

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Partnering with Families for Children's Success

Family engagement supports children's school readiness, promotes their school success and prepares them for life. It is especially important for children who are less likely to succeed in school. Family engagement is a shared responsibility of the Office of Early Learning, early learning coalitions, early learning programs and providers to engage families in meaningful ways to actively support their children's learning, development and wellness.

WHAT IS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT?

The systematic inclusion of families as partners in a child's development, learning and wellness, enabled by positive relationships between families and staff in early learning programs.

Who is involved?

Early Learning Coalitions

Child Care Providers

Families



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LEARN EARLY. LEARN FOR LIFE

Early Learning Coalitions can...

Create a welcoming environment for children and their families

Be considerate of cultural and linguistic differences

Provide resources to child care providers

Assist providers in engaging families with the specialized care team

Provide ongoing communication with providers and families

Provide community resources and consumer education to families

Engage the community

Develop community partners

Child Care Providers can...

Create a welcoming environment for children and their families

Be considerate of cultural and linguistic differences

Provide information and resources to families

Encourage staff to participate in professional development opportunities

Engage families with the specialized care team

Refer families to the Early Learning Coalition for community resources

Provide ongoing communication with families

Host events and meetings for families throughout the year

Families can...

Read daily to their children

Attend parent meetings and family events

Create a positive learning environment at home

Communicate clearly with the child care provider or teacher

Contact the early learning coalition for community resources

Take children to the doctor for regular well-visits and immunizations

Provide children with healthy meals and snacks

Use the Vroom app for daily tips to support children's brain development