

# Creating Stronger Families, Stronger Communities

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# The National Center for Families Learning

**Mission:**

To eradicate poverty through education solutions for families.

- Supporting family literacy/family learning programs since 1989
- Sharon Darling, President and Founder
- Original four-component, two-generation family literacy program
- Located in Louisville, Kentucky

# Toyota Family Teacher of the Year

- First award was in 1997
- Continuously funded by Toyota
- Monetary award, with funds going back into the winning teacher's program
- One runner-up each year
- Both the award winner and runner-up are featured at the annual conference
- Teachers come from programs and schools across the nation
- Teachers are nominated through a process.
- <http://familieslearning.org/our-capabilities/2017-toyota-family-teacher-of-the-year-award-application.html>

# Toyota Family Teacher of the Year

- 5 early childhood/preschool teachers
- 11 adult education teachers (5 with focus on ESL instruction)
- 1 elementary school teacher
- 1 high school history teacher
- 1 library program manager
- 1 hospital parent/teacher educator

# From Teacher to Teacher

What were the common denominators of practices and habits shared by the Toyota Family Teacher of the Year award recipients?

Focus on Families

Create Passion and Energy

Build Trust

Build Community

Make Personal Connections and

Develop Relationships

Value Teamwork

Be a Learner

Be a Reader

Start the Day

End the Day

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## **FOCUS ON FAMILIES**

*Put families in the forefront of all you do.*

## **BE PASSIONATE AND ENERGETIC**

*Love what you do. Get out of your comfort zone and  
enjoy the experience*

## BUILD TRUST

*Building trust grows out of knowing that teachers are sincere.*



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## **BUILD COMMUNITY**

*We are stronger together than separate.*

**MAKE PERSONAL CONNECTIONS AND  
DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS**

*Nothing is more important than the human connection.*

## TEAMWORK

*It's not a one person show. It takes a village.*

## BE A LEARNER

*Learn in order to teach. Learn from your experiences  
and from your students.*

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**BE A READER**

*Read and share the love of books.*

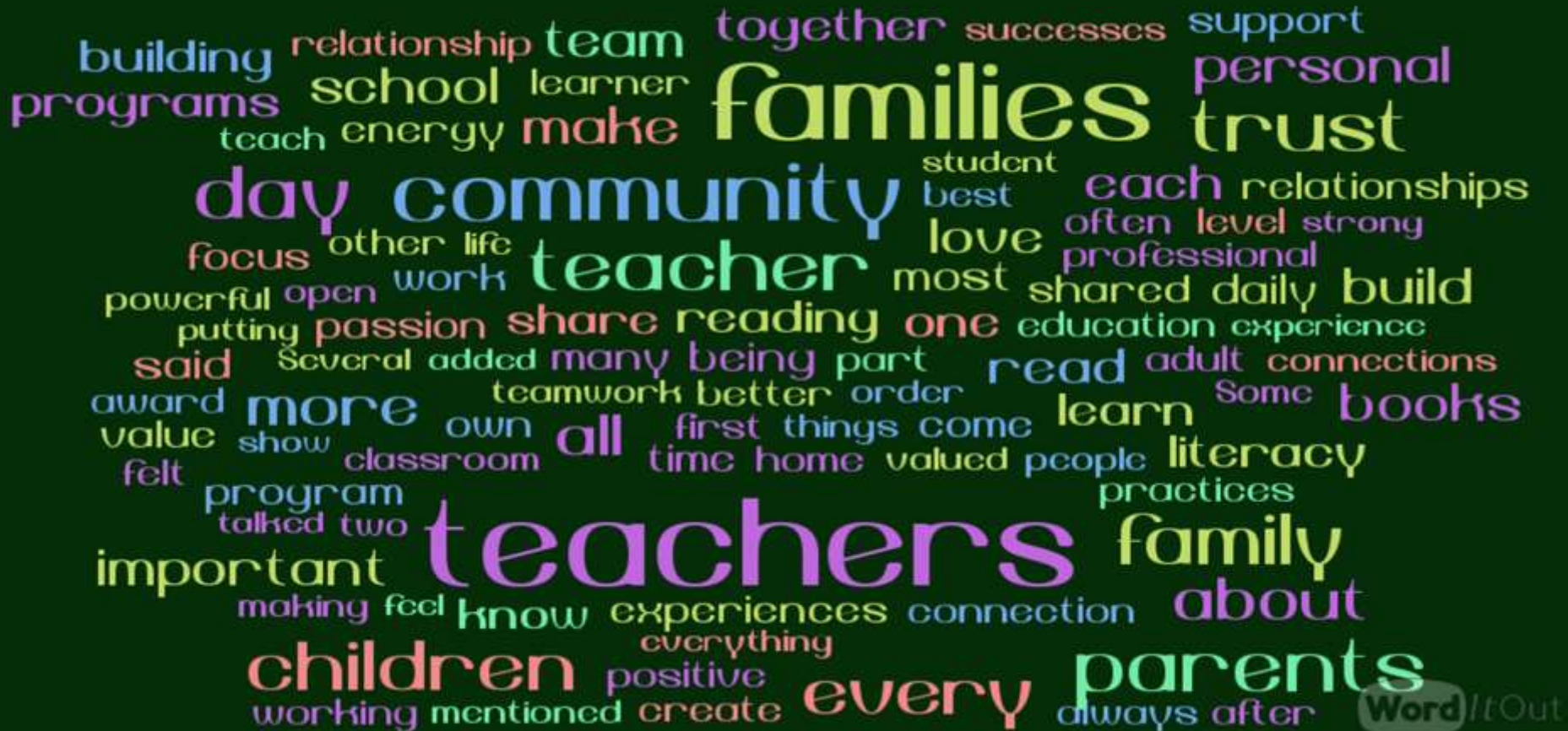
## **BEGIN EVERY DAY**

*Be prepared. Students deserve your best every day.*

## END EVERY DAY

*Reflect. What will you do differently tomorrow?*

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Premier Family Literacy Event



# FAMILIES LEARNING CONFERENCE 2017

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*ENGAGE*

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