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The quality of young children's experience is closely linked to interactions (CECDE 2006). The Parent Child Home Programme (PCHP) promotes positive interactions, which are child-focused and led, between children, parents and local practitioners in the home. As one parent said,

Loves to see the home visitor - gets all excited. I can see a big change in my child. He shares more with his brother, talks about colours and shapes.

This paper outlines how PCHP, a school readiness programme from the United States, strengthens family interactions while extending children's knowledge, skills, understanding and abilities.