiating and Resolving Conflict Related to Issues of Diversity

• 8: Race, Ethnicity, and Language

• 9: Diverse Family Structures
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