



Music Together® Supports Parenting and Family Engagement Programs

As a music and movement program that views adult modeling and involvement as integral to the development of young children from birth-5, Music Together supports and fosters healthy parent-child¹ relationships and primary caregiver engagement in a child's development. With curricula and materials designed for the home, Music Together can serve as an effective and innovative addition to parenting and family engagement programs by being an enjoyable way to help achieve many of the parent and child outcomes that are central goals of these programs.

Currently, Music Together is being used by organizations with the Parents as Teachers curriculum and the Strengthening Families framework, as well as in home-based Early Head Start. These organizations have found Music Together to be an essential contributor to their work.

With our comprehensive home component, Music Together supports common goals of programs that focus on parenting and family engagement by:

1. Providing parents with parenting tools that are fun for both child and adult;
2. Enhancing positive parent-child interactions;
3. Enhancing parents' knowledge of, and interest in, their child's learning and developmental path;
4. Communicating to parents that Music Learning Supports All Learning®. Music Together's engaging and participatory music and movement activities help parents learn to support their child's musical, physical, cognitive, language, social, and emotional growth, through music that is enjoyable and accessible.
5. Enhancing the home learning environment by providing developmentally appropriate early learning and literacy materials for parents and family members to enjoy with their children.
6. Building community through family music events that are welcoming and inclusive of the many cultures families represent.

¹ The term "parent" is inclusive of a child's primary caregiver or important adult in his/her life who has taken on a significant share of parenting duties.