

Sturgeon Education Consulting

Training Descriptions

Navigating the Path to Successful Home Visits (5.5 hours)

This full day session offers strategies that can be used by home visitors employed by Early Head Start, Early Intervention (Part C), Parents as Teachers, and other early childhood home visiting programs. This training can provide an introduction for new home visitors or serve as a refresher course for experienced home visitors. Throughout the day we will discuss topics such as: planning for home visits; including families in creating goals; coaching families and caregivers on best practices that support the child's development; incorporating literacy and math into home visits; developmental screening and authentic assessment; assisting families with challenging behaviors; safety in home visiting; and self-care.

Navigating the Path to Successful Home Visits (2.5 to 3 hours)

This session is the condensed version of the full day training listed above. Together we will narrow down the topics that will be most relevant to your organization. This condensed training is also an excellent option for programs that are center-based but require home visiting occasionally.

Coaching Families to Address Challenging Behaviors (3 hours)

Home visitors are asked frequently by families and community-based providers for strategies to assist with challenging behaviors in young children. In this half-day training session, we will focus on sharing the importance of social-emotional learning and positive guidance with families and other caregivers. Strategies will be shared to increase parents and caregivers' confidence in meeting their child's individual behavioral needs.

Supervising Home Visitors (3 hours)

Positive and supportive leadership in early childhood not only increases retention among staff but plays a role in improving child and family outcomes. This half-day session is designed for leaders who supervise professionals working in home visiting programs. Early childhood home visitors thrive when they feel valued and supported in their work, and program supervisors or coaches can have a powerful impact on the staff. Leadership strategies shared in this session focus on establishing goals together, giving meaningful strengths-based feedback, and empowering home visitors to thrive in their work.

Administering the ASQ® and ASQ-SE on Home Visits (1.5 hours)

It is recommended that home visiting programs use a reliable tool like the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ®) and Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: Social-Emotional (ASQ®:SE) to gather information about the young children on their caseloads. In this mini-session, we will review the benefits of using the ASQ® and ASQ®-SE, how we can effectively partner with families during the screening process, using the ASQ® and ASQ®-SE to educate families about child development, and strategies for sharing screening results.

Home Visits with Medically Fragile Infants and Young Children (1.5 hours)

Home visits may look different for families of medically fragile infants and young children. In these special cases, we must be aware of not only the child's medical needs, but the unique social-emotional needs of the child and their family. The goals for this mini-session focus on planning for and structuring home visits with families of medically fragile infants, as well as reflecting on methods to track progress while focusing on strengths. Another component of this training focuses on assisting families with the child's transition to a school setting.

Coaching Caregivers in Community-Based Organizations (1.5 hours)

This mini-session was designed for early interventionists who provide services to infants and toddlers under Part C of IDEA. This session focuses the importance of coaching and modeling in community-based settings; effective communication and teamwork with childcare providers; implementing strategies that meet IFSP outcomes; sharing methods for childcare providers to track child progress, and the early interventionist's role in promoting inclusion in the classroom. In addition, we will share ideas for tackling some common challenges that may arise with this partnership.

*All sessions can be presented on-site or via Zoom
Custom sessions are available.*

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