



## What is PBS KIDS Family & Community Learning?

PBS KIDS Family & Community Learning is a series of workshops that engage families in hands-on learning utilizing PBS KIDS media. Designed for families with children ages 3-8, the workshops use guided play to introduce both kids and grown-ups to exciting digital and tangible tools that are designed to support the development of science inquiry and engineering design practices. The workshops aim to foster collaboration, communication, and fun among family members while supporting grown-ups confidence and comfort to support their children's learning.

## Why PBS KIDS Family & Community Learning?

Children are naturally curious and creative, constantly attempting to make sense of their world. Early STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) learning can be a direct extension of that curiosity, exploration, and creativity; providing opportunities for children to take initiative for their own learning, where they are free to ask questions, explore, investigate, express themselves, and share their ideas as they grow and learn.

As families explore and play together, facilitators are there to support the experience; modeling, discussing, and pointing out STEM learning as it's happening while providing grown-ups with experiences and tools that they can use to support their children's learning throughout the series and beyond.

## Where did it come from?

PBS KIDS Family & Community Learning is inspired by a model developed by Ricarose Roque at the MIT Media Lab - <http://family.media.mit.edu>. It is further informed by past Ready To Learn family engagement work and recent research from EDC/SRI on [\*What Parents Talk About When They Talk About Learning\*](#).

