

HOW TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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Teacher Professional Development

- MSHS programs have high standards for teacher professional development
- Professional development includes training on academic and family-centered topics, as well as supports like individualized classroom coaching
- Training topics and frequency of training vary between MSHS centers



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What Was the Study About?

This study explored how MSHS teachers' professional development (PD) relates to their students' learning and development outcomes.

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What Did We Discover?

Teacher training —better child outcomes

- Classroom coaching —higher cognitive/social scores
- Total number of trainings, understanding migrant and seasonal farmworker families, parenting education —better English proficiency
- Providing case management services → better Spanish proficiency



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Bottom Line

Family-focused training opportunities predicted higher scores in English and Spanish language development. Children made greater cognitive and social skills gains when their teachers received hands-on classroom mentoring.

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Call to Action

- Policymakers: invest in PD and teacher supports
- Administrators: promote an approach to PD that balances curriculum with family needs and cultural backgrounds
- Researchers: further investigate teacher PD for effectiveness in improving child outcomes

