

# Parent Engagement for Active Child Enrichment



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## PEACE Highlights - 2017

- Served 500+ caregivers and their children
- Distributed 250+ award winning books, 45 STEM items to school-age children and 50+ musical toys to infants.

### Families and the children we served:

- Teen parents and pregnant teens
- Women in transition (who are incarcerated) either pregnant or have infants
- Foster parents/caregivers
- Families that are economically disadvantaged and have limited resources.

### PEACE offered no-cost services to families and children through:

- **Workshops** - Nurturing the Growing Mind series and STEM-focused topics
- **Learning Fairs** for families and their children – with a variety of learning stations
- **Annual PEACE Conference** - with Workshops, Learning Fair and a Panel Session
- **Nurture Kits** with educational items for fostering at-home parent-child activities
- **Key Ring ToOl** with ideas for parent-child engagement while on-the-go
- **Tip Cards** with guidance on behavior and academic strategies
- **Newsletters** with Research Facts and Parenting Tips

## Upcoming Events in 2018

**1/27: STEM Workshop, Spring Branch ISD**

**1/30: Teen Parents Program - Alief ISD**  
Nurturing Infant's Cognitive Development

**2/13: Teen Parents Program - Alief ISD**  
Fostering Infant's Language Development

**2/17: A Learning Fair at RAP Conference**

**2/27: Women in Transition at SMH**  
Nurturing the Growing Mind Series –  
Promoting Cognitive & Brain Development

**PEACE Wishes You A Happy New Year!**  
**May 2018 Be A Year of Joy and Sparkle for You and Your Children!**

**The gift of a brighter future is the best gift we can give children –society's most vulnerable population.**

Driven by a passion to empower families to prepare their children for academic and school success, PEACE coaches families that are disadvantaged and marginalized and provides them with needed tools and resources.

PEACE offers Workshops, Learning Fairs and an Annual Conference (combining parents and children), Newsletters with research-based tips, Nurture Kits with award winning books and STEM-focused educational materials.

### **Research Informs Us: Parent engagement sets the stage for a child's academic success.**

- A [study](#) published in the journal, Applied Developmental Science, shows that children's early home learning environments affected their academic skills up to 10 years later. The researchers tell us, "Experiences parents provide their infants as early as the first year of life may solidify into patterns of engagement that will either continue to support or impede children's emerging skills over time."
- Understand that you are your child's first and most important teacher. Work diligently to enrich your child!

### **Increase Your Engagement With Your Children Provide Lots of Rich Learning Experiences**

PEACE suggests the following recommendations to families/caregivers as you make your New Year resolutions:

#### 1. **Share books with your children and make it an interactive experience.**

- ✓ Share a book with your young child – ages 12 months to 5 years– daily or at least 3 to 4 times a week. Make the book reading a regular routine.
- ✓ Take turns reading with an older child of school-age. Use the opportunity to talk about and reflect on the book.

## A PEACE Learning Fair



**The PEACE mission:** To enable caregivers with limited resources to actively engage with their children to enrich their growing minds and prepare them for school and life success.

### **Why we do what we do?**

Research shows that a home environment that encourages learning is even more important than parents' income, education level, or cultural background.

**Contact PEACE to learn more about our services and to schedule workshops and Learning Fairs at your location:**

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✓ With a young teen, discuss the theme of the book, the different character and his general feelings about the book. It will help you connect with your teenager emotionally and learn more about his likes/dislikes.

2. **Talk to your child engaging in a back and forth conversation.** The interactions are the powerhouse that builds your child's brain, and expand vocabulary and build language skills.

✓ Take advantage of the time that you have with your child while you are waiting at the doctor's office or a restaurant or shopping at the grocery store or cooking at home. Make it into a learning opportunity for your child.

3. **Limit the use of giving your child a smart phone to let her entertain herself or as an electronic babysitter.**

### **Book Recommendations from PEACE**

**The books listed below should be available at your local library. Also, PEACE offers many of them at our and partner events.**

**Age range: Infants and Toddlers (and Preschoolers)**

**Title:** Dear Zoo (Animal theme) **Author:** Rod Campbell

**Title:** Papa, Please get the moon for me (Science - Moon)

**Author:** Eric Carle

**Title:** Little Monkey Calms Down **Author:** Michael Dahl

**Age range: 3-5 years**

**Title:** Are You My Mother? (Theme: Family, animals)

**Author:** P. D. Eastman

**Title:** The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Growing things, life cycle) **Author:** Eric Carle

**Title:** When Rosie Gets Really, Really Angry (controlling anger) **Author:** Molly Bang

**Age range: 6-8 years**

**Title:** Sun and the Moon (Science theme)

**Author:** Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano

**Title:** Caps for Sale (Problem and Solution, flexible thinking) **Author:** Esphyr Slobodkina

**Age range: 9-12 years**

**Title:** Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (Taking on challenges) **Author:** Robert C. O'Brien

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