



Research shows that children whose families are involved in their education do better in school. By participating in the Starting Strong Program, parents and families acknowledge and agree to:

- **Ensure your child attends preschool regularly and on time.** Please notify your preschool program if your child will be absent due to illness, family, or other unforeseen circumstances.
- Attend all parent events, meetings, and parent/teacher conferences.
- Work with child's teacher to develop an Individual Learning Plan.
- Complete any paperwork and/or provide documentation needed by Starting Strong or the preschool program your child attends.
- Participate in a brief parent survey when entering and leaving the Starting Strong program.

Starting Strong Rapid City recognizes that parents and families are the strongest supporters of their children and encourages involvement as advocates for their children. Starting Strong Rapid City and its preschool programs will:

- Treat parents with respect.
- Make families feel welcome in the classroom and at all functions.
- Regularly update families on their child's progress.
- Work with parents to develop Individual Learning Plans
- Keep information about family and child confidential.
- Assist families in accessing community services and resources.
- ❖ In the event of a sudden extended program closure, Starting Strong Rapid City and its partners will work with families to provide remote learning opportunities with all materials provided by the program. Parents will be expected to assist their child in participating in remote learning that will include live group meetings, videos, and home activities using several online, research-based platforms.
- ❖ Child Care Assistance: Starting Strong families who are income-eligible for Starting Strong are also income-eligible for Child Care Assistance through the State of South Dakota Department of Social Services. Application information can be found at <https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/childcareassistance/>.

Participation in these events is part of the expectation for receiving a Starting Strong preschool scholarship. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sunni Toczek at by calling (605) 342-6464.

