

Family Engagement Module Handout

Personal Reflection:

How was your family involved/not involved in your child care/schooling experience?	What do you remember about how educators treated your family?
What traditions/customs/cultural experiences were acknowledged and celebrated in your classrooms?	What traditions/customs/cultural experiences weren't acknowledged?

Family Engagement - Components and Tiered Engagement

Example of Family Engagement	How are the core components of family engagement reflected in these examples? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strengths-based process ● Child-focused ● Culturally/ linguistically responsive relationship-building ● Focused on partnership & mutual respect 	How do these examples reflect the tiers of family engagement? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Families have access to consumer information ● Families are engaged and equipped to support learning and development ● Families inform the design of systems, policies, and services

Reflecting on Self Assessment Tool: How are the core focus areas of the self-assessment tool reflected in your community? If not currently reflected, what would authentic, equity-centered family engagement look like for your community's efforts in PDG and/or MDG?

Program Leadership	
Program Environment	
Family Partnership	
Teaching and Learning	
Community Partnership	

Feedback: Family Engagement Information Sheet

Does this overview provide adequate information about expectations and the process for completing the assessment tool? How would you suggest it should be revised, if at all?

Feedback: Family Engagement Self-Assessment Tool

In what ways could this tool be improved to be more useful? Please share general or specific recommendations.

Glossary

Cultural competency- Having an awareness of one's own cultural identity and views about difference, and the ability to learn and build on the varying cultural and community norms of students and their families. It is the ability to understand the within-group differences that make each student unique, while celebrating the between-group variations that make our country. (National Education Association. "Why Cultural Competence?". August 27, 2020)

Cultural responsiveness- The ability to learn from and relate respectfully with people of your own culture as well as those from other cultures. (National Center for Culturally Responsive Educational Systems)

Equity- The guarantee of fair treatment, access, opportunity, and advancement while at the same time striving to identify and eliminate barriers that have prevented the full participation of some groups. (Diversity & Inclusion Definitions," University of Manitoba: Human Resources Diversity & Inclusion, 2017)

Educational equity- Eliminating the predictability of student outcomes based on race, gender, zip code, ability, socioeconomic status or languages spoken at home. (VDOE. Adapted from the National Equity Project. Educational Equity Definition.)

Racial Equity- As an outcome: We achieve racial equity when race no longer determines life outcomes, when everyone has what they need to thrive, no matter where they live. As a process: We apply racial equity when those most impacted by structural racial inequity are meaningfully involved in the creation and implementation of the institutional policies and practices that impact their lives. (Adapted from Partner, Plan, Act)

Additional Resources:

- [Being Black is Not a Risk Factor \(National Black Child Development Institute\)](#)
- [Centering Equity: Authentic Family Engagement Is Bi-Directional: Engaging in Meaningful Family Partnerships](#)
- [Culturally Responsive Family Engagement Toolkit \(Colorín Colorado, 2018\)](#)
- [Head Start Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center \(ECLKC\): Family Engagement](#)
- [Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework](#)
- [Navigating EdEquityVA- Virginia's Roadmap to Equity](#)
 - [Virginia is for Learners: Family Engagement](#)
- [PDG B5 Needs Assessment](#)
- [PDG B5 Strategic Plan](#)
- [Project Implicit \(Harvard Education, Implicit Association Test\)](#)
- [Virginia Family Voices Report \(July 2020\)](#)
- [What is Radical Family Engagement?](#)