



Start Smart Stay Safe (S4) Family Champion Team

As the school S4 Family Champion Representative, we are excited to work with you to help support the engagement of families at your child's school! Each school is different in the ways that it connects with families of students. Our hope is that we can connect Start Smart Stay Safe into activities already occurring within the school, to support families with resources and opportunities to become more involved in their child's learning and to continue to build on the sense of community between families at your child's school. This builds a safe and connected community for all families.

We've developed a few suggestions around ways you might start in your role as the S4 Family Champion at your child's school. With your school administrative team, use these ideas to develop and determine a plan to support engagement of families at your child's school.

Your potential role could include:

- ✓ Organizing [Family Sessions](#) with school administration for parents/caregivers at the school
- ✓ Assisting with sharing information with parents about S4 (ie: information around social and emotional development in the school newsletter, blogs, website, etc. or promoting family activities – found on the [S4 website](#)).
- ✓ Coordinating with the School Education Officer (with your school administrative team) to invite the officer to events at your child's school, requesting a Family Session, etc.
- ✓ Supporting family engagement activities tied to S4 connected through other school events (ie: Open House, Learning/Resource Fairs, etc.)
- ✓ Help organize family centered activities at your school to promote school community building (use the family engagement manual for ideas!
- ✓ Work with school administration to put together a family resource library for parents and children
- ✓ Finding out what parents are interested in – surveys, polls, newsletter inserts, etc.
- ✓ Use those results to bring in guest speakers (community members, parents), or organize activities to support family learning
- ✓ Inviting other parents to join your team (social clubs, school council, other parent representatives, etc.)
- ✓ Finding ways to connect what's happening in S4 with parents in your child's school community (ie: student showcase of work created in S4)
- ✓ Share any other ideas you have to engage families at your school!

Think of who else could be of support on your team in your school community and invite them to support you as well (ie: Community Health Nurse, Family Supporting Agencies). Make this role your own and find the fit that works within your school environment and start your Family Champion Team today!