



Collaborative Action *for* Family Engagement

Learning at Home



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This October, we bring you an exciting edition of Learning at Home – all treats, no tricks! Read on for new resources to support school and family partnerships, and opportunities to support learning at home.

What is CAFE?

Collaborative Action for Family Engagement (CAFE) is a program at MAEC serving Maryland and Pennsylvania. We engage in high-impact, culturally responsive family engagement. By building partnerships among schools, families, and community organizations, we improve all students' development and academic achievement.

New from CAFE



[The Corner CAFE Podcast Episode #102: NAFSCE](#) (podcast)

Learn about NAFSCE's Family Engagement Core Competencies, best practices for engaging families, emerging trends in Family Engagement, and more on this episode of The Corner CAFE Podcast.

Are ALL the Children Well? 2.0
Session Five

Preparing for Summer: What Programming and Supports Benefit Students and Families Experiencing Homelessness?



December 7, 2023, 2 pm (ET)

[Preparing for Summer: What Programming and Supports Benefit Students and Families Experiencing Homelessness?](#)(webinar)

Join us as we explore this topic and related strategies to ensure that students who experience homelessness have equitable access to the resources they need over the summer.

Resources for Families

You Are an Advocate!



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You are your child's best advocate. Need strategies to help you along the way? Check out the resources below.

[Starting Early: Building Strong Partnerships with Multilingual Families in Kindergarten](#) (webpage)

New America

Interview with Sahira Larios, a public school kindergarten teacher in a bilingual Spanish-English classroom in Oak Grove School District in San Jose, California about how she builds strong partnerships with multilingual families.

[Supporting Early Literacy at Home: A Parent's Guide](#) (webpage)

South Carolina Department of Education

“Supporting Early Literacy at Home: A Parent's Guide” is a series of online, self-paced learning modules designed to provide information for parents and caregivers so that they can support their children’s early literacy development. Research shows that parent/caregiver involvement is the number one predictor of early literacy success as well as future academic success

Financial Literacy is a Family Matter



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Parents are their children's first teachers, and when kids learn financial literacy from a young age, they are more likely to make wise financial decisions as they grow up. By using the resources below, families can build a strong financial foundation and learn how to teach their children about this important life skill.

[Family-School Partnerships & Financial Literacy](#) (webinar)

MAEC

How can we provide practical financial literacy support to families and students? What resources and programs are available? In this webinar, two financial literacy experts answered those questions and shared strategies and resources to employ when engaging with families and provided financial literacy support.

[Guide to Organizing Reality Fairs](#) (PDF)

Money Smart

A reality fair is a simulation of an adult's financial life that provides youth with an interactive experience for making real world financial decisions and managing money. This guide is a comprehensive resource for organizing a three-hour reality fair for youth. It includes checklists, timelines, and sample communications, etc. for planning the fair. The guide also includes resources that support the fair itself, such as participant profiles and booth worksheets.

[Money as You Grow: Help for parents and caregivers](#) (webpage with downloadable resources)

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

No need to be a money expert—the tips and activities here can help your children's money skills, habits, and attitudes grow. Examples: building your child's money skills, talking about money, books to read together.

Mindfulness Corner



Mindfulness practices can be helpful for families and children to reduce stress and anxiety, improve focus and emotions, and promote better sleep and well-being. The resources below can support your mindfulness journey whether you're new to mindfulness or looking for additional resources.

[Mindfulness for Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

(webpage)

Collaborative Family Healthcare Association (CFHA)

The biggest benefits of mindfulness come with practice—intentional, consistent, and structured practice—and this practice doesn't have to be complicated.

[Cultivating Joy to Recharge](#) (webpage with guided practice)

Mindful Schools

Cultivating joy is an invitation to notice and connect with the subtlety of pleasurable moments. What's going well right now? What's not wrong in this moment? {Listen to the guided practice.}

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