



Reading and Talking Together

Promoting Research-Based Practice in Parent-Child Interactive Literacy Activities

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Sue Henry, M.Ed. is the Executive Director of the National Even Start Association. In this role she is responsible for leading the activities of the organization, working with the Board of Directors on establishing and implementing goals, and coordinating with officials in the U.S. Department of Education. She is currently representing the National Even Start Association on the U.S. Department of Education workgroups for Statewide Accountability and Performance Indicators and on the development of the Interactive Literacy module. She is also a frequent consultant for the U.S. Department of Education. Ms. Henry also directs curriculum and professional development activities for San Diego Reads. In this role she is working to align preschool programs in San Diego Unified Schools and to infuse family literacy into the early childhood programs. Drawing on her extensive background in early childhood education, adult literacy, and family literacy, she heads San Diego Reads' efforts to develop and implement family literacy initiatives to support for early literacy and family literacy practices in the district.

Prior to joining the National Even Start Association staff, Ms. Henry served as New York's State Even Start coordinator. In this role in the New York Department of Education, she worked closely with the state's 80 Even Start Family Literacy Partnerships, other state education leaders, and officials in the U.S. Department of Education. She played a key role in developing state performance indicators that programs use to examine the ways their activities align to New York's K-12 and early learning standards. In her state role with Even Start, Ms. Henry also led efforts to develop an assessment instrument—The Parenting Education Profile—that is used to advance practice in parenting education. As the state's Even Start coordinator, Ms. Henry conducted training at national and state events and served as a consultant on the National Even Start advisory group to the U.S. Department of Education. Prior to her work on the Even Start Family Literacy program, Ms. Henry worked with 18 agencies to improve services to children and adults with disabilities. In this capacity, she improved residential placements and systems across the state.