



2024 Family Engagement Checklist for Families

What is Family Engagement?

Families are engaged when they partner with early learning programs to promote their children's development, learning and wellness. Positive relationships between families and staff in early learning programs are the foundation for family engagement.

Family engagement has been shown to:

- ***Increase a child's motivation to learn.***
- ***Reduce the need for behavioral interventions.***
- ***Support growth and development.***
- ***Foster school readiness skills, such as impulse control, attention, memory and planning.***

This checklist is a tool for your family to use to consider the level of partnership with your child's early learning program. Ask yourself the following questions and check a box for your answer. For any items answered "no", write a note on how you can begin doing that item.

Consider sharing your responses with your child's teacher and discuss ways you can be even more engaged in your child's learning.

Do you...	Yes	If no, what ways can you do more?
Participate in family meetings, parent-teacher conferences and parenting classes?		
Listen to your child's teacher and encourage your child to be a good listener?		
Participate in community events for families?		
Volunteer in the child care program's classroom?		
Communicate with the director or teacher regularly?		
Provide updates to your child's teacher regarding at-home achievements?		
Discuss the weekly classroom schedule with your child?		
Help your child understand classroom expectations?		
Read to your child for 15 to 20 minutes daily?		
Join advisory boards or groups that make decisions for the child care program?		