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Emerging Issues in Home-based Child Care:

Support for Families in Home-based Child Care:
What are We Learning?

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Research Issues

• Expectations for Family (Parent) Outcomes

• Research findings about support for families

• Research findings about initiatives that aim to help caregivers support families

• Implications for future research
Knowledge Base

- Qualitative studies about caregivers’ support for families
- Literature review of home-based child care
- Scan of initiatives that aim to support home-based child care
INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT QUALITY IN HOME-BASED CARE: PATHWAYS FOR INFLUENCING CAREGIVER, PARENT, AND CHILD OUTCOMES

- Initiative to Support Home-Based Care
  - Caregiver-Parent Communication
  - Parent Characteristics
  - Home-Based Care Environment/Interactions and Behaviors
  - Characteristics of Care

- Caregiver Characteristics

- Child Outcomes

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- Parent Outcomes
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<td>Improved health and safety of the home</td>
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<td>Improved satisfaction with role as caregiver</td>
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What Research Tells Us about Caregiver Support for Families

• Child-rearing and parenting support

• Logistical and economic support

• Personal and neighborhood support
What Research Tells Us about Initiatives for Home-based Caregivers and Support for Families

• Findings from our literature review: Few initiatives address caregiver-parent communication; none evaluate parent outcomes

• Findings from our scan of the field: few initiatives address caregiver-parent communication; few include parent outcomes
Gaps in the Research

- Need for more descriptive data about caregiver support for families
- Need for more descriptive data about support parents want from caregivers
- Need for more descriptive data about initiative content/process on caregiver-parent communication
Gaps in the Research

• Need for analytical data about effects of initiatives that aim to help caregivers support families

• Need for analytical data about relationship between improving support for families and child outcomes
References


