

"Families First is amazing! They come in and focus on educational and sensory activities. It helps my son out so much and he loves it when they visit."

-Ashleigh

Meet our Family Education Specialists!



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Take the first step!

Scan the QR code to fill out the form or visit our website bhssc.org/families-first for more information.



We'd love to connect with you!

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EARLY LEARNING FOUNDATIONS



Supporting
Black Hills
Families

Fun, Free, & Family Centered

Customized activities and resources for your family

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Every parent dreams of giving their child the best start in life.

Families First makes that dream a reality by bringing **fun, free, and family-centered** support right to you. We're more than just a program; we're your teammates in the parenting journey, there to support you through every step!



"Families First has guided us in making learning through hands-on play more enjoyable for our son and everyone involved."

-Marie

How It Works

in 4 easy steps!

- 1** We will start by matching you with a **Family Education Specialist** in your community.
- 2** You will work together to **schedule a series of visits** to support your child's growth and development.
- 3** We will **customize the agenda** based on your child and family's needs.
- 4** We will **support your family** with learning activities, community connections, guidance, and joy in raising little ones.



We Help Parents

- ✓ **Build confidence** in the parenting role
- ✓ **Become more involved** in their child's early education
- ✓ **Connect with their children** through play and reading time

We Help Children

- ✓ **Prepare for kindergarten** and beyond
- ✓ **Improve problem solving** skills
- ✓ **Quickly advance** in language and social development