9.2: Summary

Educators need to be prepared to serve the diverse array of families they will encounter across their careers. Many types of family structures have been introduced in this chapter. Programs should implement policies that acknowledge and respect different structures of families. And teachers can get to know families and ensure that all children’s families are recognized and authentically included in the classroom.

Think About It…

What experiences do you have with diverse family structures? Do you have a reaction to any of these definitions? How might your experiences and feelings about diverse family structures affect how you care for children and interact with their families?