Research shows that when parents and families are involved, children and schools are more successful. This section contains resources to help you reach out to families, and keep them involved as their children move through the pre-kindergarten year and into kindergarten.

We encourage you to copy these resources and give them to parents. Some teachers and care providers like to send these resources home with the children, while others have found it more useful to give them to families at a face-to-face meeting. You should decide what will work best in your program.

Here is what you will find in this section. You can use all of the resources listed here, or just choose what will be most useful for you. You will find these resources in Spanish on the CD included in this toolkit, or on the Web at www.ld.org.

1. **Getting to Know My Child: A Guide for My Child’s Kindergarten Teacher**

   This is a booklet for parents to fill out and give back to you, with a letter at the beginning that you can sign. You can then include the completed questionnaire in an Early Learning Passport that you give to a child’s kindergarten teacher. Send this home with a date when it should be returned to you, or fill it out with parents during a face-to-face meeting.

2. **Get Ready To Read! Skill-Building Activities**

   Use this set of activity cards to make take-home packets or for ideas to try at home. You can send them home all at once, or send home a few each month. This section also includes an introduction to the activities for parents.

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3. Getting Ready for Kindergarten handouts

There are seven of these handouts for parents on different aspects of early childhood development. You can give one out each month with your newsletter over the course of the year, or give them out at parent meetings.

4. Next Steps: What to Do If You Are Concerned About Your Child’s Literacy Development

This is a useful resource to give out when a you and/or a parent has concerns about a child.