

Education: Training Families to Support Student Learning

When families learn systems for monitoring and guiding their children's out-of-school time, the child does better in school. Schools that train families to reinforce school learning at home find that students are more motivated to learn. When family training is led by other families in small-group settings, relationships build among them as they practice their newly-acquired skills with their children and discuss their experiences with each other.

This module presents a learning series that includes courses designed especially for families. When this training concludes, school teams will have everything they need to train parent leaders, recruit workshop participants, organize workshop sessions, and complete an Action Plan for implementing Family Learning workshops in their schools. Included in this module are the complete Studying at Home workshop series and our Interactive Reading workshop. Both workshops help families discover tips and techniques that support student success during out-of-school times. Module topics include:

- Family Learning Series Overview
- Training Parents for Leadership Roles
- Recruiting Participants
- Organizing and Planning a Workshop Series
- Review of two Parent Education Workshops
 - **Studying at Home** – Families of students in fourth through eighth grade learn how to guide their student toward good study habits (series of 3 workshops)
 - **Interactive Reading: Storybooks and Storytelling** – Families with primary grade children will discover techniques that help make reading fun and inspire students to read on their own
- Creating an Action Plan for Implementing Family Learning Workshops

For subscribers to the *Family Engagement Tool*, this module will also demonstrate how these concepts relate to the online process in regard to assessing current practices, developing a needs assessment, planning for implementation, and recording and track outcomes.

Time Investment: 5-6 hours

Cost: \$2,495.00 (Includes training and travel)

The **School Community Network's** Family Engagement Tool (FET) is a five step, online program that helps schools assess current family engagement practices, evaluate perceptions, develop a needs assessment, create a plan to implement, track planned implementation, and record outcomes. Building Blocks – Goals & Roles, Shared Leadership, Communication, Education, and Connection – are used to organize its content and corresponding resources. The School Community Network, its features, and components are the property of the Academic Development Institute. For more information visit our website, www.schoolcommunitynetwork.org.