

## EHS Home-Based Programs

### **The Importance of Socialization for Ages 0 to 3**

Socialization is an important process in child development. Stated simply, it is the process whereby individuals, especially children, become functioning members of a particular group and take on the values, behaviors, and beliefs of the group's other members.

Specific tasks related to social development occur in early childhood, just like developmental tasks occur in cognitive growth. The term "social" refers to a relationship or interaction between two or more people, who by definition respond to each other and influence each other's behavior. Socialization is an important process in child development. It is the process whereby individuals, especially children, become functioning members of a particular group and take on the values, behaviors, and beliefs of the group's other members. Although the process begins shortly after birth and continues into adulthood, early childhood is a crucial period of socialization. How children are disciplined, how they respond to this discipline, and how they develop independent behavior are all connected to the process in which socialization occurs.

### **Group Socializations for Ages 0 to 3**

We have group socializations twice a month so that children are able to socialize with other children their age, and also to help introduce a school setting to them. Now that spring is here, some of our socializations will be held outside and we will offer different field trip opportunities. Many children who transition to Head Start from Early Head Start experience a tremendous amount of language and social development — prepare your babies for their upcoming future. For more information on our EHS Home\_Based Program, stop by our office today!

Parents, you are members of the Parent Committee Meeting. You are invited to participate in the monthly meeting and trainings/workshops especially for parents. The Parent Committee Meeting is held at the Harvey-South Holland Center on the first Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. We hope to see you there!