



2023 Family Engagement Month 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 behavioral problems.***
- ***Support growth and development.***
- ***Foster school readiness skills, such as impulse control, attention, memory and planning skills.***

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", you may want to 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.



| Checklist for Families | | | | |
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| Do you... | Yes | No | N/A | Comments |
| Communicate with the director or teacher on a regular basis? | | | | |
| 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? | | | | |
| Participate in family meetings, parent-teacher conferences and parenting classes? | | | | |
| Provide updates to your child's teacher regarding at-home achieved and developing milestones reached? | | | | |
| Discuss the weekly classroom schedule with your child? | | | | |
| Help your child understand classroom expectations? | | | | |
| Read to your child daily? | | | | |
| Join advisory boards or groups that make decisions for the child care program? | | | | |