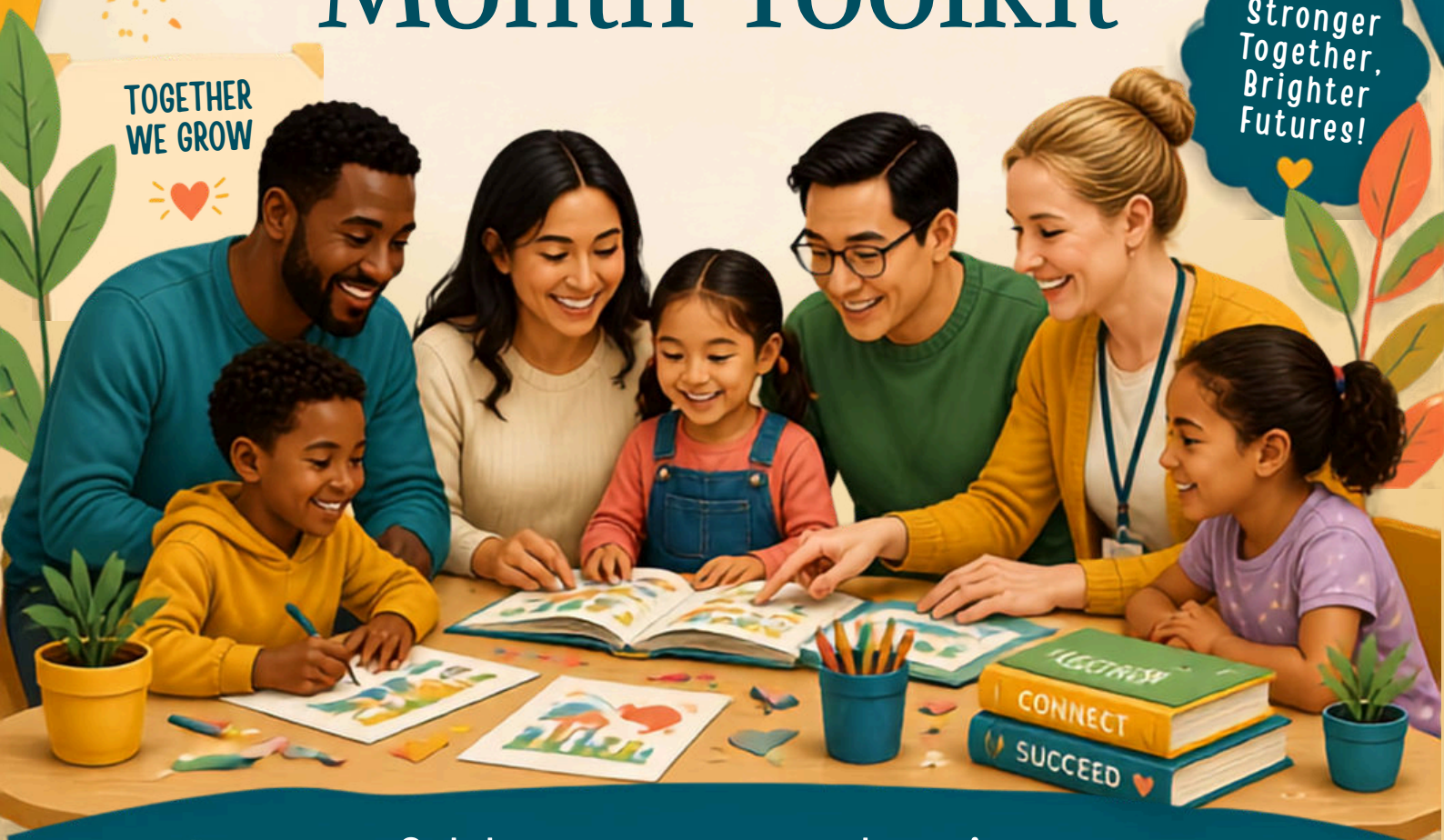
Family Engagement Month Toolkit



Celebrate, connect and particpate in activites that build stronger school and family partnerships.

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Why Family Partnership Matters

Family engagement means families actively collaborate with early learning programs to support their children's development, learning and overall well-being. Strong, positive relationships between families and program staff are the foundation for meaningful engagement and a shared commitment to early learning success.

Family involvement makes a big difference! Here's how:

- **Boosts learning:** Children do better in school when families are involved.
- **Strengthens communication:** Open communication with teachers helps everyone focus on school readiness.
- **Builds confidence:** When children see their families engaged, they feel supported and ready to learn.

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Family Engagement Month Pledge

As my child's first and most important teacher, I pledge to:

Support my child's education and healthy development to the best of my ability. I have high expectations for my child and want them to succeed in school and in life. I pledge to stay involved, serve as a positive role model and maintain open communication with my child's teachers to ensure education remains a top priority in my household. I understand that it is my responsibility to stay informed and involved in all parts of my child's education and health. Education is the key to success and I will do everything I can to promote my child's ability to learn.

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Stronger Together, Brighter Futures



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Take the **Family Engagement Pledge**.	**2** **Family Game Night** Pick a game that everyone can enjoy.	**3** **Election Day** Create a ballot and vote on dinner favorites.	**4** **DIY Craft Day** Choose a craft activity. Display the finished craft for all to admire.	**5** **Movie Marathon** Pick a family movie that all can enjoy.	**6** **Meal Time** Cook a meal and measure the ingredients together.	**7** **Nature Walk** Visit a local park and explore the surroundings.
8 **Storytelling** Share favorite stories or create new ones together.	**9** **Visit a Museum** Schedule time to visit a museum and talk about what you learned.	**10** **Gardening Day** Start a gardening project or visit a community garden.	**11** **Veterans Day** Attend a local parade, read a book about veterans or plan a craft activity.	**12** **Family Yoga** Find a family friendly yoga video online or visit a local studio.	**13** **World Kindness Day** Pick a good deed for the family to do.	**14** **National Family PJ Day** Have a family pajama party.
15 **Science Experiment Day** Choose a fun and simple experiment for the family.	**16** **Sidewalk Chalk Fun** Let imaginations run wild and create a colorful fun space.	**17** **Family Book Club** Ask family members to pick a book to share.	**18** **Indoor Camping** Grab the sleeping bags, share stories and make smores.	**19** **Plan a Picnic** Pack a blanket, nutritious meal and enjoy the otudoors.	**20** **Talent Show** Have a family talent show night.	**21** **Bike Ride** Go on a family bike ride along a scenic trail.
22 **Obstacle Course** Build a fun course indoors or outdoors.	**23** **Neighborhood Clean Up** Participate in a cleanup event.	**24** **Home Improvement Day** Pick a project to do around the house.	**25** **Holiday Crafting** Create festive decorations.	**26** **Thanksgiving Day** Share what you are grateful for in life.	**27** **Family Traditions** Explore your family traditions or create a new one.	**28** **National French Toast Day** Make this yummy breakfast treat.
29 **Family Photo Day** Plan a fun photo shoot. Create a digital slideshow or a photo album.	**30** **Music Night** Listen to music, sing karaoke and dance with your child.	**Celebrate, connect and build stronger school and family partnerships.**				

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Parent Engagement

Simple ways parents can support learning, growth and success

Parents can easily stay involved in their child's education through daily habits at home, regular communication with teachers and participating in school events.

1



Communication

Regularly communicate with your child's teacher. Read any notes and newsletters sent home.

2



School Events

Attend parent-teacher conferences and school events.

3



Volunteering

Volunteer in the classroom or at school events when possible.

4



Engagement

Engage your child in everyday activities to learn, grow and build strong family connections.

5



Sharing

Encourage your child to share their daily school experiences.

6



Reading

Read to your child for 15 to 20 minutes daily.

7



Homework

Create a quiet and supportive spot for homework.

8



Healthy Habits

Promote healthy habits, like nutritious food and a good night's rest.

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Promoting Family Engagement in Early Learning Programs

Family engagement plays a vital role in high-quality early learning. When families are actively involved, children experience deeper connections with educators and smoother transitions into school settings.



Build Trusting Relationships with Families

- **Welcome:** Create an environment that warmly greets families and keep an open-door policy.
- **Communicate:** Share weekly newsletters and use families' preferred languages when possible.
- **Celebrate Family Connections:** Display banners and signage and showcase family-centered activities.
- **Host Family Fun Nights:** Plan themed evenings with games, crafts or movies.

Empower Families as Partners in Learning

- **Encourage Volunteer Involvement**: Spotlight family events and meaningful involvement on your website and social media.
- **Provide Flexible and Responsive Support:** Offer evening or weekend events to fit different schedules.

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Promoting Family Engagement at the Coalition



Family engagement is a critical component of high-quality learning. When families are actively involved, children experience better developmental outcomes, stronger relationships with educators and smoother transitions to early education and school.

Build Trusting Relationships

- Create a Welcoming Environment: Greet families and providers warmly and ensure staff are trained to meet their needs.
- Communicate With Intention: Build positive, goal-oriented relationships that help families and providers feel valued, supported and comfortable.
- Celebrate Families: Post signage celebrating families throughout your facility.

Empower Families as Partners in Learning

- Share Information: Share the link to the Division of Early Learning's web page where parents can sign up for the monthly Parents' Pages and access resources.
- Support Learning at Home: Help families understand the important role they play as their child's first teacher. Share the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards (FELDS) link and provide simple activities families can do to support learning goals.

Give Families a Voice

- Ask for Feedback: Invite families to complete a survey to share their experience after contacting your office.
- Parent Volunteer: Establish volunteer opportunities for parents to contribute ideas and feedback on outreach events and activities to foster a sense of ownership and community.
- Offer Workshops: Offer family-friendly sessions in child development, behavior regulation and literacy building.

Celebrate Traditions & Community

- Social Media Outreach: Highlight special observances that recognize and celebrate family traditions, special days and experiences.
- Connect with Community: Partner with local organizations to bring additional resources and services to families.
- Community Events: Participate in community events, share information on SR, VPK and CCR&R programs and answer questions families may have.

Provider Best Practices

- Professional Learning: Hold regular provider meetings, offer relevant training and share helpful information. Recognize providers for their efforts and accomplishments. Invite input when making decisions to encourage collaboration and participation.
- Recognize Providers: Feature a provider in a newsletter or on social media to celebrate their impact.

Let's build a community where every family feels

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