

Linn Benton Lincoln Early Learning Hub
Parent/caregiver Discussion Questions

Introduction:

As parents, we have hopes and dreams for our children from the moment we learn they are about to enter our world. We continuously hope and wish the best for them; and that they are able to lead successful, happy lives. But just how and where do we begin to ensure we are setting our children off on the right foot? The Linn Benton Lincoln Early Learning Hub wants to learn from parents how to best meet the needs of families with young children. The LBL Early Learning Hub is a coordinating agency made-up of many interested persons such as preschools, Head Start, Healthcare, K-12 schools, health departments, Relief Nurseries, WIC, Home visiting, Early Intervention, etc) Part of what is so exciting about Early Learning Hubs is that they want to hear from families about how they feel about raising their children. What are their hopes and dreams and how can the community support them to be successful?

The purpose of the discussion groups: To learn from parents of young children about what they need to achieve success for their children.

Demographic survey:

Where do you live?

Relationships to preschool age children? Mother, Father, Step-mother, Step-father, Grandmother, Grandfather, Aunt, Uncle, Guardian, Other

Number and Age of your children?

Your gender: Male/female

Your Race/ethnicity?

Discussion questions:

1. Do you think your community is a good place to live? What about the community do you value the most for your family?
2. What dreams do you have for your child(ren)? As a parent, what are you most proud of?
3. As a parent of young children, what resources in the community are **important to you and your family**? (child care, preschool, recreation, parenting education, job training, transportation, affordable housing, health etc) Have you used any of those resources? What prevents you or your friends from accessing those resources?
4. You want to ensure **your child is ready for kindergarten/school**. Do you know what the schools expect your child to know for kindergarten? What resources are available in your area to help you prepare your child for kindergarten? Have you been able to connect with them? If not, what has prevented you from connecting?

5. When you have been involved helping other families or helping in the community/schools, what led you to become involved? Can you describe your experience? What made it possible for you to be supportive?
6. What are some of the challenges you face raising your children? What causes you the most stress or anxiety? What would be the most help to you?
7. Are there any other things not discussed today, that you would like the Linn Benton Lincoln Early Learning Hub to know?