

Friendship Families

Friendship families provide emotional support for CASS participants. Friendship families are asked to meet with pairs of CASS teachers twice a month. Project CASS – Tucson friendship families include graduate students in the College of Education, lawyers, public school teachers, an equestrian, businesspeople, and University professors. Friendship family activities include attending sporting events, cultural performances, cooking and eating, hikes, shopping, and short trips to places of interest in and around Tucson. The friendship families serve as a context of support, relaxation, and encouragement. The match of students and families will be evaluated through interviews with participating families and the CASS teachers. These families, who serve without compensation, were recruited through the academic and social networks of the CASS personnel.