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Family Engagement Framework Development

Program, Quality, & Alignment
Committee

Purpose

3.3.1 Parent & Stakeholder Engagement. *The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) will continue to engage with the CDHS Family Voice Council, Head Start Collaboration Office, Colorado Head Start Association, and state and local family and caregiver networks to support ongoing family engagement and leadership.*

- Colorado Shines Brighter Needs Assessment:
 - Provide more equitable and relevant care
 - Centralize and increase parent and caregiver access to early childhood information
- Develop a framework through a collaborative effort to combine research and best practices to provide resources integrating family engagement into early childhood systems and programs
- The purpose of the Family Engagement Framework is to define, align and identify important family engagement concepts to be applied across early childhood sectors and agencies
- The framework is intended for agencies and organizations across the early childhood sectors

PQA Role

- Work with PQA throughout the process to gather feedback and input from the members
 - Gather existing family engagement frameworks
- Place to share out updates and status on the work
- Members to solicit feedback and share updates with their networks
- Consider framework for endorsement

Family Engagement Resources

Examples

- 99 resources were reviewed for alignment with the purpose and intent of the family engagement framework.
- 56 resources from 46 different organizations were coded and analyzed to inform the development of the framework.

National

- **Head Start** (Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework)
- **Center for the Study of Social Policy** (Protective Factors Framework)
- **National Center for Cultural Competence** (A Guide for Advancing Family-Centered and Culturally and Linguistically Competent Care)

State

- **Colorado** (Family School and Community Partnerships (FSCP) P-12 Framework)
- **California** (Family Engagement Toolkit: Continuous Improvement through an Equity Lens)
- **Michigan** (MiFamily: Michigan's Family Engagement Framework)

Local or Regional

- **Adams County (CO)** (Family Engagement and Leadership Framework)
- **Alameda County (CA)** (Family Engagement Toolkit for Providers and Program Leaders)
- **Pacific Region** (Toolkit of Resources for Engaging Families and the Community as Partners)

Document Analysis

Coding Category	Source
Parental Resilience	Strengthening Families Protective Factors
Social Connections	
Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development	
Social and Emotional Competence of Children	
Concrete Support in Times of Need	
Equity	Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework
Inclusiveness	
Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness	
Positive and Goal-Oriented Relationships	
Family-Centered Partnerships	Added during coding based on common content
Monitor progress	
Build Capacity	

Alignment considerations

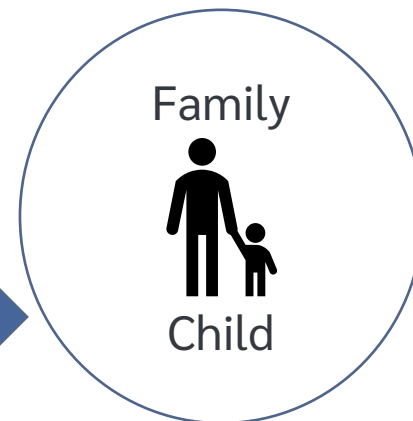
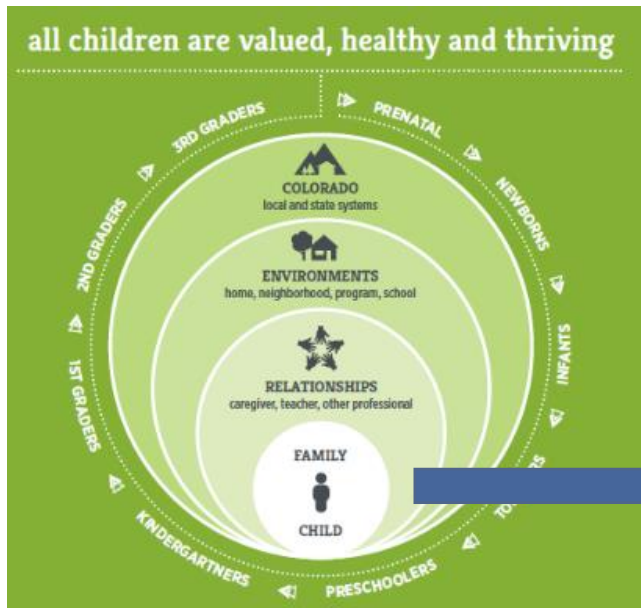
CO EC Framework

Family Engagement Framework

New Early Childhood Department

All Children are Valued, Healthy and Thriving

All Colorado children, families, and early childhood professionals are valued, healthy and thriving



Recommended Framework Structure

- 1. Mission/vision:** Align with the new EC Department and EC CO Framework
“All Colorado children, families, and early childhood professionals are valued, healthy and thriving.”
- 2. Principles:** Represent beliefs of the B-5 system partners collective agreement around the primary strategies to support family engagement.
- 3. Strategies:** Provide a consistent voice around how we engage with families to support the results.
- 4. Results:** Represent the outcomes we intend to achieve if we put the strategies into place.

Small Group Discussions



Principles



Actions



Results

Warm Up – What do strengthened families look like?

Brainstorm Everyone can add Brainstorming collaboratively

Think & Feel? :
What do strengthened families think and feel?
Tap to add

Hear? :
What messages do they hear from others?
Tap to add

Families :
Tap to add

See? :
What is their visual environment or experience?
Tap to add

Say & Do? :
What is their behaviour and interaction?
Tap to add

How else will we know our actions have strengthened families? :

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Principles, Actions, and Results

1. Two small groups per Group Map – Principles, Actions, and Results
2. Review the recommended content under each element (principles, actions, results)
3. Brainstorm – What does the content mean to you and how you engage with families?
4. Last column – Are there any additional considerations for the element?

The screenshot shows a Miro brainstorming board with the following structure:

- Brainstorm** (Title bar) | Everyone can add | Brainstorming collaboratively | [Close]
- Column 1 (Purple):** Family centered partnerships - Content that focused on putting families at the center of decision making, interactions, communication, and their children's learning. [Add] [Empty space]
- Column 2 (Green):** Equity - Provide all families with access to resources and opportunities for engagement. Address system inequalities. [Add] [Empty space]
- Column 3 (Orange):** Cultural and linguistic responsiveness - Opportunities and resources to meet families' cultural and linguistic needs. [Add] [Empty space]
- Column 4 (Yellow):** Inclusiveness - Creates an environment where all families are welcomed, engaged, and valued. [Add] [Empty space]
- Column 5 (Blue):** Considerations for additional principles [Add] [Empty space]

Key Activities and Timeline

May- July	Collect local and national family engagement frameworks
May- August	Literature review and review of national best practices Analyze local and national family engagement frameworks for alignment with Early Childhood Colorado Framework and literature review on best practices to identify commonalities and gaps
August- September	Develop recommendations for a family engagement framework based on analysis
May- November	Stakeholder input and feedback on recommendations and development of family engagement framework
December- March 2021	Draft and finalize content for an early childhood family engagement framework *Jan- March 2021 second round of stakeholder feedback

Thank you!

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