Resources for Supporting and Involving Families in Meaningful Ways

Young Children articles and NAEYC books


**NAEYC multimedia**


*Ready for life.* 2000. Videocassette. Prod. by KERA in Dallas, Texas. 60 min. Features the expert advice of Dr. Bruce Perry.

*The world according to Mister Rogers.* 2004. CD Audio Book. Family Communications. 75 min.

**Other articles and books**


**Family literacy organizations**

**HIPPY USA** (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) is a parent involvement, school readiness program that helps parents prepare their three-, four-, and five-year-old children for success in school and beyond. [www.hippyusa.org](http://www.hippyusa.org)

**National Center for Family Literacy** (NCLF) helps parents and children achieve their potential together through quality literacy programs. NCFL works with educators and community builders to meet the most urgent educational needs of disadvantaged families. [www.famlit.org](http://www.famlit.org)

**Reach Out and Read** (ROR) is a program that promotes early literacy by bringing new books and advice about the importance of reading aloud into the pediatric exam room. Doctors and nurses give new books to children from six months of age to five years at each well-child visit. [www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org)

**Reading is Fundamental** (RIF) offers a number of programs. The National Book Program ([www.rif.org/about/nationalbook/default.mspx](http://www.rif.org/about/nationalbook/default.mspx)) motivates children, families, and com-
munity members to read together. Running Start (www.rif.org/about/runningstart/default.mspx) is a reading motivation program for first-graders and their families. Family of Readers (www.rif.org/about/familyofreaders/default.mspx) helps parents develop the skills to support their children’s reading. Shared Beginnings (www.rif.org/about/sharedbeginnings/default.mspx) helps young parents develop their children’s early language and literacy skills. http://rif.org

Reading Rockets—For Families is a national multimedia project offering information and resources on how young children learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help. www.readingrockets.org/families

In addition, Reading Rockets produces Colorín Colorado, a web-based source of information, activities, and advice for Spanish-speaking parents and educators of English-language learners (ELLs). www.colorincolorado.org

Web sites

Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships helps families, educators, and members of communities work together to improve schools, strengthen families, and enhance student learning and development. www.csos.jhu.edu/p2000/center.htm

Early Years Are Learning Years, from NAEYC, offers short articles (suitable for newsletters) for teachers, parents, and other adults involved daily with children. www.naeyc.org/ece/eyly

Especially for Parents, from the U.S. Department of Education, provides numerous resources educators can share with parents, including a tool kit for Hispanic families. www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml?src=fp


National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education advocates for the involvement of parents and families in their children’s education and fosters relationships between home, school, and community. www.ncpie.org

Parent Involvement in Children’s Education: Efforts by Public Elementary Schools is a report relating the findings from the Survey on Family and School Partnerships in Public Schools, K–8, conducted by National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES). The findings address a number of parent involvement topics. http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/frss/publications/98032

Parents as Teachers is an international early childhood parent education and family support program serving families of children, from pregnancy through kindergarten. www.parentsasteachers.org

Zero to Three’s mission is to promote the healthy development of infants and toddlers by supporting and strengthening families and communities and those who work on their behalf. The parent area of this Web site offers resources for families to engage them in their children’s growth and development. www.zerotothree.org/ztt_parentAZ.html