

Virtual Family Engagement Resources

[You for Youth \(Y4Y\) Family Engagement Portal](#) is operated under contract by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, specifically to provide resources for 21CCLC programs. It has a wealth of resources including course tools such as planners and checklists, as well as professionalization resources and external links. It is free, but you must create an account to save course progress and receive certificates of completion.

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Y4Y offers a course with 4 components:

- Introduction to Family Engagement – 2 hours – Receive a Basic Level certificate of completion.
- Implementation Strategies – 5-7 hours – Receive an Advanced Level certificate of completion.
- Coaching My Staff – 1 hour – Receive a Leadership Level certificate of completion.
- Tools – Find ready-to-use, customizable tools that can help you in your efforts to engage families.

[Mizzen By Mott](#) is an innovative tool designed to help afterschool professionals plan and deliver engaging courses, lessons, and activities. As a member, you will be able to engage in high-quality content, organizational tools, and Pro Tips from education experts. It is free, but you must create an account to become a member to gain access to these exciting learning opportunities.

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Pro Tips offer training scripts to train staff in Parent Involvement, the second of the “3P’s” (Professionalism, Parent Involvement, and Positive Attitude).

[The Global Family Research Project](#) includes a full range of knowledge and resources intended to help programs understand and meet the needs of strengthening family relationships. One specific resource created by the GFRP - [The Family Engagement Playbook](#) is a collection of promising research-based approaches to strengthen individual competencies, interpersonal relationships, and organizational structures that build capacity for meaningful co-created family engagement.

[**STEM Family Engagement Planning Tool**](#) aims to promote effective and equitable family engagement in STEM. The key ideas, strategies, and examples are organized around the new framework CARE: Connect, Act, Reflect, and Empower. The framework can be used to support and improve the capacity of program staff, families, and youth, with focus on the areas most important for STEM teaching and learning, including knowledge and skills, values and beliefs, and networks of support.

[**The Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships \(Version 2\)**](#) is designed to support the development of family engagement strategies, policies, and programs. There are four main components to the framework: The Challenge, Essential Conditions, Policy and Program Goals, and Capacity Outcomes. Each component has a number of resources intended to help understand and meet the needs of programs seeking to strengthen family relationships.

[**Build the Out-of-School Time Network \(BOSTnet\)**](#) has created a toolkit to help you improve how you involve families in your program and in the success of their children. This Toolkit summarizes best practice tools and strategies from the Engaging Families Initiative. In the Engaging Families Toolkit, you can start off by assessing what stage your program is at with Family Engagement. You may then identify priority areas for improvement and develop a Family Engagement Action Plan that will guide you in taking the next steps toward engaging families in your program.

[**Bringing Developmental Relationships Home**](#)- This downloadable booklet offers everyday ideas and activities parenting adults can use to build developmental relationships in their families. While the booklet is directed towards parents, it is an excellent resource for program staff to help develop and strengthen relationships with the youth in their programs.

[**Parent-and-Family-Digital-Learning-Guide**](#) is operated under the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Technology to help parents or caregivers, understand important approaches for using technology in a manner that focuses on the needs of your child. This guide provides resources that will help parents, teachers, and school leaders to prepare your child for success in digital learning.