

Family Engagement Toolkit



A toolkit of resources developed and informed by the work of the Family Outcomes Cross-State Learning Collaborative (CSLC) through the National Center for Systemic Improvement (NCSI) to support Early Intervention (EI) system leaders in using and implementing recommendations from the HHS/ED *Joint Policy Statement on Family Engagement: From the Early Years to the Early Grades*

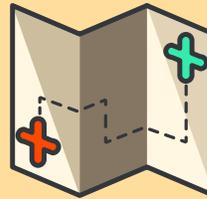
Policy Statement on Family Engagement: From the Early Years to the Early Grades

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
 U.S. Department of Education (ED)

The purpose and goals of this policy statement are:

- For all early childhood systems to recognize and support families as essential partners in providing services that improve children's development, learning, and wellness
- Identify core principles of effective family engagement practices to drive successful policy and program development, implementation, and evaluation
- Highlight resources to build programmatic and family capacity to be effective partners
- Provide guidance to the field on how to implement effective family engagement practices

Guide to Implementing the Policy Statement



In this reference guide, information from the policy statement on family engagement is organized into a table for easy reading and application.

The practice principles and recommendations are broken down with strategies and other considerations to help local and state systems in implementation.

PowerPoint Presentations

These PowerPoint presentations can be adapted or used as-is with your stakeholders from:

1. Local Part C early intervention programs
2. State Part C early intervention agencies

They include:

- An overview of the joint policy statement on family engagement
- Strategies for implementing the recommendations in local/state
- Discussion questions

Family Engagement Webinars



- **PFCE Webinar Series** - Explore this webinar series to learn more about strengthening parent, family, and community engagement (PFCE) in your Head Start, Early Head Start, or early child care programs.
- **Engaging Families and Creating Trusting Partnerships to Improve Child and Family Outcomes** - This interactive four-part webinar series is aimed at supporting EI/ECSE system leaders with building capacity in personnel and families to develop and strengthen trusting family-professional partnerships.

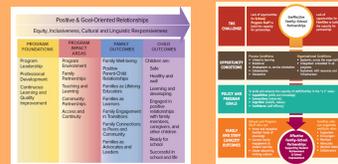
Policy Statement Infographics



These infographics provide a summary of the joint policy statement, emphasizing key ideas and recommendations. EI system leaders can use these infographics to further engage and inform stakeholders in implementing the recommended family engagement practices.

HHS/ED Family Engagement Frameworks

These frameworks present context for how family engagement fits within broader initiatives aimed at promoting positive child and family outcomes.



- **The Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (PFCE) Framework**
- **The Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships**

Vignettes and Examples of State Work



Included here are:

- State Spotlights and descriptions of ways that state Part C programs have made family engagement a priority
- An **infographic** that shows the journey of the Family Outcomes CSLC states

Additional Resources



This collection of resources may be helpful in understanding, promoting, and prioritizing family engagement practices in your state agency or local program. They can also help to build programmatic and family capacity to be effective partners.