



Training Package for Parent Webinar – Part 5 – “Resources and Supports”

Outline and Objectives:

Resources and Supports

In Part 5 of this Mississippi Thrive webinar series we discuss various resources that are available for learning about healthy child development, developmental screenings, and organizations in Mississippi that offer support/services for parents who may have concerns or would just like more information on early child development.

It is important for adults to pay attention to children’s progress toward developmental milestones and notice if they do not reach them at the expected time. When there is a concern about development, it is usually easier and more effective to take action right away, rather than waiting.

If we don’t improve the way we track children’s developmental progress, we will miss opportunities to act early, when taking action would be most effective.

At the end of the “Resources and Supports” section, families will be able to:

1. Understand the importance of child development and how important it is to act early if concerns arise.
2. Be familiar with the various resources in Mississippi that offer support for child development and other local supports for parents and families.
3. Be aware of free resources that offer more information on brain building, developmental milestones, and other topics specific to children ages 0 to 5.

Session Resource Link:

[Mississippi Thrive Resource Map](#)

Steps for Family Activity Session:

1. Play Webinar Video
2. Answer questions parents may have

3. Talk about Early Intervention resources such as Child Find and First Steps and how to contact them if a concern arises.
4. Visit the [Mississippi Thrive website](#) and guide parents on the Parents section of the page and the various links/resources that are available to them for free. Find several resource maps by clicking on the “Resources by County” link at the top of our homepage. Show families how to navigate each map to find the resources they are looking for.
5. Visit the Help Me Grow website. Help Me Grow has a hotline that you can call to find out about developmental services for a child in your area. This is especially useful if you are concerned about a child’s development and interested in finding developmental screening questionnaires. Show families how to click the link on the website to demonstrate where to find the free ASQ online screening tools under “Ages & Stages Questionnaires”: <https://mffk.org/help-me-grow/>

Training Tips and Lessons Learned (suggestions on how to deliver each section and notes for slides in each section)

- The Resources and Support presentation can be shown with the other parts of this webinar or could be used as a stand-alone presentation to parents and families.
- As a facilitator, check out the sites/ websites prior to giving this presentation so it will be easier for you to navigate each one during the Parent Webinar. Think about which resources will be the most useful to your childcare center’s families and questions they may have. Share with families any experiences you personally have with using any of these resources.
- If you only have time to visit one website, use [Mississippi Thrive](#) as your portal to all of the resources included in the webinar, along with other great materials and tools that would be helpful for parents and families to support their children’s development.