



Strand 5: Family Engagement

December 1, 2021 & March 2, 2022
9:00 - 12:30

Welcome back...

In breakout rooms, please share individually:

"So far this year, we have struggled with _____ (a stink), AND strengthening engagement with families has or will create opportunities to _____ (a stretch)."

Virtual Norms

Expectations	What does that look like?
Be Engaged	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unmute to share ideas/questions.• Participate in virtual activities.
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminate distractions like cell phones, email, social media, and background noise.• Give others time to talk and share.• Be committed to attend the full session.
Be Prepared	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Download materials prior to the session.• Set dates/times with your team to continue action planning after professional learning.

Resources for Today

- Please see the chat box for the checklist with links to all the materials you'll need today!
- Record your Attendance

Strand 5

In this strand, participants will explore six essential elements of meaningful family engagement in multi-tiered systems of supports that deepen family and school commitment to collaborative and equitable partnerships while increasing specific student and family outcomes across domains.

Take-a-ways from October

- Include families in decision making
- Families as Co-teachers
- Engage families in new ways
- Families need to be heard with respect
- Meet families where they are

Homework from October

1. Develop a vision statement with input from families, community partners and others in your division.
2. Identify tiered family engagement supports and data sources.
3. View and then share the *Family Engagement in VTSS* video series with other division leaders and school teams to help them understand the 6 components.
4. Consider next steps for collecting family and community data.

Return ready to share your vision and completed worksheets.

Share your vision progress!

We invite divisions to share the vision work you've completed since October.

What We Will Learn and Do

- Examine actions, resources, skills, motivators and data related to each of the six essential family engagement elements.
- Further develop vision and action steps to respond to areas of identified need and identify new opportunities for increasing family and community voice and participation in systems change.

Division Example

Let's Spend Time with your Vision and Data Worksheet

Positive Relationships

Please reference the Strand 5
Vision and Data Worksheet –
The Positive Relationship element.

Family Empowerment

Please reference the Strand 5
Vision and Data Worksheet –
The Family Empowerment
element.

Leadership

Please reference the Strand 5
Vision and Data Worksheet –
The Leadership element.

Data Based Goals and Outcomes

Please reference the Strand 5 Vision and Data Worksheet – The Data Based Goals and Outcomes element.

Multi-tiered, Multi-dimensional Approaches

Please reference the Strand 5 Vision and Data Worksheet – The Multi-tiered, Multi-dimensional Approaches element.

Collaborative Problem Solving

Please reference the Strand 5
Vision and Data Worksheet –
The Collaborative Problem
Solving element.

Tips for Recruiting and Retaining Members

Remove barriers

Transportation

Child care

Dinner

Time of day

Language

Be specific and focused with your requests.

DO knock on the door of a specific parent that you would like to see involved. Let him/her know exactly what the team will look like and exactly ***what role*** you see him/her filling.

DON'T send home a one-size-fits-all flyer asking for volunteers to serve on a "committee" or a "team".

Provide training and recognition

Training: Leadership and collaboration

Recognition: Formal and informal

Serving on a Group

<https://servingongroups.org/>

Equity Through Family Engagement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvpuwU7gfVo>

Family Membership on your VTSS Team

Engaging Families Throughout the Tiered Model

Please see you VTSS State Coach for this diagram.

For March

- Complete 6 FE components on the Vision and Data worksheet
- Where needed, revisit Vision for Family Engagement
- Gather, examine and where needed, collect data in right hand column; bring data to March session when we will be aligning those by tiers
- Reflect on efforts to increase truly-representative family member participation on leadership teams; take steps towards increased participation

5 Minutes to Show and Share

1. Create a few slides
2. Be prepared to “show and share”:
 - data collected, how and where shared, and how used
 - family collaboration successes
 - progress in family voice on your team

Glows and Grows

Please complete our
evaluation.

Our Next Strand 5 Event

March 2, 2022
9:00 - 12:30