

Our Partnership with Families

Our educators and faculty are honored that you trust us with your children, and we don't hold it lightly. Our commitment to families is to offer the highest quality care and provide each child with an experience that is joyful, inspiring, safe, and loving. Our hope is that each family will feel deeply connected to their child's experience while in our care and work together with educators as we learn about each child's development and learning. We see families as partners in this process.

Our curriculum covers a wide range of topics and holds many important, big conversations with children in developmentally appropriate ways. We will partner with families to start and continue these conversations at home with resources on specific topics as they occur. Our goal is to have transparent and informative communication while building relationships with your family. Some of the ways we do that are:

- BrightWheel app for messages about day-to-day needs
- Emails for longer conversations, news from the admin team, and weekly updates
- Other intentional connections through our Pedagogical Practices

Volunteer Hours

Families are welcome and encouraged to participate in the life of the classroom and organization in a variety of ways. Each classroom asks for 1 or 2 families to serve as social chairs to help coordinate family engagement. The social chair(s) will organize social gatherings and support what is happening in the classroom and organization. We highly encourage families to participate in the Family Discussion Series events and Annual Giving Fund. Additionally, Hilltop requires families to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per year to help build our community and improve our center and children's experiences. Please coordinate with your educators about how to be involved in the day-to-day. It could look like:

- Join potlucks, celebrations, and other social events
- Share a cultural celebration or family tradition
- Chaperone a classroom field trip
- Support a classroom activity or in-depth project
- Lead cooking, crafts, music, storytelling, or other creative activities in the classroom
- Take on small jobs for the classroom (sewing, building, cleaning, etc.)
- Donate to the Annual Giving Fund
- Serve on the Board of Directors or other organizational committees

Our current family committees are:



Equity Change

Finance



Fundraising

Facilities



Faculty Appreciation

Social Room Rep