

# LIFE

## Literacy-Integrated Family Engagement

LIFE—a program of Reading Roadmap—connects families with schools and helps them support their children’s reading and social emotional development.

The LIFE program is unique among family engagement programs because it **focuses on literacy AND emotional intelligence skills**, both of which have a huge impact on children’s success in school.

Research tells us that **literacy is the biggest driver for success in school and adult life.**

Based on the best practices of literacy research, **LIFE focuses on helping parents create a literacy-rich home life** by giving families books and modeling family read-aloud strategies. Research also tells us that reading to children at home has an enormous impact on their ability to develop literacy in school.

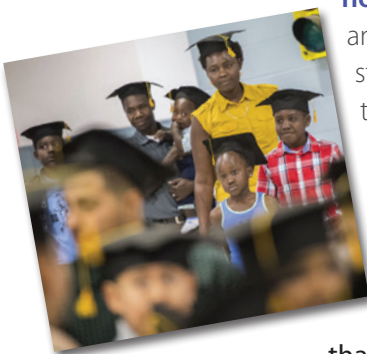
**OUTCOME:** LIFE significantly increases the amount of time that parents read to their children, as well as the number of books that LIFE families have in their homes.

Emotional Intelligence research tells us that children who feel safe, connected to their parents, and confident in their ability to express themselves are far more likely to succeed in school. **LIFE helps families develop skills of emotional awareness, self-expression, and listening** in order to build stronger parent-child relationships.

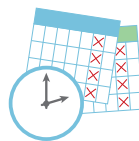
**OUTCOME:** Children who attend LIFE find it easier to talk to their parents, teachers, and siblings.

**LIFE strengthens bonds** between parents and their children, between spouses, and with other families and their schools. These bonds create community-level resilience and capacity that help promote and sustain positive outcomes.

**OUTCOME:** Parents who attend LIFE report developing better partnerships and having deeper and more meaningful conversations.



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8 weeks  
1 night per week  
2½ hours per session



Located at the local school



8 to 12 families



Includes a meal, child-led play, attuned listening, literacy, and parent groups