

Family Café

NASA SEMAA sites offer an informal, interactive forum that encourages families to become partners in their children's STEM education. This forum is popularly known as the Family Café. The Family Café provides direct service to parent/adult family members by sponsoring hands-on activities, workshops, guest speakers and roundtable discussions focused on educational and parenting information.

- Promotes sustained Family Involvement at SEMAA sites around the country.
- Provides Parents/Caregivers with relevant parenting and STEM Education information.
- Researches and presents information to parents/caregivers on other STEM projects available for their child's participation in an effort to maximize student exposure and interest in STEM.

Family Involvement Components

- *Family Focus Groups* – STEM focus groups for parents/adult family members only; recommended to take place simultaneous with a student activity/project/competition in an adjacent classroom setting within the school.
- *Family Nights* – Hands-on, STEM focused activities for family and child to work on together within the school setting.
- *Home-Based Family Initiatives* – Hands-on, STEM focused activities for family and child to work on together within the home setting.