Early Learning in the Digital Age: A Snapshot of Family Engagement Programs

We are thrilled to announce the release of Early Learning in the Digital Age. Produced in collaboration with New America, this interactive toolkit features a compilation of resources from early learning and family engagement organizations designed to help inform community leaders’ thinking as they develop and improve new and existing programs. In addition to the interactive toolkit for community leaders, we have updated the Integrating Technology in
Early Literacy (InTEL) map, which highlights 40 early learning and family engagement programs in the United States that have integrated technology to meet the needs of young children and families.

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Learn more about the project and explore the interactive toolkit and maps

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Developing an Engaging Empathy-Focused Children’s App with Research

Last May, Maayan Eldar and Ashley Mannetta discussed Me: A Kid’s Diary by Tinybop at the International Communication Association Conference in Prague. The app encourages empathy and self-reflection by inviting children to respond to a series of questions about themselves and their lives with drawings, photos, texts, or recordings. We invited them to tell us more how user-testing influences the design of an app, and what the data they have begun to analyze reveals about how kids think about themselves and the world around them.
Why does the rain fall down instead of up? How parents support science learning, and how media can help

A new report by EDC and SRI examines the ways that families think about and engage young children in science, and how they can use science-related media to support these efforts. In this blog post, researchers share key findings from the study and offer suggestions on how media producers can help inspire families with young children explore science together.

Podcasts for Families: Meet the Makers of Finn Caspian

Finn Caspian is a human boy living in outer space. He and his friends (both human and robot) have incredible adventures across the galaxy in this serially-told podcast, but the big personality of the robot co-host steals the show. The show also has brilliant ways of incorporating listeners’ participation in the production through listener-submitted jokes, art, and sound clips. Learn more about producer Jonathan Messinger’s creative process in this Podcasts for Families interview with Carissa Christner.

What We're Reading

- How to Make Gaming Time Family Time
- Boosting children’s digital literacy - an urgent task for schools
- Making STEM Accessible to All
Events

- Connected Learning Summit at MIT Media Lab August 1 - 3
- National Center for Families Learning Conference September 24 - 26

View more events on the Cooney Center Events Calendar

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