# Early Learning Answers on the Go 36e. - English Version

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| **36e. Enhancing family engagement in your program.** |
| Family engagement supports children’s school readiness and is the foundation for success in school and life. Family engagement is a shared responsibility between the Division of Early Learning, 30 early learning coalitions and the Redlands Christian Migrant Association who partner to offer family engagement activities and resources to providers and families.  While it is the responsibility of families to actively participate in their children’s learning development and wellness, providers must find meaningful ways to support family engagement opportunities.  To foster engagement, providers must make it a priority to establish positive communication and build trusting relationships with families. This starts with creating a welcoming environment for families.  Providers should also be intentional about training staff and instructors on how to effectively communicate with children and their families. Hosting events and meetings throughout the year for families to attend engages families and allows for effective communication between providers and families.  To provide families with the most accurate information and community resources, providers may always refer families to their local early learning coalition.  For more information on family engagement resources, or to obtain the contact information to your local early learning coalition, call the Division of Early Learning’s toll-free number at one-eight-six-six, three-five-seven, three-two-three-nine.  The project described was supported by the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative (PDG B-5) Award Number 90TP0068-03-02 from the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. |