

360 – Degrees of Family Engagement

“Equipping Family Engagement Professionals to lead, observe, and influence in every direction.”

360-Degrees of Family Engagement is a four part training series developed by the Georgia Department of Education and Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning that coaches family engagement professionals on how to reach a full circle of accountability and sustainability in their work by activating a synergy of partners from Pre-K to post secondary.

The purpose of the program is twofold: 1) To offer the most recent research, tools and strategies for successfully wrapping school, home and the community engagement around student achievement outcomes and, 2) To demonstrate how to consistently target measurable outcomes by relying on guidance from the National PTA Standards on Family-School Partnerships and the Strengthening Families Protective Factors that impact families.

The four part series consists of:

1. **Understanding the Research!** Using the National PTA Standards on Family-School Partnerships and the Strengthening Families Protective Factors, participants will learn how family engagement work fits into the larger picture of student achievement and understand the benefit of coordinating all family engagement work from Pre-K to Postsecondary.
2. **What is the Plan?** Using the Crosswalk for Parent Programs and work from the Planning and Evaluation Tool, participants will learn how to develop strategies to execute sustainable family policy and programs that will impact student achievement. To develop the plan, participants will evaluate current actions already taking place in their schools/districts to determine effectiveness and devise new ideas to facilitate family engagement.
3. **What are Initiatives?** Using the developed strategies and work from the Planning and Evaluation Tool, participants will learn how to develop core family engagement initiatives that bring about increased student achievement and school success. To create meaningful and targeted initiatives, participants will also learn tools of mapping and collaboration to ensure sustainability and inclusive services.
4. **Reaching the Outcomes!** Using the state strategies and initiatives developed in the planning and evaluation tool family engagement plans, participants will learn of ways to gather quantitative and qualitative school or district data to show family engagement’s impact on student achievement.

At the conclusion of the series, participants leave with a collaborative and completed family engagement plan that helps parents, schools, and communities tie family engagement work to gains in student achievement. Participants also receive handouts, including tools with graphs and charts to support their work and accountability, during each session.

To access the **360 – DEGREE of FAMILY ENGAGEMENT** archived webinars please use the following step by step directions:

1. Please go to the web site: www.georgiastandards.org. You can reach the web site by cutting and pasting the above web address in your browser or you can go on to www.gadoe.org and click the link for Georgia Standards. This link is in the middle of the Georgia Department of Education's front page. The Georgia Standards web site is host to Elluminate Live.
2. Once you are on the Georgia Standards site please click onto Elluminate Live.
3. There is a link with a Eluminate Live logo in the bottom half of the front page. It is listed among other sites. Elluminate Live also is listed on the left bottom corner of the page and can be clicked to link to the Elluminate site.
4. Once on the Elluminate site, click on the recording tab.
5. Next click the date the session was held on the calendar for the session you would like to access. Dates are as follows: **1st Session: Feb. 3, 2010, 2nd Session: March 3, 2010, 3rd Session: April 7, 2010, and 4th Session: May 5, 2010.**
6. Finally, click on the session's name, which is **360-Family Engagement**. It will then ask you to put in your email and name. No passwords are required.
7. Typically, listening quality is better if you plug headphones with a USB cord into your computer.

Upon request, sessions can also be offered live to various groups.

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