

# Are you thinking about applying for the Family Engagement Project? Hear what our participants have to say!



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"Since beginning my center's journey with family engagement and my coach, I have been able to open my eyes to areas that my center was weak in and have the resources provided by her to boost them. They don't come in and tell you that you have been doing things wrong, instead they are full of positive encouragement and great ideas on ways to increase parent relationships. If you can get parents involved, then it makes connecting with the children that much better. I am so glad I started this journey 4 months ago and can't wait to complete it and begin a new one".

~Hollie, Peachtree Academy

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"The Family Engagement Project is a valuable resource for early childhood programs. Meeting once a month fits easily into an administrator's schedule. The Coach is extremely knowledgeable in early childhood and shares the information in a way that is relatable to our program. Having a coach that is friendly, helpful and understanding has made this experience extremely easy." ~Sara, First Presbyterian Preschool

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"The project has enabled us to share more informative resources that could help our parents. The parents are more knowledgeable of things that may help their child and family. The coach also helped us to provide agencies and contact information that are out there to help in times of crisis and need. The parent survey gave us more insight into our families personal thoughts about the program as well as their hobbies and interest. The parents were willing to form a committee to help with different interests and events going on in the class. They were so excited about helping in planning and participating in the class "Valentine's Etiquette Ball" that took place on Feb. 14. "Oh, so much fun!!" were the children, parents and grandparents thoughts. Thanks for the Family Engagement Project!" ~Dorothy, MLK First Class Pre-K

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"Lil Kidz Dayschool Inc. has greatly benefited from the Family Engagement Program along with the parents. The parent resource area is a great improvement to our center, it has helped to engage parents and empowered the staff with knowledge we did not have before. The parent survey and committees that were formed have helped us get in touch with the value of the parents satisfaction of our childcare center and staff. The flexibility that my coach has with making appointments to work with my schedule and her understanding and knowledge is commendable. Thank you for including Lil Kidz Dayschool in this program".~Jackaline, Lil Kidz Dayschool Inc.

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"Prior to the Family Engagement Project, I would have never known the importance of having a written family plan. This project has encouraged me to form a parent committee and to promote the importance of having a primary physician for young children. After finishing this project, I am motivated to encourage our parents to use the resources in our parent lending library".~Lorren, Hightown Academy



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