

Roles Families Can Play in After School

Families as Partners to Provide Basic Obligations to Children

- Provide for children's physical, social, and emotional needs
- Provide children's preventive health care such as immunizations
- Cooperate with our program; pick children up by appointed times, pay fees in timely fashion, ask for information

Families as Experts on their Children

- Share insights and information staff need to work with their child(ren)
- Give advice regarding interests and approaches that work for you

Families as Collaborators and Problem-Solvers

- Encourage and expect children's positive behavior and involvement in our program
- Help us resolve behavior problems in our program

Families as Audience

- Attend events when children perform so you can learn what children are doing

Families as After School Supporters

- Volunteer to visit and teach a lesson with children
- Welcome, mentor, and recruit new families to our program
- Carpool
- Help with fund-raising activities
- Save materials (oatmeal boxes, egg cartons, etc.) for children's projects
- Find or provide other materials, equipment, or furniture for our program
- Talk with community leaders about our program
- Participate in workdays to clean up our program site

Family Members as Advisors and Decision-Makers

- Participate as a member of an advisory group
- Serve on a focus group (one meeting) to influence policies
- Hire staff and negotiate salaries
- Generate program ideas