

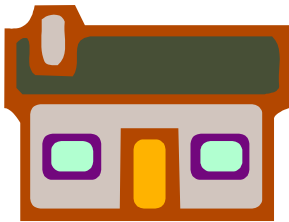


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Get Involved in Your Child's Education

You are your child's first teacher.

You spend more time with your child over the course of his or her lifetime than any teacher will. You can play a very positive role in your child's educational development.



Get Involved at Home!

- ✍ Send your child to school rested and fed.
- ✍ Find out what happened at school each day and how your child felt about it.
- ✍ Improve your parenting skills.
- ✍ Have books, magazines, etc. in your home.
- ✍ Read and write with your child.
- ✍ Take your child to the library.



✍ Display your child's work.

Get Involved at School!

- ✍ Meet your child's teacher early in the year

and regularly throughout.

- ✍ Call, write notes, or stop in to keep in touch with your child's teacher.
- ✍ Voice concerns and questions.
- ✍ Recognize how difficult a teacher's job is.
- ✍ Ask for ways to reinforce what the teacher does in class.
- ✍ Volunteer to help in school projects (some tasks can be done at home).
- ✍ Serve on your school's advisory committee.
- ✍ Support school rules and goals.

**See the contact below for more information on speaking up for your child.*



Get Involved in the community!

- ✍ Get together with other parents to support your school and quality education.
- ✍ Encourage other community members to support education (church, businesses).
- ✍ Recognize and support businesses with policies that promote parent involvement.

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For more information contact:

A project of The Florida Partnership for Parent Involvement
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Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters ♦ Hillsborough County Head Start ♦ Hillsborough County Even Start



The Center for Parent Involvement (FCPI) was funded by the U.S. Department of Education; Goals 2000, Educate America Act from 1994-1999. Guided by an advisory board of parents and professionals, the FCPI's goal was to tap the power of parents.

The FCPI gathered information on parent needs, coordinated the information, and created a series of resources organized by theme, including fact sheets for parents and professionals, "Beyond the Basics" resources, and resource identification lists. Many of the resources have been translated into Spanish language versions, and every effort has been made to preserve the meaning and flavor of the original English documents. This series of materials provides a wealth of current information for both parents and providers; the complete set of resources can be obtained in PDF format on the Department of Child and Family Studies Website at www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi. The staff of the FCPI are hopeful that their work will continue to help children get ready to learn for many years to come.

The series' themes include:

- Family Empowerment
- Parent Involvement
- Parenting Support
- School Readiness
- Violence in the Lives of Children
- Transition to Kindergarten

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