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the Field of Parenting Education**

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AREA 1: Knowledge of Child Development and Caring for Children 7

1. Ages and stages of typical development and markers of atypical development of children.
2. Components of caring for children that nurture positive growth based on age and stage of development.

AREA 2: Knowledge of Parenting Roles, Parent-Child and Family Relationships 9

1. Parenting roles and responsibilities.
2. Theories and research on parenting and the parent-child relationship.
3. Family influences that affect parenting, parent-child and family relationships.
4. Diverse community and cultural influences on parenting and the parent-child and family relationships.

AREA 3: Knowledge of Paraprofessional Parenting Education Practice 12

1. Foundations of parenting education.
2. Adult learning and education.
3. Adult learning strategies used in specific programs.
4. Relationships and communication with parents and families.
5. Working with parents in groups.
6. Working individually with parents and families (home visits, one-on-one instruction, consultation, coaching).
7. Assessment and evaluation.
8. Paraprofessional development.

AREA 4: Skills for Paraprofessional Parenting Education Practice 16

1. Foundations of parenting education.
2. Adult learning and education.
3. Adult learning strategies used in specific programs.
4. Relationships and communication with parents and families.
5. Working with parents in groups.
6. Working individually with parents and families (home visits, one-on-one instruction).
7. Assessment and evaluation.
8. Paraprofessional development.

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