

Parent Café: Parenting at Its Best



Hancock County Head Start, Early Head Start & Pre-K hosted its first Parent Café Kick-Off at the Hancock County Library on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. We are pleased to announce that the Parent Café Kick-Off was a success not only in attendance, but also with ideas from the Head Start, Early Head Start & Pre-K parents. Parents showed much enthusiasm and willingness to participate in open-discussion and sharing tips on parenting. The meeting began with a warm welcome from Family Service Advocates, formal introductions of new and returning faces and a thought-provoking ice breaker that encouraged parents to explore his or her parenting style. Parenting Styles ranged from The Reformer/Perfectionist, The Helper/Giver, The Achiever/Performer, The Individualist/Romanticist, The Investigator/Observer, The Loyalist, The Enthusiast, The Challenger/Protector, and the Peace Maker/Mediator. During this ice breaker, parents learned that knowing your personality helps parents accept his or her parenting style and use their strengths while guarding against weaknesses. Among learning parenting styles, Mr. Hill chimed in and introduced his initiative with the Fatherhood Campaign and invited male fathers and male role models to participate in the upcoming Million Men School Day.

Parents engaged in meaningful conversation as they shared insight on the challenges and achievements of parenthood. In addition to discussion on parenting styles, Family Advocates facilitated the importance of Parent & Family Engagement and ways that parents can get other parents involved. A delicious Continental Breakfast was prepared by Family Service Manager/Assistant Director Betty Legette. As parents conversed and enjoyed laughter, the aroma of Starbucks Mocha Coffee and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts filled the atmosphere. This year's goal for the Parent Café is to strategize on ways to become more innovative and intentional in our planning and discussion to provide positive family outcomes for our children and families.