



Aboriginal Family, Youth, and Community Engagement

Parental involvement is crucial for the successful promotion of literacy and learning amongst children. This involves the passing of culture, oral traditions, community support, and experiential learning.

Key Ideas:

- Aboriginal family, youth, and community play important roles in the development of literacy and learning.
- A holistic view of family involvement focuses on a mind-body-heart-spirit balance in learning.
- Aboriginal cultures pass knowledge from generation to generation through oral traditions, cultural practices, and experiential learning.
- The lingering impacts of colonization on family involvement in literacy development and learning should be acknowledged.

What practitioners can strive for:

- To provide parents and caregivers access to holistic, culturally relevant resources, services, programs and support that meet their needs and allow them to be involved in literacy and learning.
- To design community literacy programs which provide respect, access, and a safe and secure space for parents and families.



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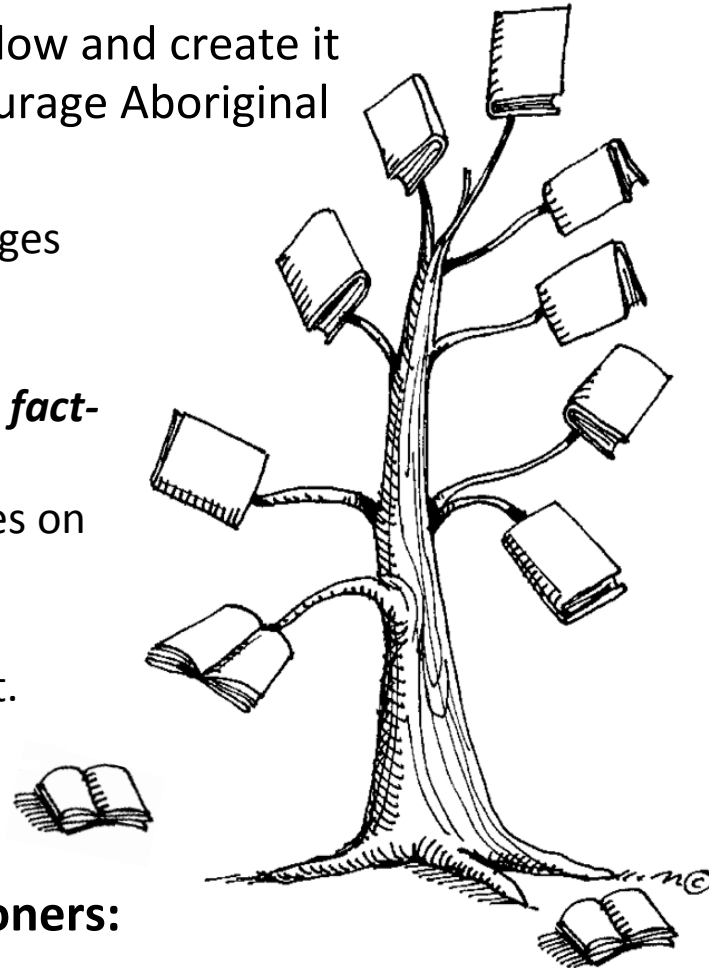


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Activity: Choose from the list below and create it to encourage caregivers to encourage Aboriginal parent involvement.

- A **graphical poster** that encourages parental and community involvement.
- A ten item **literacy and learning fact-sheet** for parents.
- A **mission statement** that focuses on parental involvement.
- A **community event** plan to encourage parental involvement.



Resources Supporting Practitioners:

- *Parenting Bundle: An Aboriginal Cultural Parenting Program Manual for all Caregivers of Children:*
<http://www.wabano.com/images/stories/perinatal/parenting%20bundle.pdf>
- *Best Start Resource Centre (Toronto, Ontario):*
 This document presents best practices related to early learning for Aboriginal children. Developed to assist with early learning for educators, community workers, and service providers who work with First Nations parents and caregivers.
http://www.beststart.org/resources/hlthy_chld_dev/pdf/FC_K13A.pdf



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