



Every Educator Counts

An educator-focused webinar series that offers tips and best practices to drive family engagement and enhance classroom practices

1. Re-Envisioning Family Engagement in a Post-Pandemic Landscape

Date: August 30, 2023 7-8pm ET

Moderator: Daris McInnis

Panelists: Dr. Shana Haines, Dr. Judy Paulick, Terra McCrae-Greene, Deborah Dantzler Williams

2. Using Literacy Tracker Data to Inform Instruction

Date: 09/27/23

Description: During this interactive webinar, we will take a deep dive into RIF's Literacy Tracker tool. Literacy Tracker is a supplemental formative assessment tool that can accompany your school's main assessment platform to gain further insights into students' reading processes and progress anytime throughout the school year. During this webinar, educators will engage with student data points and work together to develop implementable reading strategies based on student data.

3. Who We Are: Storytelling as Culturally Responsive Pedagogy

Date: 10/25/23

Description: During this interactive webinar, participants will get to know each other through engaging with storytelling as a culturally responsive literacy practice. Storytelling is an excellent practice to enhance students' reading and writing skills as well as social emotional development. Educators will leave the meeting with actionable strategies they can incorporate into their literacy practices.

4. Expanding Definitions of Families and Literacies

Date: 11/29/23

Description: During this interactive webinar, participants will learn about family inclusive language. This webinar will feature a read aloud of *Family Is...* by Katya Longhi with permission from Clever Publishing. Educators will leave the meeting with asset-based language to family engagement to integrate into their practices.

5. Family Engagement: From Barriers to Best Practices

Date: 1/31/24

Description: During this interactive webinar, participants will collaborate to determine common barriers that stand in the way of effective family engagement. Then we will learn what research



until every child reads

says about best practices to overcome these barriers. Educators will work together to design solutions to overcome the barriers they are facing based on research-based best practices.

6. Using Funds of Knowledge Approaches to Bridge Home and School Literacies

Date: 2/28/24

Description: Funds of Knowledge is a culturally responsive approach that honors the unique skills, knowledges, and competencies of all families. Through a series of case studies and a RIF funds of knowledge survey, educators will begin to explore the unique funds of knowledge of their families. This approach builds *confianza* (mutual trust) between educators and families and promotes innovative designs to curriculum and instruction.

7. Designing your Family Literacy Event

Date: 3/27/24

Description: During this interactive webinar, participants will learn how to plan and implement a family literacy event for their school. We will showcase RIF resources that support planning such as read aloud guides, hands-on literacy activities, and more. We will also share best practices in creating a welcoming and inclusive event for families.