

# The Family Partnership Agreement: An Expectation for Success

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Welcome to Bright Horizons Family Solutions! At Bright Horizons, we pledge to provide your child with a quality educational and care experience. We also recognize that you, as a parent, are your child's first and most important teacher, and your home is the first and most significant learning environment where a lifelong journey to success at school and life begins. To give your child a great start in learning, we invite you to join your child's teachers in a partnership that will support your child's development everyday — at home and at the center.

## Parent's Commitment

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**As my child's lifelong teacher, I play an active role in helping my child become a successful learner. To ensure my child's success, I will:**



- Be an advocate for my child
- Realize that I am the most important influence in my child's life and that I am his or her lifelong teacher
- Educate myself about what constitutes good quality care and education and monitor my child's experience
- Have high expectations for the care, education, and service that my family receives
- Work with staff to set educational and care goals for my child
- Encourage my child's development and learning and celebrate his or her best efforts and successes
- Share relevant information about my child and our family with appropriate staff, as I deem necessary
- Be the best parent I can be, balancing the many demands on our family's life

## Center's Commitment

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**As your partner, we will work with you and your child to help your child become an independent, capable, lifelong learner. To ensure your child's success, we will:**



- Create a respectful, accepting environment where you and your family feel welcomed and valued
- Work with you to recognize and understand your child's unique strengths and needs
- Understand and respect your time limitations and priorities
- Develop diverse opportunities for your involvement and influence on the program
- Involve you in discussions of center philosophy, goals, and practices
- Create a strong home and center connection by developing a process of open, honest communication with you regarding your child's development and experience at the center
- Provide you with information about our philosophy, approach to excellence, roles that we play, and our professional qualifications.

## Child's Commitment

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**As a learner and unique individual, I will participate and interact in the program. To ensure my success, I will:**

- Use my curiosity to explore and learn about the world around me
- Develop at my own rate and in a way that integrates my interests and enthusiasm
- Let others know my feelings, needs, and wants by expressing myself in the most appropriate way that I can — through expressions, actions, and words
- Become a social being, while maintaining my uniqueness and individuality
- Have fun
- Expect the unconditional acceptance and respect of the adults who care for me, even when I am at my most demanding.

