

the Consortium

for resilient young children

The **Consortium for Resilient Young Children** is a collaboration of early childhood and mental health organizations dedicated to supporting young children's social and emotional development.

Our Vision

All children are socially and emotionally competent and resilient. Parents, teachers and other caring adults support, build, and advocate for young children's social and emotional well being. Systems and communities serving young children and families are high quality, aligned and coordinated.

MEMBERS:

4C for Children

Central Clinic

Children, Inc.

The Children's Home of Cincinnati

Cincinnati Early Learning Centers, Inc.

Cincinnati Public Schools

NorthKey Community Care

Talbert House

Dr. Dorothy June Sciarra,
Professor Emeritus

Parent Partnerships Core Principles

Parent Partnership is a critical element of all efforts to promote children's social and emotional development. Therefore CRYC initiatives are aligned with these core principles:

All parents are respected and honored for their values, wisdom and experience. Parents are valued as their child's first teacher - their opinions, beliefs, aspirations and experiences with their child are sought, appreciated and utilized. Familial and cultural values related to parenting and child-rearing are understood and respected. Disclosures are aligned with the values and intentions of the parent.

Parental resilience is supported and recognized as critical to the emotional availability and wellness of parents. Parental resilience is the capacity of a parent to remain hopeful, be flexible, manage change and overcome challenges. Resilient parents are able to effectively access resources, manage stress, focus on their family's future and remain emotionally available to their children.

All parents are recognized as having the desire and potential to meet the needs of families. Parents want what is best for their children and use relevant information to guide or alter their decisions and practices. Their experiences and wisdom are valuable resources that inform their parenting and benefit the growth of other parents and professionals.

Parenting solutions and resources are relevant, practical and accessible. It is expected that at some point in time, all parents will need support. This support is offered in partnership with parents (parents in the lead) and is based upon their needs and intentions. Needs are kept confidential and support is offered in a non-judgmental fashion.

The Parent-Child relationship is nurtured and valued. The relationship between a parent and child enhances the success of the child and contributes to their wellness and resiliency.

Parent-Parent relationships are essential to the wellness and resilience of families. Creating social networks of support for parents promotes their well-being, strengthens their resilience and builds their emotional strength and capacity. The emotional availability and resilience of the parent promotes secure attachment with children.

Parents' actions are accepted as indicators to their feelings and intentions. We believe behaviors are feelings to be understood. Behaviors are used as a means to open communication about feelings, apprehensions and desires. Environments encourage the expression of feelings through the use of empathy and acceptance.