



## KICKOFF SESSION

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# Welcome to the Skillsville Family Program!

While you enjoy your meal:

- Introduce yourself to families nearby.
- Take turns asking each other questions using the provided Conversation Card.



*Have this slide posted as families are entering. You may need to prompt them to use the conversation card.*

**Presentation starting soon**



*Have this slide posted when you have about five minutes left of dinner before your presentation starts.*

# Welcome!

**Skillsville\*** is a Twin Cities Public Television animated series and outreach program currently in development.

Our mission is to give children and their families tools to enhance the skills and knowledge they need to prepare them for future careers.



*Give a short introduction of both program leaders and what the Skillsville Family Program is using the information on the slide. REALLY emphasize that this is in development and we are working with families to create our program - which is what we're doing today.*

## What We Learn in Skillsville

### Success Skills



skills you learn in your everyday life that help you complete what you want or need to do

### Strategies



things you say or do that help make you calm

### Career Exposure



explore and learn about a wide variety of careers



*Suggested script:* There are three main pillars we hope children will learn from our program. The first is Success Skills. Success Skills are skills you learn in your everyday life, at work, or in school that help you complete what you want or need to do. The second is Skillsville\_strategies. These are things you say or do that help make you calm and ready to use success skills. The third is career exposure. While you participate in Skillsville, you will explore and learn about a wide variety of careers.

## What You Can Expect in a Skillsville Family Program Session

- Learn about a Success Skill, a Skillsville Strategy, and a variety of careers.
- Watch an early draft of an episode from the *Skillsville* television series that is in development.
- Get activities to practice using the Success Skill and Skillsville Strategy you learned about.
- We are a work in progress.
- Your input is helping make our program!
- Please do not share pictures of Skillsville art to social media.



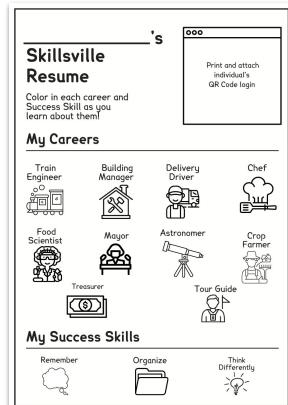
*Suggested script:* In each session, we will learn about a Success Skill and a Skillsville Strategy, play games that feature different careers using our Success Skill of the day, watch a Skillsville storybook, and get Skillsville To-Go activities to practice what we learned about at the session.

Finally, because we are a work in progress, please do not share any pictures of Skillsville art to social media.

*Emphasize that this is a work in progress and that their input will inform how this program is created.*

## Resume Builder

- In Skillsville, you'll learn about lots of different careers in our activities.
- When you learn about a new career, color it in on your Resume Builder!
- This is also where you will keep your Skillsville QR code that you will use to log in to the Skillsville Platform.



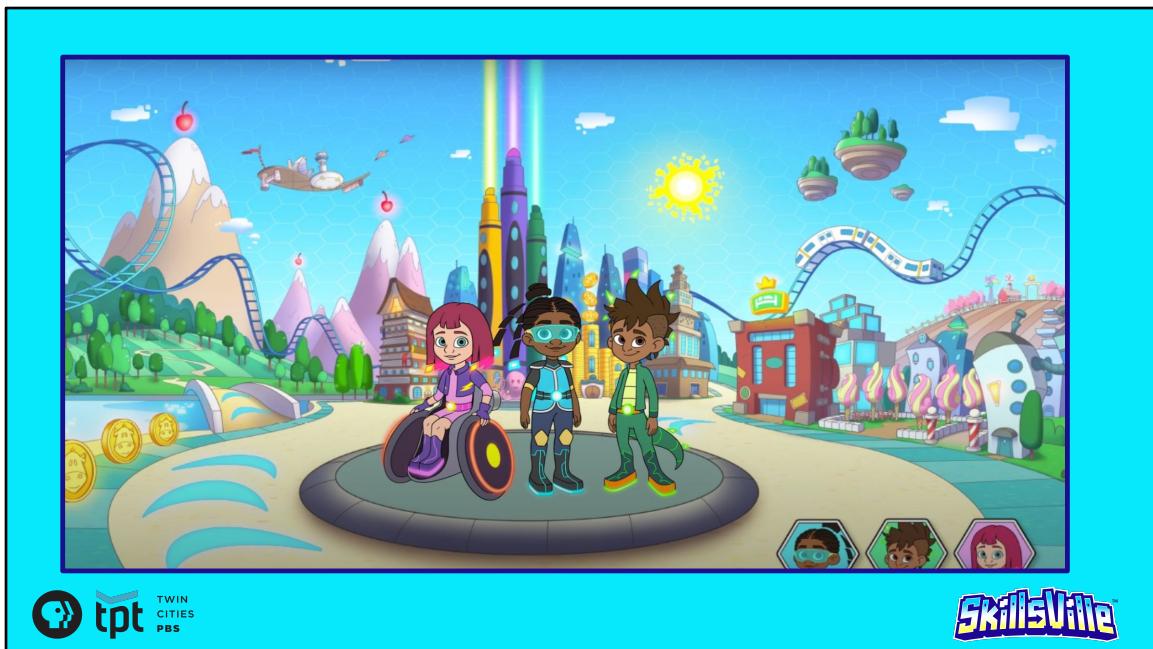
*Suggested script:* When grown-ups apply for a new career, they usually make something called a resume. A resume shows what careers you have experience with and what skills you have that can help you with your careers. Throughout our Family Program, you'll be making a resume of your own with the skills and careers you learn about in Skillsville!

## You Are Your Child's Teacher

- In the *SkillsVille* Family Program, caregivers are empowered to be their child's teacher using our activities.
- Caregivers and their children will do things like:
  - play games together
  - make connections and talk about the strategies and skills children learn
  - share experiences



*Read the information from the slide, reinforcing the idea that caregivers are doing activities with their children and teaching them.*



**SkillsVille**

*Suggested script:* In each session, we'll see an early version of an episode from the *SkillsVille* television series. In some versions, like today's, it will look like an eBook with people telling the story. Remember, these are early versions that you get to be the **first** people to see. In today's episode, we'll meet the characters of SkillsVille.

*You can find this Platform in the Kickoff Bundle.*



*Suggested script:* In each Family Program session we will learn a Skillsville Strategy. Let's learn about a Skillsville Strategy we can use to help us get our brain ready to use a new Success Skill.

## Breathing — Let's Practice!



*Suggested script:* In the Skillsville Strategy video, one of the ways they practiced breathing was to pretend to blow bubbles. Let's try that together. Take a deep breath in through your nose, and pretend to blow bubbles.

[*Lead families in taking a deep breath in and blowing slowly about 2 to 3 times.*]

*Suggested Script:* Breathing is a Skillsville Strategy we can use to get our brain ready to do hard things.



*Suggested script:* In every Family Program session, we'll do two activities together. The first is a hands-on Paper Game that you will play together. Let's learn about today's game Feeling Faces and how to play it.

[*Play the video.*]

## Activity 1 — Feeling Faces

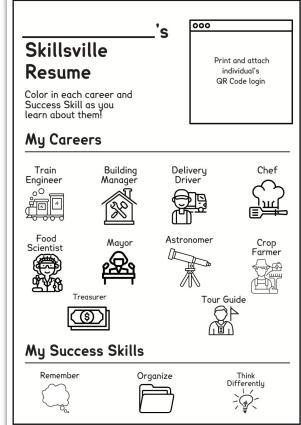


Pretend you are a Tour Guide and use the Feel Success Skill to communicate with other players.



*Suggested script:* We will pass out materials so you can play Feeling Faces together. If you need any help, we can help you! We'll come back together in about 10 minutes.

- Find your **Resume Builder**.
- What **career** did you learn about in our activity?



*Suggested script:* Take out your Resume Builder, and find the career we learned about in our Paper Game. What career did you learn about today?

[Ask children to share the answer.] You've gained experience by learning about Tour Guides. Now you can color in Tour Guide.

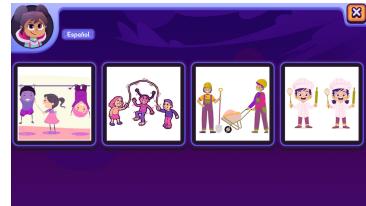
## Activity 2 — Avatar Maker

Create your Skillsville Avatar!

- Design your character's appearance.
- Choose activities you like from a list of choices.
- Discover new careers based on your choices.

To play:

- Start the tablet, and tap the Chrome icon.
- Plug in your headphones, and log in using your  code.
- Connect grown-up headphones to the tablet using the splitter provided.



*Suggested Script:* The second activity we'll do in every session is a Digital Game using tablets. When you're playing these games, you'll log in to the Skillsville Platform using the QR code on your Resume Builder. If you have trouble scanning the QR code, you can always type in the passcode below the QR code. If you need any help, just ask!

*Once you've explained how to play, pass out tablets.*

*After families play for about 10 to 15 minutes, collect tablets.*

## Recap

- The Skillsville Family Program is in development. We need *your* feedback to make it better!
- In each of our four sessions, we'll learn about a Success Skill, a Skillsville Strategy, and a variety of careers.



*Read the recap and ask if participants have any questions.*

## SkillsTo-Go



### Share Your Feedback

We want to hear about your experiences in the SkillsTo Family Program! Your feedback is important to us as we develop and improve it.



- Who: Rockman et al Cooperative, our research partner, will contact you via phone or email
- What: They will invite you to participate in a 45-minute family interview (you and your child/ren) and a 15-minute survey (you)
- Where: On Zoom (interview) and online (survey)
- When: Within the next few weeks
- Why: To share your feedback on the SkillsTo Family Program
- Compensation: You will receive a \$50 gift card for participating in the interview and a \$25 gift card for taking the survey (choice of Amazon or Visa)

Contact [anna@rockman.com](mailto:anna@rockman.com) with any questions. Thank you, or as the Beeples say, Beep Beep!



*Suggested script:* We have some materials for you to take with you. One of them is an extra copy of the Feeling Faces game you can play together. The other is information about research on our Family Program. Because you are some of the first people to try this program, we want to hear how it's going and how it can become better. If you'd like to participate in the research and earn Visa or Amazon gift cards for your participation, make sure you leave your information at the sign-up. If you haven't already signed up, you could do that as you leave. We look forward to seeing you next time at [date and time of next event] where we'll learn about the Think Differently Success Skill!



# KICKOFF VOLUNTEER HANDOUT

## WHAT WILL FAMILIES DO TODAY

Learn about the *SkillsVille* Family Program

## WHAT IS SKILLSVILLE?

If you have the time, you can watch a video about *SkillsVille* and the Family Program you are part of by scanning the QR code:



## SKILLSVILLE STRATEGY

Breathing

## SCHEDULE

- meal/snack and conversation cards
- presentation — families learn about *SkillsVille* and a SkillsVille Strategy
- *SkillsVille* introduction video
- Paper Game — Feeling Faces
- Digital Game — Avatar Maker
- wrap-up
- send take-home materials
- cleanup

## VOLUNTEER CHECKLIST

- Welcome families to the *SkillsVille* Family Program.
- Assist families in signing in (if your organization has a registration list or sign-in sheet).
- Instruct families to partake in a meal or snack (if provided by the organization), and guide them to the seating area.
- Encourage caregivers to use the Conversation Cards at their tables as a conversation starter with their family members and the families around them.
- Assist families in cleaning up once the session starts.
- Assist in distributing Paper Game materials.
- Assist families in playing the Paper Game (see reverse), checking in regularly to make sure they understand the instructions.
- Assist in distributing tablets and headphones.
- Assist families as they log in to the *SkillsVille* Platform and digital game (see reverse).
- Assist in collecting tablets and headphones.
- Assist in passing out the take-home materials.
- Assist in cleaning up.

## PAPER GAME

### Feeling Faces

#### GOAL OF THE GAME

Use the Feel Success Skill to communicate without language.

#### WHAT TO GIVE EACH FAMILY

Each group gets a set of Face Cards, an Emoji Mat, and a Map.

#### HOW TO PLAY

1. After getting their supplies, each group should stack the Face Cards in the center of their playing area and place the emoji mat and map where all players can see it.
2. One player will act as the Tour Guide, and any other players will act as tourists.
3. The Tour Guide draws one Face Card from the deck and looks at it without showing anyone else. Now the Tour Guide will try to convey which Face Card they picked to the tourists without talking, and the tourists will try to guess correctly.
4. The Tour Guide points to three emojis on the Emoji Mat to try to get the tourist to guess the Face Card correctly. When the tourist guesses correctly, the Tour Guide places the Face Card into a slot on the Map. If the tourist is wrong, the Tour Guide can point to one more emoji on the Emoji Mat, and the tourist can try again. The tourists get three guesses.
5. A new player gets to be the Tour Guide when the tourist guesses correctly or when the tourist has guessed wrong three times.
6. When the Map is full, the game is over.

## DIGITAL GAME

### Avatar Maker

#### GOAL OF THE GAME

Create an Avatar, and learn about new careers.

#### HOW TO LOG IN TO TABLETS AND FIND THE DIGITAL GAME

To log families into their account on the Skillsville Platform:

1. Tap the Google Chrome Icon on the tablet's homepage, or go to [bit.ly/Skillsville](http://bit.ly/Skillsville).
2. Tap the QR code on the Skillsville Platform homepage to sign in.
3. Hold the QR code from their Skillsville ID badge under the camera.
4. If the camera isn't scanning properly, you can also type in the passcode found at the bottom of the ID badge.
5. The Avatar Maker will appear when families first log in. Children should follow the prompts by typing their name, choosing their appearance, and then selecting activities.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP FAMILIES

1. Remind families to use their headphones and splitters so caregivers and children can listen and follow along with the game.
2. If the screen is blank or black, it just means it might need more time. Encourage families to be patient as content loads.
3. Encourage children to explore the Avatar Maker by unlocking new careers.





## Family Program Sign-in

Use your phone camera to scan the QR code to digitally sign-in.



**SCAN ME**



# KICKOFF SESSION AGENDA

## WELCOME TO SKILLSVILLE!

*SkillsVille* is a new program in development from Twin Cities PBS. You and your family are part of our important work in designing what this program will look like. We aren't finished yet, and the feedback you give us today will help us grow. Thank you for choosing to partner with us.

## WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY

### Get settled with our Conversation Cards

Use the cards provided to spark a discussion with your family or neighbors at your table.

### Presentation

Learn more about *SkillsVille* and what you can hope to gain from the four-week program.

### Intro to *SkillsVille*

Watch a short video introduction to the world of *SkillsVille*.

### *SkillsVille* Strategy

Watch a video and practice a *SkillsVille* Strategy, Breathing.

### Feeling Faces Game

With your family, play a hands-on Paper Game.

### Log in to the SkillsVille Platform

Get ID badges and log in to the SkillsVille Platform on your tablet.

### Play Avatar Maker

On their tablets, children will create an avatar to use on the SkillsVille Platform.

### Recap

Review what we learned today.

### SkillsVille To-Go

Get your own version of Feeling Faces to play at home.



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# KICKOFF CONVERSATION CARD

Take turns asking these questions to the people around you. Mark off the box for every question you get answered.

What is your favorite family memory?

If we had a “Yes Day,” where no one could say “no” to any question you ask, what would you ask to do?

What’s the best part of each day?

How do you want to change the world?

What’s my superpower?  
What’s your superpower?

What are you grateful for?



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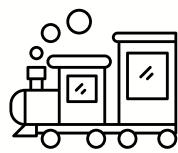
# Skillsville Resume

Color in each career and Success Skill as you learn about them!

Print and attach individual's QR Code login

## My Careers

Train  
Engineer



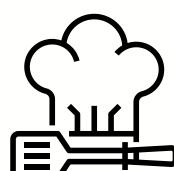
Building  
Manager



Delivery  
Driver



Chef



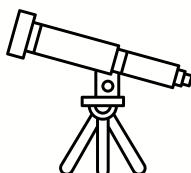
Food  
Scientist



Mayor



Astronomer



Crop  
Farmer



Treasurer



Tour Guide



## My Success Skills

Remember



Organize



Think  
Differently



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Contact [anna@rockman.com](mailto:anna@rockman.com) with any questions. Thank you, or as the Beeples say, Beep Beep!

