Benefits of Family Engagement on Continued Learning and Development

- **Family engagement** is vital to the successful development of children. As an educator, you can promote family engagement beyond the learning environment. Try setting up workshops to provide resources for families to use at home to continue their child's learning.

- Support engagement at home by *assigning tasks to families*; such as recording their child singing their favorite song, translating songs into their home language, encourage drawing and coloring with their children, or trying out a family recipe.

- When promoting family engagement, ensure that *resources* and *activities* are accessible and inclusive for all families, regardless of their cultural or linguistic backgrounds.

- Provide resources to *reflect* the *diversity* of families within your community. Integrate cultural practices, traditions, and family strengths into your curriculum. This will keep children engaged and help families feel valued , willing to participate in their child's learning journey.

- **Enhance the child's learning and development** by reinforcing educational activities at home.
- **Strengthen the bond between the child and family members**, which will provide emotional support and stability.
- **Allow parents, guardians and caregivers to better understand** the child's educational progress and needs.
- **Encourage consistent communication** between the child's family and educators, promoting a cooperative approach to addressing the child's needs.
- **Increase the child's sense of belonging and security**, which can boost their confidence and participation in learning activities.
- **Provide opportunities for the family to share valuable insights and feedback** about the child's learning style, interests, and challenges.
- **Encourage the development of a consistent learning environment** at home and at school.

Family Friday aligns with CDA® Functional Area 11: Families. This competency emphasizes the importance of family involvement in children's learning and development.