



Observing Black History Month

With Your Family



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Why It is Important?

Major Contributions

Source of Pride

Remembrance

What Do We Want Children to Know?

History

- Beyond Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglas

Legacy

- Lasting positive impact

Progress

- Gains & accomplishments

Challenges

- Work to be done



Quiz Yourself

Do you think about the importance of diversity and inclusion?

Do you have age- appropriate conversations with your child about race/culture?

Do you model and promote positive self-image?

Do you point out the richness of your race/culture?

How to Introduce to Young Children

Surround children with
an environment of
positive black images.

- Books
- Toys
- Family stories



Provide Young Children with Opportunities to Share Knowledge

- Share positive information about race and culture
- Support curiosity and questioning
- Encourage children to share information



Engage a Historian

- Ask an Older Family Member to Talk About:
 - Experiences as a child
 - Challenges and wins
 - Hopes for the future



Examine Media Influence

- Spend an Evening Watching Television/Videos with Children
- Discuss
 - If minorities are shown
 - How they are shown
 - What was positive
 - What should be different



Discussing Injustices with Children

- Age-appropriate conversation with adult
 - Discuss what happened
 - Wonder why it happened
 - Talk about the impact
 - Think about how it feels
 - Explore possible solutions
 - Discuss what you can do



History Continues...

Fortify your child to shine and contribute to history

- See and nourish your child's uniqueness
- Call attention to and promote your child's strengths
- Share with family and friends what your child does well
- Tell your child how important they are to you and your family
- Provide opportunities for your child to be an advocate
- Point out your child's inner and outer beauty



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