

# **Offer a Variety of Family Involvement Options**

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Families appreciate being asked or invited to participate in their child's education and development as long as there are a number of options from which they can choose. Not every parent or grandparent can volunteer in the classroom; however, they might be able to do things at home, such as repair broken toys, or books, make name badges for a field trip, or help to put together a class newsletter.

Educators can invite families to visit the classroom, when feasible, to share information about their work and their home life, for instance parents might offer a special food or song from their culture, assist with a class project, read to children, or share how babies are carried in their culture, when teachers, (caregivers), and administrators encourage family involvement children notice and feel a sense of security.