

Family Engagement Powered by Reading Partners

Overview

By partnering together through Family Engagement Powered by Reading Partners, your organization will receive a suite of family literacy resources (outlined below) and a training series on how best to implement these resources. This may be in addition to Tutoring Powered by Reading Partners, or independent of other Reading Partners programming.

Family Literacy Resources

Family Literacy Workshop Series

Reading Partners has developed a six-part workshop series that instruct parents and caregivers on how to build literacy skills with their children and give families the opportunity to prepare for and practice these skill-building activities together with their children. Each workshop includes a trainer guide, a slide presentation, links to and supplemental handouts, all in English and Spanish.

The workshop format is very adaptable to different contexts, including in person vs. online formats, as well as suggestions for if children are present or not. While families would benefit from attending the full series, each workshop could be offered or attended as a stand-alone event—the topics in the series build on each other, but can be presented independently of each other or in a different order if necessary.

Title	Objectives
Cultivating a reading environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the importance of children having access to books at home 2. Build reading into daily routines 3. Create a print rich environment at home
Developing a love for books	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the importance of reading aloud to your child 2. Choose a variety of high quality books for your child 3. Add activities to read aloud time to develop literacy and have fun together
Ramping up your read aloud	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preview a book with your child before the read aloud 2. Model fluent reading during the read aloud 3. Pause and discuss the book during and after the read aloud
Developing word consciousness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand what word consciousness is and why it's important for literacy 2. Use a variety of strategies and games to develop key areas of word

	consciousness with your child
Building comprehension by making connections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define comprehension as it is related to your child's literacy growth 2. Ask your child questions to support their comprehension development 3. Support your child with making connections while reading
Supporting your growing reader	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand how early literacy skills bridge into more advanced skills 2. Recognize literacy milestones and set new goals as children grow 3. Realize your role in supporting your child's literacy even as they become independent readers

Family Literacy Packets

Reading Partners offers quarterly literacy packets in English and Spanish for each of our curriculum levels: Emerging Readers (Kindergarten-level skills), Beginning Readers (first grade-level skills), and Advancing Readers (second through fifth grade-level skills). Each packet contains instructions for several literacy activities and a suggested eight-week schedule for families to practice together. The activities are designed to be easy to do with limited materials at home, though some require the use of scissors, paper, parkers, or tape. While not necessary, providing families with these supplies as part of the package would ensure they are able to fully engage in each activity.

One-Page Literacy Tip Handouts

Also available from Reading Partners are our 12 one-page literacy tip handouts. These may be distributed during the workshops (with suggested handouts listed in each trainer guide) or in other contexts as desired. They include topics such as creating an at-home library, questions to ask while reading with children, and descriptions of skills and strategies like fluency and visualization.

Reading Partners Training Series and Ongoing Support

As part of our partnership, the Reading Partners team would guide your team members through the workshop series in a train-the-trainer onboarding series and support your team in developing a strategy for facilitating the workshops and distributing the resources in a way that meets your organization's family engagement goals. Furthermore, we also offer training sessions on other related topics: The Challenges of Learning to Read, The Five Domains of Literacy, and Public Speaking and Group Facilitation.

We will gladly adapt this training series to fit your team's schedule, and will also offer ongoing support through regular check-ins in order to give and receive feedback and continue to refine your organization's approach to applying the family literacy resources to your needs.