



RTL Models of Engagement (A Start)

PBS KIDS Family & Community Learning

What is PBS KIDS Family & Community Learning?

PBS KIDS Family & Community Learning is a series of workshops that engage families in hands-on learning utilizing PBS KIDS media. Designed for families with children ages 2-8, the workshops use guided play to introduce both kids and grown-ups to exciting digital and tangible tools that are designed to support the development of RTL learning priorities. The workshops aim to foster collaboration, communication, and fun among family members while supporting grown-ups' confidence and comfort to support their children's learning. The FCL content can be delivered virtually and in-person with printables and handouts available on [PBS LearningMedia](#).

Why PBS KIDS Family & Community Learning?

Children are naturally curious and creative, constantly attempting to make sense of their world. This model provides opportunities for children to take initiative for their own learning, where they are free to ask questions, explore, investigate, express themselves, and share their ideas as they grow and learn.

As families explore and play together, facilitators are there to support the experience; modeling, discussing, and pointing out learning as it's happening while providing grown-ups with experiences and tools that they can use to support their children's learning throughout the series and beyond.

Where did it come from?

PBS KIDS Family & Community Learning is inspired by a model developed by Ricarose Roque at the MIT Media Lab - <http://family.media.mit.edu>. It is further informed by past Ready To Learn family engagement work research from EDC/SRI on [What Parents Talk About When They Talk About Learning](#).



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PBS KIDS Educator & Community Learning

What is PBS KIDS Educator & Community Learning?

PBS KIDS Educator & Community Learning is a series of workshops designed to support early childhood educators (ECEs) exploring and developing playful learning experiences for young learners that utilize age-appropriate media and technology from PBS KIDS. The workshops are designed to provide ECEs with the time, space, and resources to play, learn, and discover alongside a group of peers and to consider how the pedagogy and content that they're exposed to could be used in their own teaching practice. The workshops can be implemented sequentially, non-sequentially, or as a set of one-off experiences.

Who is Educator & Community Learning For?

These workshops are designed for early childhood educators who work with children ages 2-8. They were initially developed for future facilitators of PBS KIDS community engagement experiences to expose them to the thinking behind the approaches to learning, inquiry, play, and engagement that PBS KIDS community engagement experiences aim to support.

They are also entirely appropriate and useful for early childhood educators who are interested in and would benefit from workshops that bring a pedagogy first approach to how media and technology can be used to support learning in early childhood settings. The ECL content can be delivered virtually and in-person with printables and handouts available on [PBS LearningMedia](#). The content has also been [adapted into online self-paced courses and station-led cohort-based online courses](#) for educators seeking credit hours.

Where did Educator & Community Learning come from?

These workshops were developed as a part of the CPB-PBS 2015-2020 Ready to Learn Initiative. They were created by a multidisciplinary team that included classroom teachers and informal educators.

PBS KIDS Edcamp

What is PBS KIDS Edcamp?

PBS KIDS Edcamp is a local gathering that connects, empowers, and elevates educators of young learners through shared experiences and peer-led conversations with a PBS twist!

PBS KIDS Edcamp is free! **No registration fee.** All participants have an equal voice. **No keynote speaker.** Educators decide what they want to learn and discuss. **No pre-arranged content.**

What is the Edcamp model?

The Edcamp model is a localized and decentralized way for educators to connect, improve classroom practice and positively impact student learning. Using a unique “unconference” model, an Edcamp is based on four main principles:

- Participant-Driven - Educators choose what they want to discuss and what they want to learn.
- Free to Attend - There are no fees associated with attending an Edcamp.
- Experience Not Experts - The Edcamp model taps into the wealth of experiences of educators by providing a space to share ideas and learn from each other.
- Rule of Two Feet - Educators are free to move from session to session and explore and participate in multiple discussion topics.

Who is PBS KIDS Edcamp for?

PBS KIDS Edcamps are station-led engagement events that serve and honor local early childhood educators (PreK – 2). Attendees include all types of educators: Pre-K and elementary school teachers, in-home child care providers, child care center providers, after school program providers, family caregivers, Head Start teachers and more!

How do I plan a PBS KIDS Edcamp in my community?

Contact PBS at pbsedcamp@pbs.org to let us know that you are planning a PBS KIDS Edcamp.

PBS will invite you to join the PBS KIDS Edcamp community hosted on Basecamp. This community is made up of PBS KIDS Edcamp organizers from stations across the country, and it's where you'll access digital resources created by PBS and PBS member stations. You can also share ideas, gather feedback and get answers to any questions from peers about your PBS KIDS Edcamp efforts.

