

**COMMANDER FLEET ACTIVITIES CHINHAE
CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS (CYP)
PARENT PARTICIPATION PLAN**



Policy Statement:

The Parent Participation Plan for Child & Youth Programs creates opportunities for families to spend time and become actively involved in their child's social and academic development. Parents are welcome at our CYP facilities at any time during hours of operation and during special events. Parent and family participation is highly encouraged, but not a condition of enrollment.

Goals & Objectives of the Parent Participation Plan:

- To engage families in building partnerships and positive relationships with CYP professionals and administration
- To promote education and training workshops for families, including stages of development, parenting skills, and child abuse awareness
- To provide assistance in the areas of fundraising projects, special events, onsite field trip experiences, and community involvement
- To inform families about the Navy-adopted curriculum programs and how they assist in their child's learning
- To provide families the opportunity to observe children, youth, and teens and participate in activities in the program
- To engage families in the future preparation for accreditation

Family Communication:

Communication between the CYP and families is paramount to building and sustaining positive, healthy relationships. The CYP strives to provide frequent opportunities for ongoing communication with families utilizing multiple mechanisms, including the following:

- Parent Handbooks
- Informational fliers
- Email blasts
- Social media
- Informal daily interactions
- Quarterly family conferences for full-time and part-time CDC children

Parent Involvement Board:

The Parent Involvement Board (PIB) offers families an opportunity to participate on the advisory board created to facilitate ongoing family engagement by strengthening and supporting program activities and ensuring families' needs are being met by the CYP. Members are elected and are a resource to CYP staff and other families. The board meets quarterly with CYP management and the responsible commander's representative for the purpose of discussing problems and concerns and ensuring frequent communication. All PIB meetings are open events, and all CYP families are encouraged to attend.

Family Engagement:

The Family Engagement Program provides ongoing opportunities for family members to be active participants in the CYP. This is a Navy-wide program that acknowledges and accommodates differences in skills, interests, and time families are able to commit. The family engagement program offers a variety of opportunities for families to participate in the CYP, including the following:

- Opportunities to engage families across the CYP. Events are scheduled to encourage and facilitate family involvement across all CYPs. Families have the opportunity to discover the services available to them and to meet and interact with their peers. The CYP may host a variety of events such as family appreciation spaghetti dinner for all families, a family cooking class, or a talent show put on by the children, youth, and teens.
- Opportunities for family education on issues pertinent to their lives with young children, youth, and teens. These events provide information families may find helpful in their day-to-day lives. Topics may include childhood obesity, stages of development, and sibling rivalry, for instance
- Opportunities for families to participate in the daily activities of their child's program. CYP Professionals will work with families to identify their interest and availability. Participation may include facilitating special projects or chaperoning field trips.
- Opportunities for families to assist in creating a welcoming environment. Some family members may not feel comfortable or have availability to participate in scheduled program activities but still have a desire to participate. There are a variety of ways these family members can assist, including creating bulletin boards, sewing curtains for the program, or making cushions for seating.
- Opportunities for families to share their culture. Children should authentically experience a variety of cultures. Families are encouraged to share their experiences as the "expert" with children, youth, and teens, including CDs of favorite music, and collections or artifacts important to family or community.

Calendar of Events:

January

Parent Education: Developmental stages – birth to five

Lunar New Year Cultural Event

February

Parent Education: Positive discipline

Family Sweet Treat Social

March

Read Across America Celebration

Parent Involvement Board Meeting

April

Parent Education: Child abuse reporting and prevention

Month of the Military Child Celebration

Pinwheels for Prevention

Eggstravaganza

May

Parent Education: Advantages of healthy active lifestyles

Muffins with Mom

Armed Forces Kids Run

June

CYP Water Play Party

Donuts with Dad

Parent Involvement Board Meeting

July

Parent Education: Transitioning your children back to school

Missoula Children's Theater

August

Parent Education: Supporting your child through deployment

Aloha Summer Luau

September

BGCA Day for Kids

Parent Involvement Board Meeting

October

Parent Education: Understanding the Creative Curriculum

CYP Fall Festival & Costume Parade

November

Parent Education: Literacy for children

Family Holiday Luncheon

December

Children's Holiday Party

Parent Involvement Board Meeting

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