



## PBS 39 F.A.M.I.L.I.E.S. Overview

F.A.M.I.L.I.E.S. is a four-part workshop series that takes place once a week for four consecutive weeks. Workshops normally take place in the evening and last for two hours. The program is targeted toward children in the age range 0-8 and their parents. Parents and children both participate in workshops, but the workshops are held in separate rooms on the same night. The goal of the program is to increase literacy by teaching parents and children to reduce the amount of television they view, actively participate when they are watching "Smart TV" (programs such as Arthur or Between The Lions which are research-based programs geared toward increased literacy) and incorporate the View, Do, Read model when interacting with their children. Children receive a 1-year membership in TeleBear's Cub Club at the completion of the 4-part workshop series.

At the end of the workshop series, participants are encouraged to participate in an 11-month extension of the program called "Continuing the Learning at Home." Participants are provided with a binder filled with monthly activities and a journal to record their activities each month. Participation is verified when children return their journal recordings; children are then sent a free book each month. At the completion of the Continuing the Learning at Home program, children will receive a free 2nd-year membership in TeleBear's Cub Club.

Participants also benefit through interactions with other parents, Web site resources and proper reading techniques.

### Related Programming:

- Between the Lions
- Sesame Street
- Clifford
- Arthur
- Sagwa
- And many more...

### Available Resources:

- [www.wlvt.org](http://www.wlvt.org)
- [www.pbs.org/kids](http://www.pbs.org/kids)
- [www.pbs.org/parents](http://www.pbs.org/parents)
- [www.pbs.org/teachersource](http://www.pbs.org/teachersource)