

RFHF: Celebrating our Success: Cohort 9

Multnomah County

A mom wanted a system to teach her 6 year old and she was thinking to use flash cards but FSW offered RFHF materials and she really enjoyed it

Family really enjoyed watching the DVD 'Success Starts With Reading' and having other parents talk about reading

Training reminded and encouraged FSWs to do more reading and rhymes at home visits

The incentive book got a family to come to story time. They had been afraid their child would be disruptive in public. The FSW brought the family for the first time and the child had a great time and the family will come again

Grandma enjoyed trip to the library and reported repeated visits

Parent went to library and got a library card

Families told follow ups stories at later visits about reading with child

Child shared their giveaway book at a later visit

Modeling expressive reading to culture where moms are traditionally quiet and calm was surprisingly successful

Took the Max to the central library for a field trip- the library was exciting and new

Using song books to help ma as an FSW get out of the comfort zone, reading and moving in a silly way, encourages child to participate which then encourages mom to participate

Using transportation dollars for bus tickets to the library and teaching the families how to use the bus system-especially important for immigrant families

Parents at Storytime acted bored at first but were riveted and ready for books, library cards and handouts at the end!

Enabled a teen parent to come to the library story time

Parents were enthusiastic about rhymes and Storytimes

Parents gave it a chance when they saw their baby was excited about it-parents were intrigued by the babies' excitement

Parent said proudly "I'm starting a library for my son"

The babies wanted the books over other gifts

Working on print awareness with mom and found she had put child's name on door after visit

Librarian did a story time for HS families

Held moms group at library complete with board book display, coupons, crayon early literacy folders, library cards, etc

A book was the favorite present at holiday time

Kids really got into the felt board- was fun to watch

Unwrapped incentive book-"this is such a cool book- wow!- it pops up-it pops up!"

Mom had stressful visit with toddler to library but went back for story time

Mom renewed old library card

Was sweet to see moms and babies reading books together at group time

Grandma took the Max to the central library - looked at book on poems and wrote a poem- twins did somersaults

New mom not responding at first and then went to library on own

5 families went together and were excited to talk about the library

Mom with depression was told by doctor to get out of the house- she went to the library-now she comes every Monday- cheap book got expensive results!

A family visit to a mom who wasn't using the raising a reader materials- the mom said afterward "oh, I've been reading now"

Family with limited English went to library for first time and received a book-wonderful!

Dad talking on the phone- "did I tell you what my kid does with books"

Feels great about inserting early literacy messages into story time

Family sang song in their own language after reading "how I feel"

Went to teen parent class- not interested and bad body language turned into saying rhymes and getting library cards

Incorporated books from library into home visits and parents got the idea of where they could get more books

Mom, dad, and baby are developmentally delayed- mom said " we can't read, don't bring books"- I brought a truck picture book- made up a story- left the book- a month later the baby said "truck"

It was a challenge to get Spanish speaking parents to story time but then their eyes lit up when they realized the effect reading had on later education and school

Did a project and parents made their own books and laminated them to share with their children

Mom went to story time with child with ADHD and now brings him regularly as he continues to do better each time

Talking with HS and becoming more aware of barriers to families using the library has made it more possible to offer resources

Doing Story time is more rewarding now- this has helped me personally and professionally

Mom was stressed and the library became her "get-away" place- now is comfortable, brings daughter, works on computer, etc

Conducted story time in second language- now four families got library cards, and bring their kids every Monday and Saturday

As a result of the training I got out of my comfort zone and now can read a story with sounds and excitement