## **SHARING COMMUNITY RESOURCES**



## STEPS TO SHARING COMMUNITY RESOURCES WITH FAMILIES

- 1) Discover the needs of families in your center:
  - Survey families upon enrollment
  - Constant two-way conversation with families
  - Careful observation of families
- 2) Discover the resources available in the community to meet the needs of your families:
  - Search the Internet
  - Draw on your own expertise, as well as your family members and friends
  - Draw on the expertise of families enrolled in your program
- 3) Contact resources to check availability and pricing:
  - Email/mail companies or organizations that offer services to meet your center's needs
    - ⇒ Things to include: possible date & times needed, information about the demographics you serve, specific details about what you are looking for
  - Ask about pricing (consider the cost of food, if you are going to provide it)
  - Follow-up the email/mail with a phone call, stating your exact needs as specified
- 4) Schedule your activity or event with community agencies:
  - Complete proper request and invitation to the agency/organization
  - Discover what space and/or materials the agency may need
- 5) Advertise the event/activity:
  - · Create a flyer, e-vite, email, or combination to advertise the event/activity
  - Post signs, place reminders on bulletin boards
  - Give constant verbal invitations and reminders
  - Advertise on your website and social media