

Unlocking Early Literacy with Family-Teacher Collaboration

Individual Professionals Path: Level 1

A seminar, specifically designed for teachers, to learn how to collaborate with families to support children's early literacy development. You will explore strategies to recognize families' unique assets, communicate with a growth mindset, and implement evidence-based family engagement practices. The seminar is delivered in three learning blocks through a flipped instructional model. For each block, you will first complete a self-paced online module to build your background knowledge related to family engagement. Then, you will join an instructor-led online workshop session to apply knowledge to your school or program.

Learning Objectives:

- I can apply an assets lens to discover families' strengths to increase opportunities for all families to support early literacy.
- I can apply growth mindset concepts to my communication and collaboration with families.
- I can apply evidence-based family engagement strategies that support early language and literacy development.
- I can create a personalized plan to partner with families to support early literacy.

Outcome: The outcome of this seminar is to create a personalized plan to strengthen family partnerships and boost literacy outcomes for young learners.

Prerequisite: None (Note: Either *Unlocking Early Literacy with Family-Teacher Collaboration* OR *Foundations of Family Engagement* is a prerequisite for all other seminars in our catalog.)

Contact Hours: 60, equivalent to 6 Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Cost: Free

Schedule:

Learning Block	Module Open Date	Module Close Date	Workshop Date
Learning Block 1: Partnering with Families	October 31, 2025	November 3, 2025 at 11:59 PM.	November 4, 2025 1:00 PM-3:30 PM EST OR 5:30 PM- 8:30 PM EST
Learning Block 2: Home-based Practices	November 4, 2025	November 5, 2025 at 11:59 PM.	November 6, 2025 1:00 PM-3:30 PM EST OR 5:30 PM- 8:30 PM EST
Learning Block 3: Communicating with Families	November 6, 2025	November 11, 2025 at 11: 59 PM.	November 12, 2025 1:00 PM-3:30 PM EST OR 5:30 PM- 8:30 PM EST

Learning Block: Corresponding module and workshop.

Module: Self-paced content that will be accessed through the Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Center website. Module will include all needed materials, assignments, and resources.

Workshop: Instructor-led online meeting of all seminar participants featuring application of knowledge and collaboration with other learners.