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Family Engagement Networking Series School Year 2023-2024

Purpose

Please join the Family Engagement Networking Series facilitated by the AOE Vermont Multi-tiered System of Supports (VTmtss) Team. These are informal monthly one-hour virtual sessions for family engagement colleagues to connect, hear updates, share practices, and discuss problems of practice regarding family engagement. Save the dates for future Family Engagement Networking Sessions that will be held every second Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. Below are session topics to help you plan and reach out to others who might share interest.

Below are links to join in any session in this series.

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Topics for Family Engagement Networking Series, School Year 2023-24

September 13, 2023 - Welcoming and Centering for a Year of Trust and Connection

This session will focus on reconnecting, thought partnering, and sharing stories to support each other in our work of Family Engagement.

October 11, 2023 - Family Engagement in Early Education

Amy Murphy, AOE Early Education Inclusion Coordinator, and Michele Johnson, AOE Early Education Consultant, will share resources and best practices that support building partnerships with families and explore considerations for measuring family engagement and data collection.



November 8, 2023 - Reflective and Restorative Practices to Strengthen Equitable School-Family Relationships

With guest Caitlin Chisholm of the VTmtss Team.

December 13, 2023 - Title IA Parent and Family Engagement Expectations and Opportunities

Jessie Murray, State Title I Director, will clarify the requirements of parent and family engagement for Title I programs and share some examples from the field.

January 10, 2024 - Open Forum: How Mission and Values Show Up in Our Goals Working with Families

We'll discuss goals, what's working well, and how your school's mission statement shows up for you and for families.

February 14, 2024 – Family Engagement Through Collaboration: Families and Special Education Services

We will be joined by AOE Special Education colleagues, who will share considerations, rights and support for families with students with disabilities.

March 13, 2024 – Supporting Families and Student Experiencing Homelessness

Katy Preston, Title IVA Director and State Coordinator for Homeless Education, will join us to share educational rights and supports for students experiencing homelessness.

April 10, 2024 - Family Engagement Opportunities with After-School Programming

Emanuel Betz, 21st Century Community Learning Centers State Coordinator, will join us to share examples of practices that expand and strengthen family engagement.

May 8, 2024 – Summer Programming Opportunities and Ongoing Family Engagement (last session for SY 23-24)

A time to share family engagement practices throughout the summer including Summer Food Service Program, continuation of supports and outreach to families.

If you have any questions or would like to have your name added to the Family Engagement Contact List, please contact Nancy Hellen at Nancy.Hellen@vermont.gov.