

Play! **Activity Kits** **to Support** **Family** **Literacy**



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Four Components of Family Literacy

Adult
Education



Parent
Time



PACT[®]
Time



Child
Education



When and Where?

When?

- During the school day
- Before or after school
- In the summer

Or any combination!

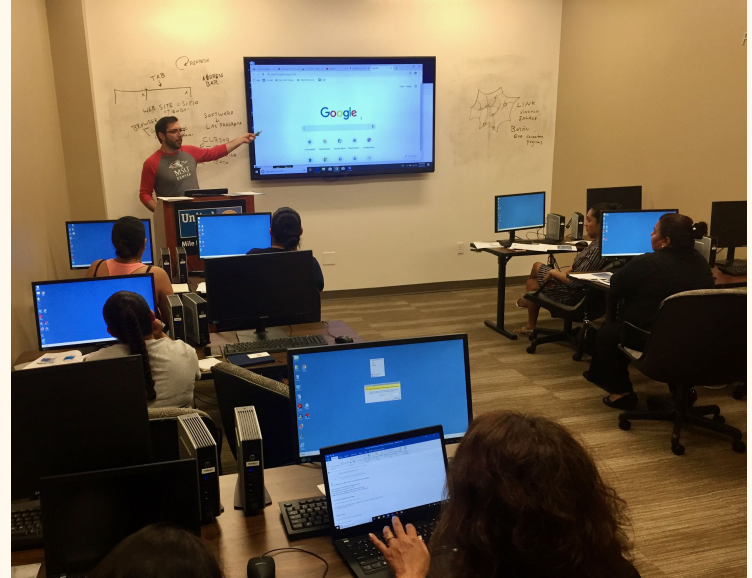
Where?

**Community Based
Organization,
Community College,
K-12 Schools, Church,
Library, Online, Home,**

Or any combination!

Adult Education

- Adult Basic Education
- English Language Acquisition
- High School Equivalency/GED
- College and Career Readiness
- Higher Education
- Employability Skills





Parent Time

Parent Time topics are based on interests of parents

Child
Development

Health and
Wellness

Helping with
Homework

Budgeting



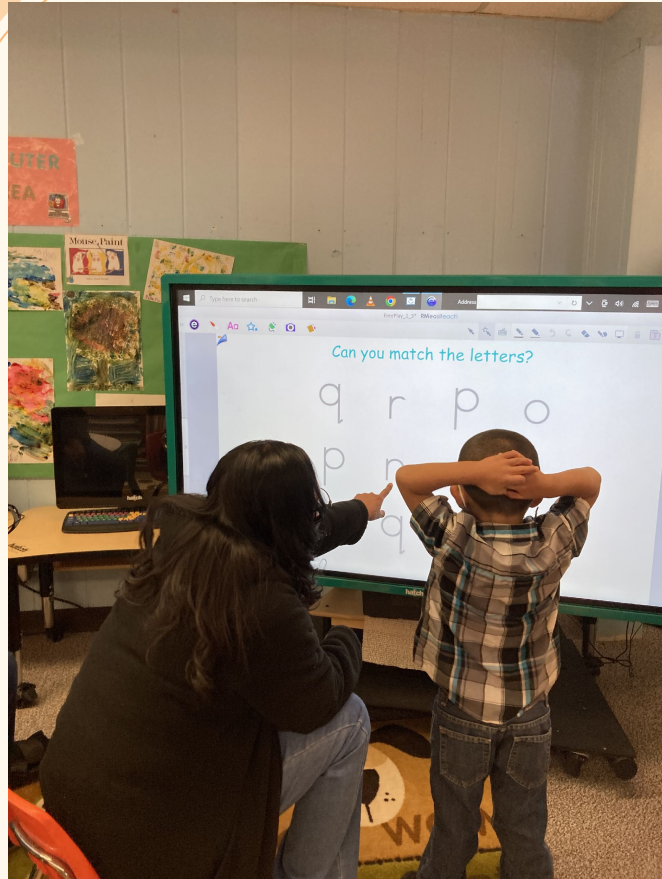
Child Education



Child Education is any education children receive in the classroom, before or after school, or with other community-based organizations.

This programming is based on researched best practices and meets the developmental needs of children.

Parent & Child Together (PACT)



PACT Time at Ramah Navajo

PACT Time occurs when parenting adults spend time in their children's learning space, like a classroom or outside of school learning space.

Parenting adults follow their child's lead as much as possible and practice skills gained during Parent Time.


PACT Time Key Points

- Parenting adults and children interact and share learning together.
- Parenting adults learn to support their children's language and literacy.
- Children feel connected, loved, and appreciated.







Why Family Literacy?




43 million
adults read at
the lowest
literacy levels
(NCES, 2020)



Parent and
child literacy
is linked
(Dollar General Literacy
Foundation, 2022)



Provides a
framework for
supporting
families



Impacts of Family Literacy

Increase English language skills that impact involvement in classroom

Increases self-efficacy to support children's education

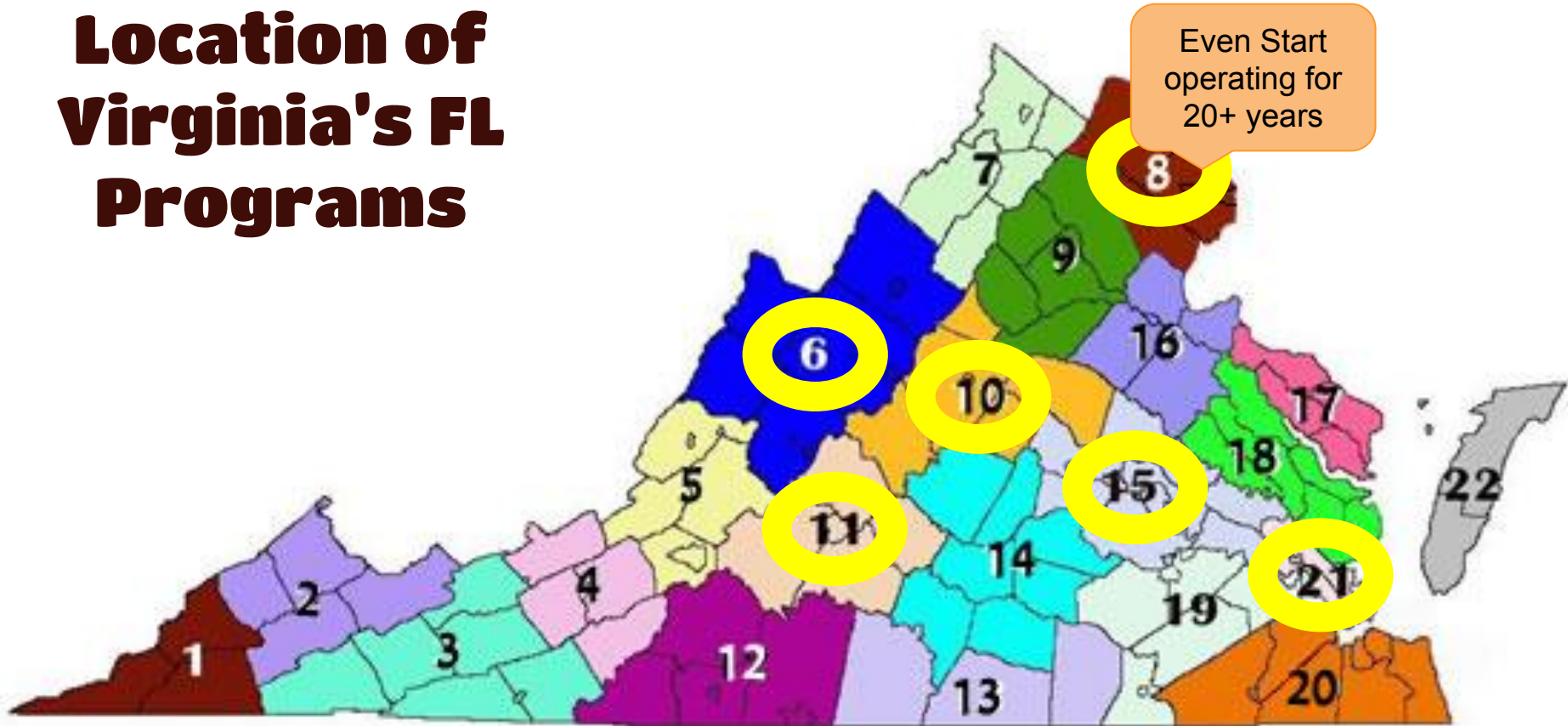
Increase parent involvement in schools

Increase literacy behaviors in the home

Increase in children's academic performance and attendance



Location of Virginia's FL Programs



Children: 2-5 year olds

Adults: English language classes

Partners: local church

Unique feature: providing all four components (including children's education)

Refugee Families

Children: 6-8th grade

Adults: high school equivalency

Partners: alternative middle school

Unique feature: adult education is housed in the same building; PACT time during the school day

Alternative Middle School

Children: 6-12th grade

Adults: English language & career exploration

Partners: local businesses & tech school

Unique feature: incentives that align with career field; providing childcare and meals

Career Exploration

Children: K-4th grade

Adults: English language classes

Partners: local library & public schools

Unique feature: serving the whole school system; using volunteers to provide enrichment for children while adults are learning; PACT each class meeting

Multilingual Families



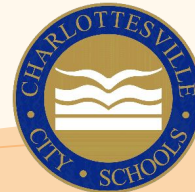
Spring 2023 - Spring 2024
Implementation and Review

Fall 2021 - Spring 2022
**Planning Period and NCFL
Training**

**Charlottesville
Family
Literacy
Program**

Summer/Fall 2022
Re-design and recruitment

Spring 2022
**Key partner (school principal) left;
plan fell through**



Programming - offered 3 semesters

Class Schedule: TTh, 9-11:30am

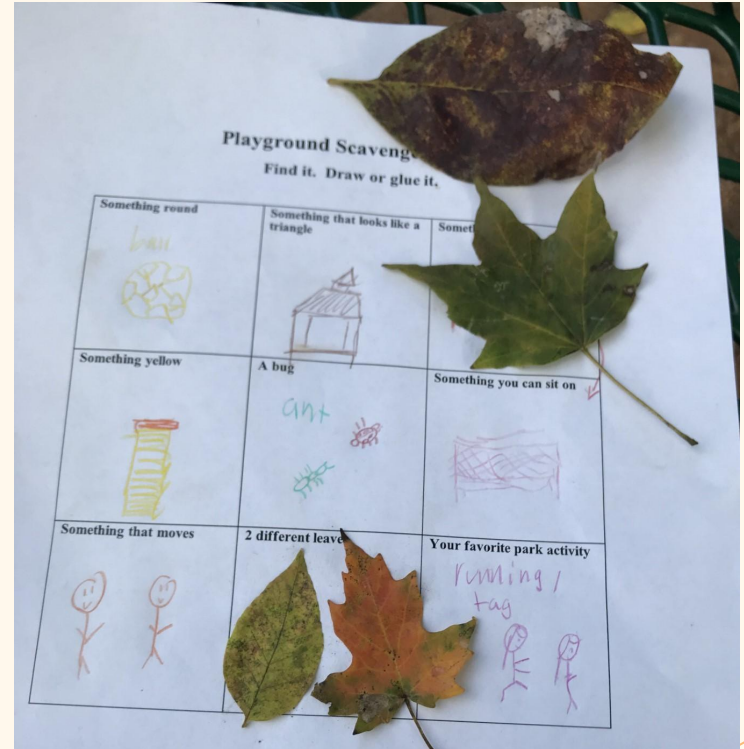
Location: library

Participants: EL parents of children K-4

Instructional Content:

Integrated, multilevel ESL, parent education and reading children's books

PACT: primarily take home activities; some group activities (weekend, teacher work days)



Partners and Programming

			<p>Other Community Partners</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recruitment via catalog, website, and during advising ● Instructor ● Coordinating with and reporting to partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recruitment via flyers, robocalls and parentsquare ● Bilingual dictionaries ● Bilingual books ● Copies of literacy readers (HMH Into Reading) ● Guest speakers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Space ● Tour, story-time and activity ● Library cards ● Lots of time spent in children's section, finding books to check out and read to kids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VA Discovery Museum - free passes ● VA Cooperative Extension - family nutrition program ● Free Book Bus - Cville coloring books, multiple languages

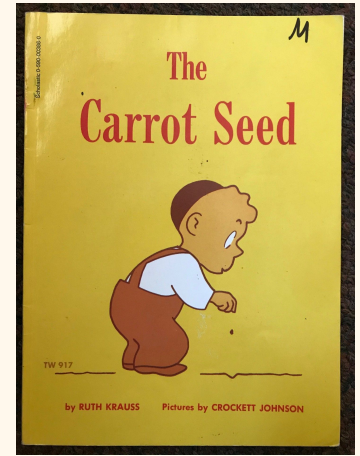
Activities with Other Community Partners & Questions



PACT Time Activity Kits

Themed activity kits...

- ★ Engage parents and children in learning, playing, doing, reading together
- ★ Support adult educators in incorporating this component of family literacy into programming
- ★ Include
 - objectives for children and parenting adults
 - optional activities
 - guidance for preparing parents (during adult ed/parent time)
 - list of suggested related children's books



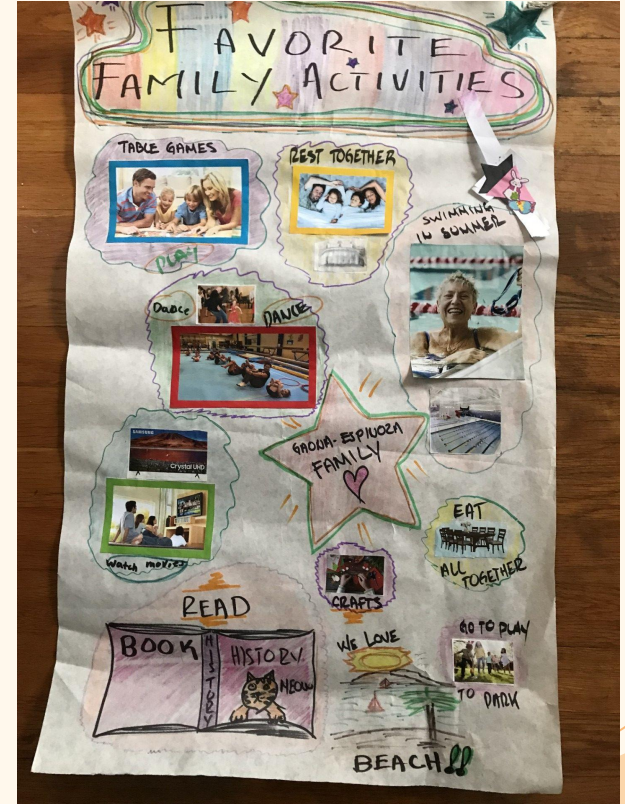
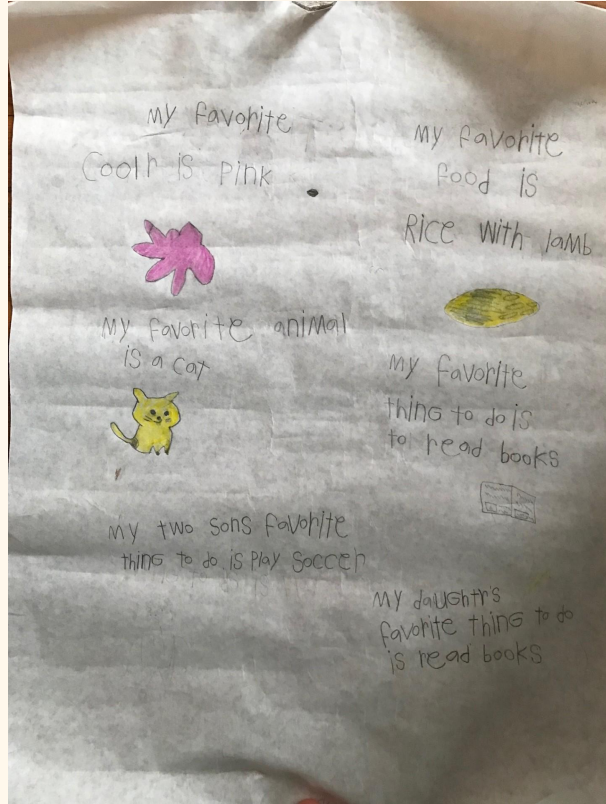


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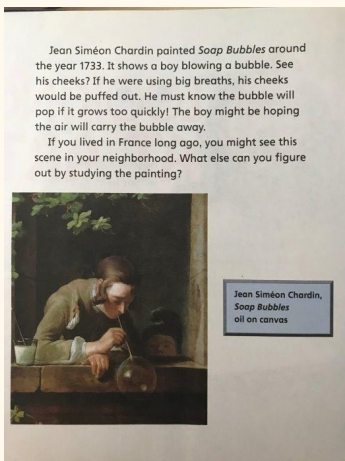
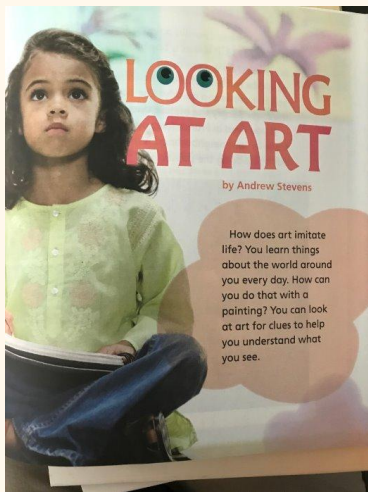
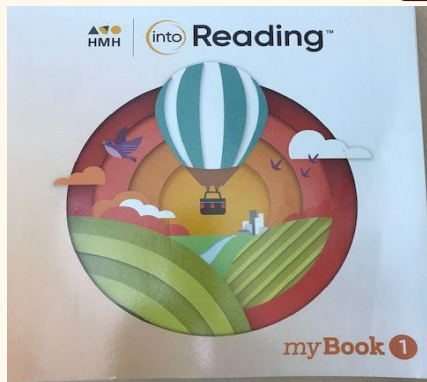
A walk through an activity kit:
favorite family activities



Example 1: Favorite Family Activities



Example 2: Fun with Art

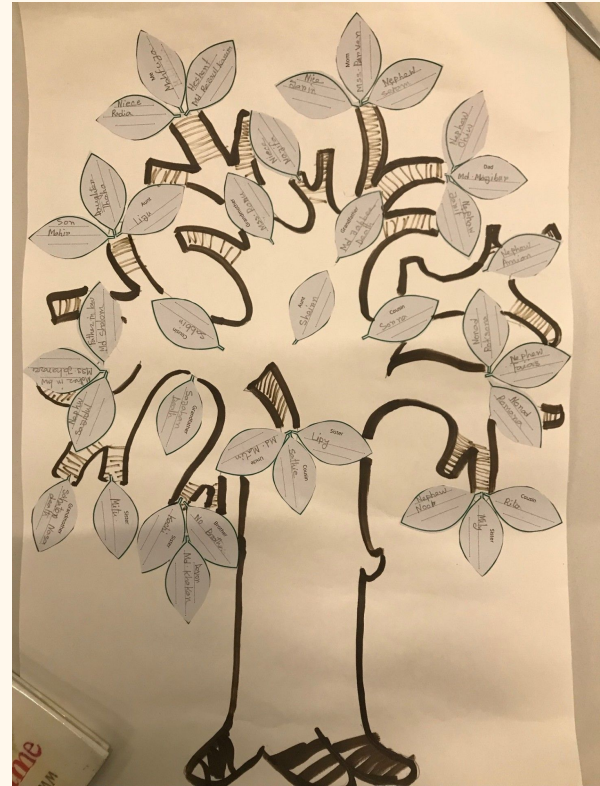
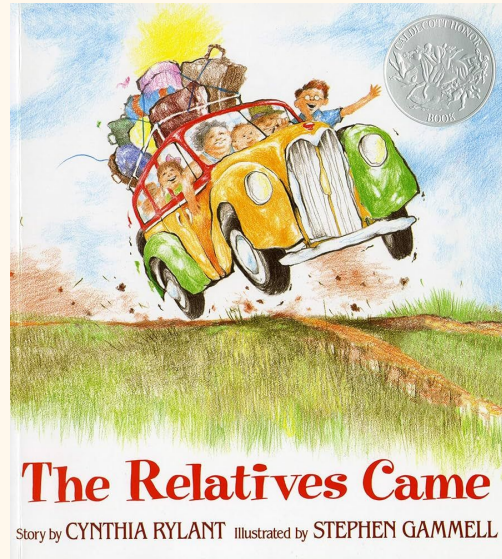
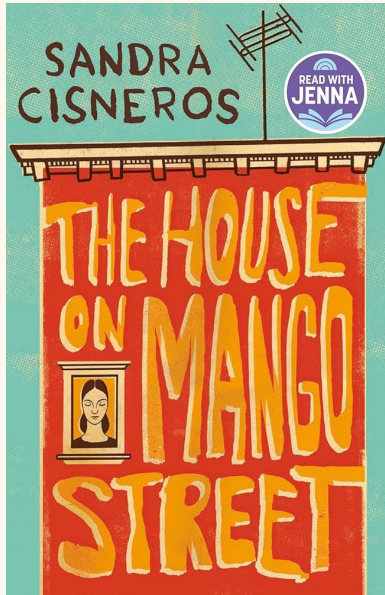


Jean Siméon Chardin painted *Soap Bubbles* around the year 1733. It shows a boy blowing a bubble. See his cheeks? If he were using big breaths, his cheeks would be puffed out. He must know the bubble will pop if it grows too quickly! The boy might be hoping the air will carry the bubble away.

If you lived in France long ago, you might see this scene in your neighborhood. What else can you figure out by studying the painting?

- What do you see?
- What colors do you see?
- What shapes do you see?
- What is happening?
- What do you think happened before?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Can we make a story about it?
- How do you feel when you look at this?
- Do you like it? Why or why not?
 - I like it because...
 - I don't like it because...

Example 3: Family and Culture



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What modifications or adjustments might you make for your families?
Questions? Thoughts?