Maryland’s Family Engagement Initiative

November 2019
State Early Childhood Advisory Council
Developing the Early Childhood Family Engagement Framework

- Family Engagement Initiative
  - Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge
  - State Early Childhood Advisory Council

- The Family Engagement Coalition
  - Maryland State Department of Education
  - Representatives of family and child-serving agencies

- The Family Engagement Framework
  - The Coalition and their constituents developed the framework. Publicly disseminated for use in a variety of settings
Early Childhood Family Engagement Framework
Family Engagement Implementation

- **Increased and improved Family Engagement**
  - Families are involved in their children's Early Care and Education

- **Improved Family Engagement Practices**
  - All family and child serving agencies and providers
  - All families

- **Technical Assistance Resources**
  - Developed under the direction of the Coalition
  - Developed to build the capacity of providers for family engagement

**Increased School Readiness Scores**
Family Engagement Implementation

Creating a Communications and Technology Infrastructure to Meet Maryland Family Engagement Goals

A Communications and Technology Plan
Recommendations for Maryland’s Family Engagement Initiative

▪ Develop a statewide family engagement communication system with MSDE as the hub;

▪ Conduct additional research that is specific to the demand and use of technology among early childhood stakeholders in Maryland;

▪ Disseminate information and provide technical assistance on technological innovations to support stronger connections between providers and parents;

▪ Review, strengthen, and highlight state-level polices and guidance;

▪ Create tools to lead a national learning community on state early childhood family engagement initiatives
Recommendation 1

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Activities

The Early Childhood Family Engagement Framework Toolkit:
Maryland’s Vision for Engaging Families with Young Children
Developed by: The Maryland Family Engagement Coalition

The 2019 Maryland Family Engagement Summit
Understanding Implicit Bias: Engaging Families in Culturally Responsive Ways
SAVE THE DATE!
Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019
Recommendation 4

Review, strengthen, and highlight state-level policies and guidance.

Guide to Equity and Excellence in Maryland
Recommendation 5

Create tools to lead a national learning community on state early childhood family engagement initiatives.

National Family Engagement Consortium
Pre-K – 12 Family Engagement Framework

- Welcoming All Families
- Encouraging Partnerships Among Schools, Families, and Communities
- Supporting Student Learning and Student Success
- Building Capacity Among School Stakeholders
- Promoting Effective School-Family Communication
Revising Maryland’s Family Engagement Framework
Funding the Family Engagement Initiative

Family Engagement Initiative

Kellogg (2019)
- CCSSO Consortium
- ECE Technology Plan
- Family Engagement Website

Child Care Development Fund
- Marketing
- Family Engagement Website
- Parent Leadership Learning Party

Preschool Development Grant B-5 (2019)
- Parent Cafes
- Equity Training
- Library grants
- Family Engagement Summit

Family Engagement Center (2024)
- Revision and alignment of Family Engagement Framework
- Collaboration and dissemination of Framework
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