



Engaging Families in Literacy Activities

Agenda



- Explore the importance of family engagement and its effect on student literacy.
- Review strategies for engaging families in literacy events.
- Participate in sample literacy activities.



Importance of Family Engagement



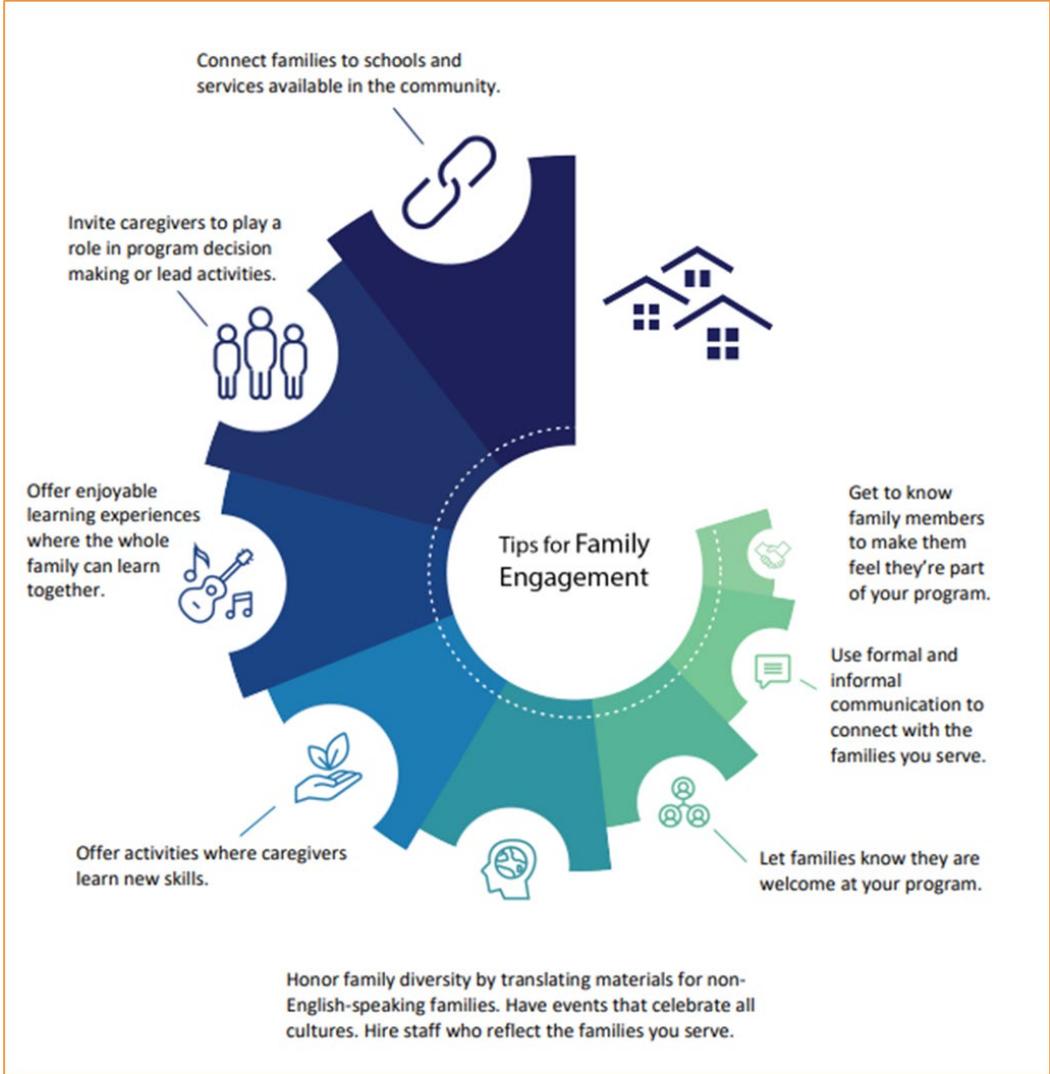
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- Better relationships
- Improved student outcomes
- A sense of community
- Access to services

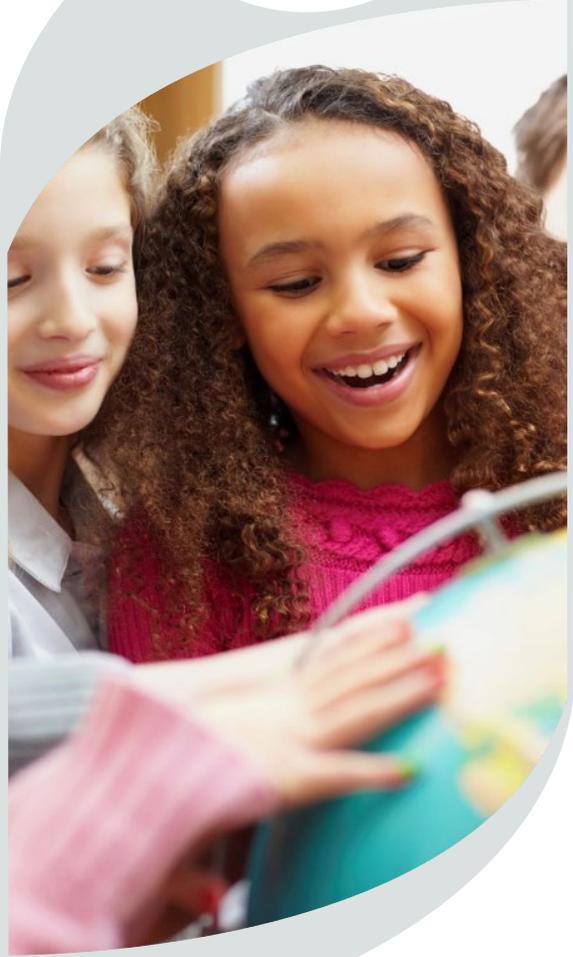


Engaging Families in Our Program





Effects on Literacy



How Families Promote **EARLY LITERACY**

Research shows that when families...



Create literacy-friendly environments



Have ongoing and engaging conversations with their child



Hold high expectations for their child's learning



Make reading enjoyable



Use home languages



Communicate with their child's teacher



Visit the library

...children develop strong language and literacy competencies.



Assessing Family Needs: Examples



- 60% of program families reported that they do not have *age-appropriate* books at home for their children.
- At least 40% of our families speak a language other than English at home.
- 75% of adult family members reported that they do not read for enjoyment.



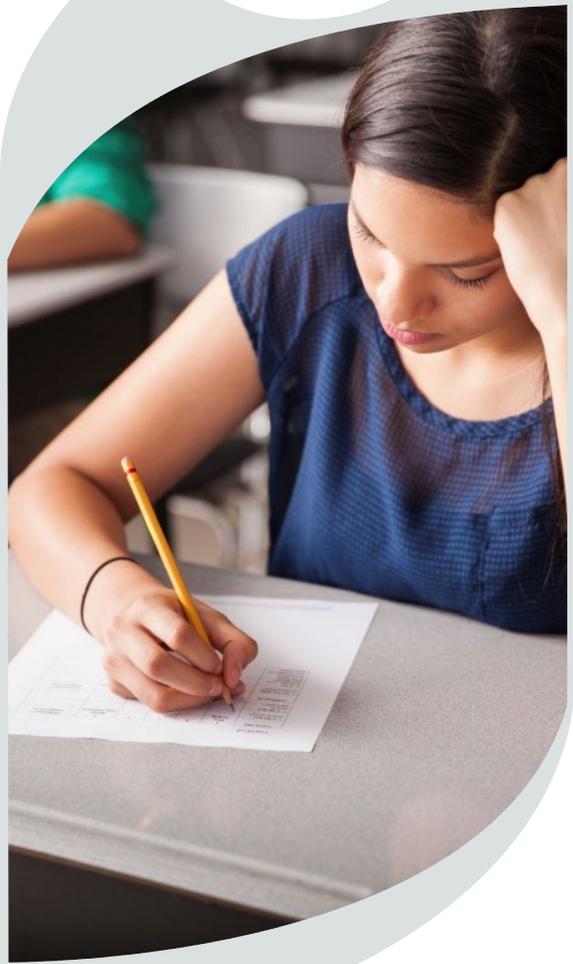
Assessing Family Needs



- *(Enter program families' need)*
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Promoting Literacy at Home



HERE'S THE IMPACT OF **READING 20** MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987





Where to Find Free Books

Insert Local Library Name

*123 Main Street
Anytown, USA 01234
(555) 555-5555*

Hours

Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.





Shared Activities



- Family Book Clubs
- Celebration Events
- Family Read-Alouds
- Theme Nights
- Make and Take Books



Family Folk Stories and Fairy Tales



What do you know about fairy tales and folk stories?

Do you have a favorite story?

Sketch out your story on the handout.



Skill-Building Activities

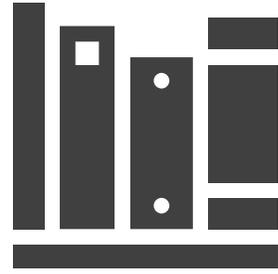


- Workshops for English Language Learners
- Software Training
- Book Clubs
- Workshops for Job Seekers

Connect to Supports



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Library



Local College



**School-Based
Programs**



**Web-Based
Resources**

Next Steps



- What literacy needs do our families have? How can we design effective literacy events to fill those needs?
- What strategies will you use to better engage program families?

