South Carolina First Steps 4K

Family Engagement FAQ & Resource Guide

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1. Family Engagement Workshop

Please plan ahead for the following family engagement workshops. Providers are encouraged to use designated material to support workshop planning and implementation.

Workshop Focus	Material	Children's Book	Due Date
Literacy Focus	Words Mater	Mittens	Fall- See website for actual date
Math Focus	Math Matters	Ten Black Dots	Spring- See website for actual date
End of the Year	Your choice	Kindergarten Here I Come	End of School Year

Materials and Support

- **ReadyRosie Powerpoint** and **Facilitators Guide** can be downloaded from ReadyRosie.
- **Scholastic Children's Books** are sent directly to the center from First Steps. Send books home with the family.
- **Attendance Sheet-** upload to CaseWorthy

2. Family Orientation Materials

Use these resources to introduce families to the First Steps 4K program, explain program expectations, and establish a strong foundation for family-school partnerships.

- Family Handbooks
- Orientation Presentations and Agreements (upload sign in sheet to Caseworthy)
- Family Orientation Videos
- Preschool Power Hour

3. Attendance Matters

Consistent attendance supports children's learning, development, classroom relationships, and school readiness. Use the following materials to communicate attendance expectations and partner with families when attendance concerns arise.

- Family Orientation slide deck
- 4K Family Handbook
- Attendance Matters Handout
- Attendance Matters Sign in Sheet.
- Webinar for 4K Teachers: Attendance Matters)
- Attendance Matters Resources and Communication Scripts for Teachers
- Blog: When Children Want to Be Here: How Joyful Classrooms Build Attendance Habits

4. Family-Teacher Conferences

Family Teacher Conferences are held quarterly following checkpoints. Conferences provide an opportunity for teachers and families to share information about children's strengths, developmental progress, learning goals, and support needs.

- Family Teacher Conference Checklist
- Tips for a Successful 4K Conference- 2026
- Attendance Sign in Sheet- upload to Case Worthy

5. ReadyRosie

Teaching Strategies offers weekly webinars for Teachers titled *Implementing ReadyRosie with Fidelity and Success*.

- Register for Webinar
- Reference Quick Start Guide.
- Post flyer at school and send invite home with families

6. Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ)

Developmental screening helps teachers and families better understand children's developmental progress and identify when additional information, follow-up, or support may be appropriate.

- Getting Started with ASQ Online for Teachers
- First Steps 4K ASQ Online FAQ

For questions requiring additional guidance, contact 4KOperations@scfirststeps.org.