

FAST Finds: Family Engagement

Interested in Addressing the Components of Effective Family Engagement?

[Pennsylvania's Family Engagement Birth through College, Career, Community Ready Framework](#) was designed to be used as a tool to guide learning communities in the implementation of effective practices, use of shared language, and application of a family engagement continuum for families across their child's educational lifespan. [A companion guide with additional information for families is also available.](#)

Interested in the Factors that Lead to Successful Partnerships Between School Staff and Families?

[Having Their Say: Parents Describe Why and How They are Engaged in Their Children's Learning](#) describes the findings from a study that identified factors that contributed to successful educational partnerships between schools and families. The paper concludes with implications for practice and further research.

Want to Promote Effective Communication Between Families and Professionals?

[CONNECT Module 3: Communication for Collaboration](#) describes effective communication practices for professionals and families in early education and intervention. It links specific communication practices with particular purposes. Information on research findings and related policies are provided, along with handouts, downloadable videos, and more. **¡También disponible en español!**

Seeking Content on Families of Children with or At Risk of Disabilities?

[Recommended Practice Module 5: Families](#) is a free, online module that targets what family-centered practices are, how to build the capacity of families, and strategies for building trusting partnerships with families. Dr. Carol Trivette summarizes the research on family practices in Lesson 1. Lessons 2 and 3 share strategies on how to treat families with respect, involve them in decision-making, help them to increase their confidence and competence, and encourage effective collaboration with other professionals. The module introduces and illustrates recommended practices through narrated slide presentations, videos, activities, readings, and simulations. A companion Learning Guide provides additional resources for faculty and professional development providers to use in addressing the content of the module.

Looking for Additional Resources?

[Family Engagement Resources](#) is a collection of free resources. It includes articles, videos, research, and more on a range of topics. If you're looking for information on effective engagement of families who are culturally and linguistically diverse, recent immigrants, or experiencing traumatic life circumstances, take a look. The collection includes resources to support collaboration with specific family members including fathers, grand-parents, and individuals who are lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, or questioning. You'll also find materials for addressing specific issues, including homelessness, incarceration, and deployment.