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**COMPONENT: FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS**

**SUBJECT: PARENT ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE CHILD LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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Staff are required to attend local community meetings each program year.