



Attendees

John Peirce, Olanda Lewis, Lenore Friedly, Monica DiOrio
On the Phone: Raven Hill, Amy Heaton, Beth Barrett

Key Topics Discussed

ELAC Updates

- There will not be an ELAC Kickoff Meeting that brings all workgroups together until a new ELAC Chair is appointed. Instead, workgroups should meet on their regular schedule in January to outline 2018 priorities;
- Plan to do the Prize Competition again in 2018

MIECHV Funding update

- Funding expired but many home visiting advocates

Family Engagement Blogs and Toolkit

- The workgroup continues to look for a partner website to host the blogs created for the Brighter Futures website. Until one is found, the drafting of blogs will remain on pause.

Family Engagement Peer Learning Summary

- Beth shared a presentation (posted to Glip) on the experience Indiana had in the recent 6-month Family Engagement Peer Learning community that brought together 16 states to share family engagement practices;
- Indiana was spotlighted as a leading state on family engagement practices;
- In the action plan for Indiana, the following priority actions arose:
 - Develop measurable goals in workgroup's yearly strategic plan
 - Include parents and family leaders on the FE workgroup and across ELAC
 - Develop a family-friendly toolkit
 - Develop tools, trainings, and supports for coaches across the state on family engagement and the Family Engagement Toolkit
- The biggest lesson learned: Include parents in the workgroup.

Planning for 2018

- The workgroup briefly highlighted some items to use when planning for 2018, including:
 - Kent's recommendations in his issue brief;
 - Transitions – challenges and best practices



- Home Visiting Subcommittee reconvening
- Future connection to the Higher Ed. Forum about the workgroup sharing family engagement best practices. Or instead, have a higher education professional join the workgroup.

Family Engagement Toolkit Professional Development

- Lenore gave an overview of some professional development initiatives through Early Learning Indiana around the Family Engagement Toolkit;
- They host regular webinar trainings with coaches and staff on family engagement, starting with helping them define family engagement and “family”;
- A family engagement training suite is being developed that will include webinars and trainings of each webinar topic. The format will likely be a zip drive coaches and programs will receive. An action plan will also be available with the Toolkit and other resources to focus on long-term successes and work around family engagement;
- Lenore is working with the data team to gather and analyze preliminary information from the Family Engagement Toolkit, which she will share with the workgroup;

Family Engagement Prize Competition

- Will be launched again in Spring or early summer 2018

Action Items

1. Monica will connect with Lenore to post professional development resources for the toolkit to Glip.
2. Monica will share a google doc for workgroup members to
3. Monica will connect Lenore about Parent cafes and the potential partner cafes
4. Get action plan from Beth to share with John, Katie, and Amanda.

Next Meeting

January 23, 2018 | Wayne Township Preschool | 10:00am – 12:00pm EST