



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals
Parent Liaisons
Teachers
Special Area Educators

FROM: Aveene Coleman
Interim Director, Office of Student Support

DATE: February 6, 2024

RE: Spring Family and Community Engagement Webinar Series for Educators

The South Carolina Department of Education together with Carolina Family Engagement Center will host a series of free webinars for parent and family engagement educators. Educators from the field will provide innovative and best practices for engaging and supporting all families for impactful school, family, and community partnerships.

The webinars will highlight the five [SC Family Engagement K-12 Framework Strategies for Success](#).

Please share this information with the appropriate individuals in your district and school and encourage them to use the links below to register.

Webinar Dates and Registration Link	Webinar Topic
March 6, 2024 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Register Here	<i>Building Partnerships with Families and the Community to Support Student Learning and Reading Beyond the School Day</i> In this webinar, participants will learn about the <i>Clarendon County School District in partnership with the Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC)</i> work together with local businesses and community members to establish Community Family Resource Centers (CFRCs) and book vending machine locations throughout the community. Funded by the South Carolina Department of Education, CFRCs and book vending machines are

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	sited in locations where families already travel to access other essential goods and services.
Webinar Dates and Registration Link	Webinar Topic
March 13, 2024 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Register Here	<i>School Attendance Matters: Removing Barriers and Empowering Parents</i> Removing barriers that impact student achievement and attendance is paramount. This webinar will share best practices, successes, and lessons learned from Greenville County School District Student Service Department for engaging and empowering families around this issue.
March 20, 2024 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Register Here	<i>Re-envisioning Family Engagement and Literacy in Early Childhood Classrooms Routledge</i> Join us to learn about a new resource, Re-envisioning Family Engagement and Literacy in Early Childhood Classrooms Routledge . Author and Professor of Teacher Education at the University of South Carolina, Dr. Julia López-Robertson will discuss strategies for implementing culturally responsive classroom practices to create positive home–school partnerships.
March 27, 2024 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Register Here	<i>Building Capacity for Impactful Parent and Family Engagement</i> This presentation will feature how district level personnel builds capacity with parent-facing personnel to ensure sustainability among staff members. The onboarding process as well as ongoing professional development will be detailed.
April 3, 2024 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Register Here	<i>Resources for Building Resiliency Among Military Families</i> This webinar provided by Fort Jackson Army Community Service (ACS) and Military OneSource will address a comprehensive array of programs and services dedicated to maintaining the readiness of soldiers, military families, and communities to foster self-reliance, resiliency, and stability.

The webinars will be hosted using Microsoft Teams. If you are unable to participate in one or more of the webinars, you may request a copy of the recording and other training materials via the following link: [Information Request](#)

If you have questions, please contact Regina Thurmond, Family and Community Engagement Liaison, at rthurmond@ed.sc.gov.