

## HELP DEVELOP PARENT ENGAGEMENT TOOLS!

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Thank you for your interest in helping us to develop and fine-tune parent engagement tools for Strengthening Families early care and education programs. Parent involvement and engagement is a perennial issue in early childhood. Our goal is to develop a series of tools that can not only support early childhood programs implementing the Strengthening Families model but also inform the larger field.

- **The Strengthening Families Parent Handbook**

This short brochure helps parents understand the protective factors and what they can expect from a Strengthening Families program.

- **The Strengthening Families Parent Involvement framework**

This short document describes different levels of parent involvement—parent capacities at each level, staff skills to support parents at each level and the programmatic environment that is needed to support parents and staff at each level.

- **Parent Roles Handouts**

These one page handouts describe four key parent roles: teacher, supporter, advocate and decision maker. Each handout provides a range of ways that parents can engage with the program and talk about the type of supports that can be expected from the program.

If you are interested in giving us feedback on these tools please send an e-mail to [nilofer.ahsan@cssp.org](mailto:nilofer.ahsan@cssp.org). We will send you copies of each of the tools with simple surveys to structure the review process. The process will be quick and easy and all participating programs will receive copies of the final documents.