

How StoryPlay™ Fits Into the Five Head Start ELOF Domains

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StoryPlay™ is the research-based framework that powers **Sunny Side Block™**. Through **Mixed Inclusion LLC** and the vision of **Dr. Camille Byrd O'Quin**, StoryPlay™ brings culturally responsive stories, play, and discovery to life in every classroom.

Head Start Central ELOF Domain	StoryPlay™ Pillar Pathways	How StoryPlay™ Supports the Domain
 Approaches to Learning 	 Play Through Experience  Learning Through Discovery  Language Through Interaction	StoryPlay™ nurtures initiative, curiosity, persistence, creativity, flexible thinking, and engagement through dramatic play, music, movement, inquiry, and collaborative exploration. 
 Social and Emotional Development 	 Family Through Connection  Culture Through Representation  Play Through Experience	StoryPlay™ supports belonging, identity, relationships, emotional understanding, empathy, confidence, and connection by honoring family stories, cultural knowledge, shared experiences, and story-based play. 
 Language and Literacy 	 Literacy Through Story  Language Through Interaction  Culture Through Representation	StoryPlay™ builds vocabulary, oral language, listening comprehension, narrative development, print awareness, story retelling, conversation, songs, chants, and culturally meaningful communication. 
 Cognition 	 Learning Through Discovery  Play Through Experience  Literacy Through Story	StoryPlay™ connects early mathematics, scientific reasoning, problem solving, classification, sequencing, cause and effect, measurement, patterning, and design thinking to meaningful story contexts. 
 Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development 	 Play Through Experience  Learning Through Discovery  Language Through Interaction	StoryPlay™ strengthens body awareness, coordination, fine motor control, rhythm, movement, sensory exploration, and physical participation through music, movement, props, art, and hands-on investigation. 



StoryPlay™ is the heart of **Sunny Side Block™**—a research-based, culturally responsive curriculum under the visionary leadership of **Dr. Camille Byrd O'Quin**.

**Stories. Play. Connection.
Discovery. Every Day.** ❤️

The StoryPlay™ FRAMEWORK

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STORYPLAY™ HAS SIX Pillars

that weave together Head Start's **five ELOF Domains** to support whole-child development and school readiness.



LITERACY THROUGH STORY

Builds language, vocabulary, narrative skills, and comprehension through read-alouds, storytelling, conversation, and story-inspired expression.



PLAY THROUGH EXPERIENCE

Promotes learning through hands-on exploration, dramatic play, music, movement, inquiry, and creative expression.



LEARNING THROUGH DISCOVERY

Encourages curiosity, problem solving, critical thinking, and reflection through authentic experiences and purposeful play.



STORYPLAY™

Where Stories Come Alive and Learning Has No Limits



FAMILY THROUGH CONNECTION

Strengthens home-school partnerships by honoring family traditions, sharing stories, and extending learning beyond the classroom.



LANGUAGE THROUGH INTERACTION

Develops communication and language skills through conversation, listening, songs, chants, dramatic play, and oral expression.



CULTURE THROUGH REPRESENTATION

Affirms identity and belonging by reflecting diverse cultures, languages, and experiences through stories, art, and meaningful representation.



TOGETHER, THEY WEAVE HEAD START'S FIVE ELOF DOMAINS



Approaches to Learning



Social and Emotional Development



Language and Literacy



Cognition



Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development



When stories come alive through play, connection, and discovery, children build the skills, confidence, and joy to thrive—now and in the future.

