

Play Along by Music Together can be an integral part of a school's family engagement plan to achieve and maintain high levels of family involvement and positive family attitudes toward education. Play Along is aligned with Subchapter AA Commissioner's Rules for the High-Quality Prekindergarten Grant Program (102.1003)(f)(2)(D): *Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning using strategies.*

The inclusion of adults is central to the philosophy and practice of Music Together and parent involvement is an integral component of the Play Along curriculum. With home materials, online educational content and activity ideas, and opportunities for family involvement in music-based school activities, families are equipped with tools to enhance and extend learning in the following ways:

- Families gain tools to support their child's learning and development in fun and developmentally appropriate ways. These tools provide for anywhere, anytime learning.
- Families know what their child is doing at school and the learning that takes place in the classroom can be extended into the home.
- The home learning environment is enhanced with educational materials and activities.
- Music becomes a point of conversation between classroom teachers and parents and caregivers.
- The home-school connection is strengthened.
- Families gain new tools for effective parenting (e.g., supporting transitions and routines, behavior management, supporting their child's focus).
- The music activities encourage experiences that support sensitive-responsive adult-child interactions and bonding.
- Music is a way for families to have fun together.