



Seattle Preschool Program

voluntary, high-quality, affordable

Family Engagement

Meeting Objectives

- Identify best practices for family engagement
- Share community partnership strategies

Legislative Guidelines

The Seattle Preschool Program will:

- Prioritize a universal family engagement approach that integrates intentional parent/child activities and promotes academic, social, and emotional school readiness.
 - Families will be provided with evidence-based activities, which could include proven home-learning activities, tied to the chosen curriculum models.
 - Providers will host events throughout the school year to connect families to resources and information on topics such as child development and nutrition.
- Build on Early Achievers Strengthening Families framework to increase providers' foundational knowledge about the importance of parents and families in children's lives and the family's impact on child outcomes.

Create a family engagement grant fund that could be used by providers to design, develop, and provide family engagement activities. (Seattle Preschool Program Action Plan, 2014)

Why Family Engagement Matters

- Learning activities done in the home have positive impact on children's school readiness.
- High-quality trainings for parents to strengthen parent/children interaction, with opportunities for modeling, practice, and feedback have a positive impact on children's cognitive skills.
- Family-to-family networks have shown promising results for children.

Additional Resources

- Seattle Preschool Program Action Plan - *May 14, 2014*
- BERK Consulting Recommendations - *May 2, 2014*
- Seattle City Council "Preschool for All" (Resolution 31478) - *September 23, 2013*

All documents can be found here: <http://www.seattle.gov/education/about-the-levy/early-learning/seattle-preschool-program/documents>

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