



Family

Engagement

The collaboration between families and educators that accelerates student learning. A strong body of research shows that students do better in school and in life when their parents are engaged in their education.



FAMILY TO FAMILY CONNECTION

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- **Family to Family Connection is a community based nonprofit organization that resembles the “extended family.”**
- **We are a Family Engagement Program that offers classes to families with children ages 0-5.**
- **Parents have opportunity to interact with their child in fun and engaging way.**
- **Our classes offered are both educational and supportive.**
- **Many of our classes focus on pre-literacy skills and social skills which help children succeed in school and in life.**
- **We empower families with the knowledge and information needed to be the best caregivers parents can be and their child's first teacher.**
- **All classes require parent/guardian participation.**

Program Overview

- Engage families by creating a safe, warm and welcoming environment.
- Welcome and support our community partners and highlight their programs with different class offerings..
- Meet people where they are with their own level and knowledge of early childhood education.
- Welcome and invite all ethnicities and cultures. And encourage families to share cultural traditions, practices, and customs.
- We give parent surveys and consider all feedback to meet the needs of families.
- We have nice, caring, supportive, and educated staff.

What practices/strategies have been effective when engaging parents and families?

- Attend classes/participate
- Give feedback
- Donate
- Teach classes
- Invite friends
- Learn how to be their child's first teacher
- Become advocates for their child and their education



How are Families Involved?





Support systems created,
memories made, lessons learned...

- Many of our classes offered are FREE of charge
- Any caretaker or extended family can bring child to classes
- We offer outreach classes at various locations
- Send out monthly newsletter with upcoming community events
- Have community resources, partnership class offerings, and supportive services posted on bulletin boards
- Counseling
- Breastfeeding Support available via phone and or in person

Services provided to parents, guardians and families of pupils who have limited time to become involved in the education of their children for various reasons, including, without limitation, work schedules, single-parent homes and other family obligations?

- F2F has a very diverse population of families.
- One Storytime consisted of 9 different languages being represented/spoken.
- We all learn from one another.
- Parents, staff, interns, and community partners are always willing to translate and many are bilingual.
- We celebrate different cultural holidays and families have opportunity to share more about their practices and traditions.

Services provided to parents, guardians and families of pupils who are limited English proficient?

- We guide, educate, and support parents and their children to be prepared for school through playgroups, pre-k readiness classes, and many more developmentally age appropriate programs, activities and classes.



How do we do what we do?

- Las Vegas Library District
- Clark County(donated space and grants)
- Wynn Resort Foundation(grants, employee contributions, community networking)
- MGM(Grants and employee contributions)
- UNLV Internships
- TOURO Internships
- NEIS(Early Intervention Provider)
- TMG(Early Intervention Provider)
- Positively Kids(Early Intervention Provider)
- UNR Cooperative Extension
- PBS
- Advocacy Alliance
- Three Square



Community Partners



“Little Books Little Cooks”

- We require parent participation during circle time and to accompany their children in transitioning from one learning station to another.
- Parents are asked to take responsibility for their child's actions.
- Parents agree to actively regulate their child's behavior during classes.



Our program parent involvement policy

Month	Total # of classes	Total # of Adult Participants	Total # of Welcome Forms	Total # of Welcome forms with Risk Factors
December	45	265	27	27
January	73	369	34	22
February	83	465	23	19
March	87	507	26	23
April	89	529	33	26
May	64	468	33	25
June	78	545	38	32
July	81	554	36	22
August	79	708	7	4
September	96	991	43	31
October	91	895	16	10
November	99	1002	37	15
December	88	952	20	13
January	103	923	35	23
February	105	960	30	21
March	129	1176	27	20
April	108	1119	34	22
May	112	1264	27	11
June	112	1554	33	16
July	87	1115	19	15
August	137	1719	36	31

Monthly Report Data Tracking



We make a difference in
the lives of many...

- \$225,000 this year
- \$300,000 next year

Annual spending on
family engagement

- Some local families, who do not have their children in pre-school, are fortunate to find Family Engagement Programs.
- Family to Family Connection is one of those Family Engagement Programs.
- With two locations, one in the Cambridge Community Center, and the other near Tenaya and Cheyenne.
- The overwhelming growth of the programs is a clear message that families are very interested in making sure their children are prepared to start school ready to read at grade level by third grade and progress toward on-time graduation.
- Family to Family Connection recently acquired a second classroom at the Cambridge site. As a result, in August, there were 137 Family to Family Classes offered in the community with attendance of 1,719 adults and 1,812 children.
- The message is clear - Nevada Families care about education and are stepping up to support their children at the most critical time in their development.



F2F Statement of Purpose



Thank You
