

Parent Involvement: Keys to Success

A podcast series from the Appalachia Regional Comprehensive Center

Involve Parents in Reading: They really can make a difference!

Listener's Guide

Key idea: Parents can help children improve reading skills when they learn and apply research-based strategies.

| Key Information | Notes |
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| Strategies for parents 1. Listen to your child read. 2. Paired reading 3. Read aloud <u>to</u> your child. | |
| Research findings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent involvement in a child's reading is the most important determinant of language and emergent literacy.• Involvement with reading activities at home has significant positive influences on students' interest in reading, attitudes toward reading, and attentiveness in the classroom. | |
| Strategies for SEAs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide sample parent workshop schedules and suggested content to give schools and districts a starting point.• Share the strategies discussed in this podcast with school and district staff.• Provide networking opportunities for district staff to exchange ideas, successes, and challenges. | |

Resources

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