



June 2024: Enjoy Your Summer! In this final newsletter you will find highlights from the 2024 Family and Community Engagement Summit, opportunity announcements, and strategies to keep families engaged over the Summer!

We had a full house at our first-ever Family and Community Engagement Summit!

138 Conference Attendees!

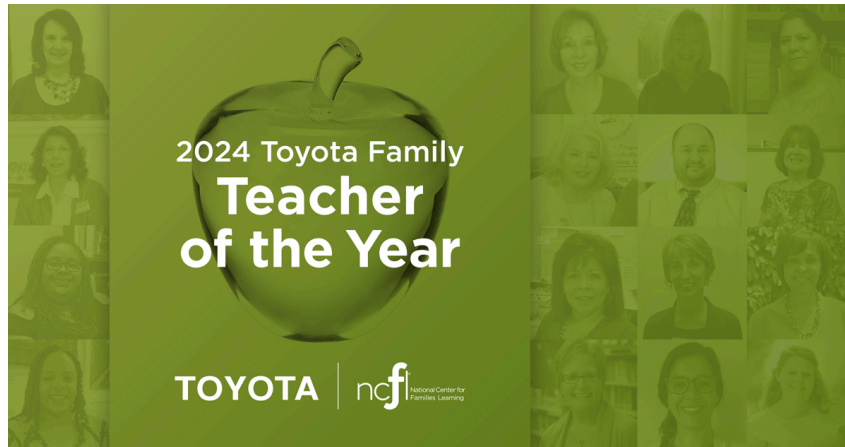
12 Workshops.

Save the Date: April 11, 2025 (pending board approval).

Planning Committee: If you would be interested in joining a planning committee for the 2025 Family and Community Engagement Summit, complete this [interest form](#).

All workshop materials can be found [here](#).





2024 Toyota Family Teacher of the Year Award Nominations

The National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) is accepting nominations for exceptional family educators across the United States. Since 1997, the NCFL and Toyota have partnered to recognize educators who use a strong multi-generational approach to learning and focus on building effective family-school partnerships that support student achievement and school improvement. You can learn more about this recognition [here](#).

The deadline to submit nominations is June 17, 11:59 p.m. PDT. You can submit the nomination form by clicking on [this link](#).

The Toyota Family Teacher of the Year winner will receive a \$20,000 grant to further ongoing family engagement efforts. One runner-up will receive \$5,000. The winner and runner-up will be officially announced in Louisville, Kentucky on November 20th during the 2024 Families Learning Conference, NCFL's premier convening of family learning educators, practitioners, researchers, and community-based organizations.

*This is **not** a USBE program or recognition.*

Summer Engagement

Below you will find resources or strategies you can use or share with families to keep them engaged and students learning over Summer break!

- [Utah STEM Action Centers Milo & Friend Math Introduction Learning Opportunities](#)
- [Engagement Strategies for PK-2nd Graders](#)
- [Day-by-Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar](#)

- [Getting Your Child College and Career Ready](#)
- [List of books families can read at home with their students](#)
- [Youth Leadership Opportunities](#)
- [Juvenile Justice and Families](#)
- [When Ending the School Year Plan for Parents](#)
 - [Finding a Summer or Afterschool Program- Utah Afterschool Network \(UAN\)](#)
- [Family Math Videos](#)
- [Bedtime Math](#)
- [5B45 Webpage](#)

Summer can be a great time for extra bonding, relaxing, and vacations! However, if you have ever been on a long road trip, even the people we love the most can bring up challenges for us especially when spending longer periods with them than normal. You can watch [this video](#) from Blomquist Hale on resolving common challenges between families.

Join the FREE Parent-Powered Pilot Communication Pilot

After much development and collaboration, the USBE is excited to announce the launching of the Parent Powered Pilot program!

What is Parent Powered: Parent Powered is an evidence-based program and curriculum. [Research shows](#) that parents receiving parent-powered texts showed increased involvement at home and school, and children gained important literacy and math skills. This text-based program will send three text messages per week to families. Text one will be an informational text highlighting an important skill related to math, ELA, or family protective skill development. Text two will be a text with an activity that families can do at home with their students. Text three will be a reflection text for parents. Parents will be able to unsubscribe if they do not wish to participate. Pre and post-surveys will be administered via a text link to gauge for Utah-specific gains through the Parent Powered program.

Who Would Participate: This free, opt-in program is available to all LEAs serving PK-8th grade students.

When will the pilot operate: The intended launch date for the Parent Powered Pilot Program will be June of 2024 and will operate for two years.

Where: LEAs will be asked to submit parent phone numbers and the grades and birth dates of the students for which the families have enrolled students only. No personal information regarding student names, physical addresses, or SSIDs will be collected. The LEA will submit this information via a secure portal. Just to let you know, an agreement has been signed stating that this information will be used only as outlined for this pilot and will not be shared outside of the USBE's intended use.




Why: Parent feedback has repeatedly asked for more frequent communication on behalf of their schools while schools have simultaneously shared that they have the limited capacity to communicate as often as parents would like. This pilot program will

address the need by providing support to LEAs to increase the frequency of communication while simultaneously improving ELA and math skills through family engagement.

To get more information before signing up to participate, please [complete this interest form](#).

Join Utah's Community Engagement and Science of Reading Project

Participate in this state-funded initiative and receive:

-  Resources to enhance Science of Reading instruction and family engagement in your building
-  Expert Coaching to engage families and community partners in literacy development
-  Modeling of in-person events to help families support at-home literacy practice

Join a live Information Session to learn more!

- Tuesday, May 7 at 3:30 MST- Register [here](#)
- Tuesday, May 21 at 3:30 MST- Register [here](#)
- Tuesday, June 4 at 3:30 MST- Register [here](#)



You can watch a pre-recorded Information Session [here](#)



For questions or additional information, please contact
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Recruitment for cohort 2 of the Community Engagement, Science of Reading Project has started! Watch an informational video [here](#) or email susie.estrada@schools.utah.gov for more information!

Join us on Tuesday, June 4 at 3:30 MST for a live information session! Register [here](#).

Profession Learning Opportunity

The National Association for Family, School, and Community Engagement is hosting its National Assembly for Family Engagement in Education. Registrants can attend in person or online. Learn more [here](#).

A promotional banner for the National Assembly for Family Engagement in Education. The background features a scenic view of a large, light-colored building with a red roof, surrounded by green lawns and trees, with a city skyline and mountains in the distance under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on this background. In the top left, a red box contains the dates and location. In the top right, an orange box contains a registration button. Below the main title, there is a tagline and the NAFSCE logo.

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This webpage helps to highlight all of Utah's communities and history. This is where you will also find the Striving for One Utah Together: Magnify Utah Partner Toolkit. [Learn more here!](#)