Innovative Stories of Family Engagement From Around the World!

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Around the world, communities are working toward a shared goal of empowering families to have active roles in their children’s education. At Harvard Family Research Project, we’ve stitched together a global quilt of innovation in family engagement. From Brazil to Uganda, community partnerships, grassroots organizations, national campaigns, and early childhood programs are providing effective pathways for parents and caregivers to engage with their children in anywhere, anytime learning.

These stories of innovation in family engagement illustrate how families are feeling welcomed, participating in programming, and becoming active learners. Parents, in turn, report an increased sense of efficacy as they develop new skills and experience a closer connection with their children, schools, and communities. Click on the pictures on the quilt to access resources:
We hope you enjoy this quilt and feel inspired by the powerful work happening in family engagement around the world. For a look at what’s going on in the United States, check out our earlier quilt of stories of innovation in family engagement.

**Libromat** creates laundromat libraries in South Africa, where mothers can wash clothes while reading and engaging with their children.

**Lively Minds** supports rural communities in Ghana and Uganda by providing training and tools to develop early childhood programs where children learn
through playing games.

**Early Words Together** empowers groups of parents in the United Kingdom to support their children’s early communication and literacy development through weekly learning sessions facilitated by volunteers.

**Aprender en Familia** provides opportunities for Chilean families to strengthen their connections with schools, increase their parenting skills, and participate in community events that support learning.

**The Mother Child Education Program** delivers a home-based, low-cost training program for children in Turkey who do not have access to preschool education services, with an emphasis on how mothers can support learning.

**Room to Read** makes parents in Tanzania full partners and leaders in the education of the girls who attend secondary schools by engaging them in Girls’ Education Committees.

**Everyone for Education** promotes engaging conversations between Brazilian parents and their children through guided questions as part of a national movement to strengthen family engagement.
Open Kindergartens creates new ways of involving Norwegian parents in early childhood education with collaborative learning experiences.