



Summarize this workgroup's successes in 2017:

- A total of 359 early childhood programs used all or part of the Family Engagement Toolkit in 2017, according to Early Learning Indiana.
- Workgroup members participated in the State and Tribal Systems Peer Learning Community on Family Engagement with 15 other states and received recognition for our FE Toolkit and ideas for improving our work in 2018.
- We made minor edits to the FE Toolkit to make it easier for coaches and programs to understand and use it to improve their family engagement practices.

Summarize workgroup's short-term priorities for 2018:

- Family Voices: Establish an ongoing process for engaging the voice of diverse Hoosier families with young children to inform and guide our work.
- Family Education: Consider more outreach to families around FE, but specific strategies will be decided after speaking directly with families to discover what they feel would be most beneficial.
- Outreach: 1. Create one-page introductory fact sheets for a variety of audiences explaining why FE is important and how the toolkit may be helpful.
- Outreach: 2. Create a standardized presentation introducing ELAC's definition of FE and the toolkit that could be offered to higher education faculty to be used in their classes with future ECE professionals.
- Outreach: 3. Create a brief user manual to accompany the toolkit with suggestions about how ECE directors/leaders can effectively use the toolkit with their staff.

How does the work of this group help fulfill ELAC's 2020 goal?

- We provide and improve tools to strengthen family-provider partnerships to help children achieve kindergarten readiness.
- We help partner organizations identify and promote family engagement best practices across the state.

Note any information needs, data requests, or cross-workgroup collaboration

None at this time.