



National Early Childhood Family Network Newsletter

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Welcome

The **National Early Childhood Family Network Steering Committee (NECFN)** is proud to launch our first newsletter. The Steering Committee has worked since February 2018 to lay the groundwork for NECFN. We have developed a mission statement and governance structure. Through the newsletter we want to share resources and highlight programs and family leaders that are making a difference for families and young children. If you would like to get involved with NECFN, or have a submission for our newsletter, please send to: ECFamilyLeaders@gmail.com. We welcome your input and participation!

About NECFN

In February 2018, fifty-five family members who are connected to LAUNCH grantees gathered at SAMHSA for a Family Leadership Summit and committed to creating a National Early Childhood Family Network (NECFN). Since February, family members across the country have been meeting virtually to turn their vision into a reality.



Our Mission

NECFN is a network of families and agencies committed to increasing awareness of early childhood experiences by providing resources and trainings to families of young children. We aim to bring families together locally and nationally to increase our collective voices and to advocate for policies and educational research that promote the well-being of young children and their families regardless of race, religion, or socio economic status.

“To live in a world where all children, birth to eight, are safe, healthy, and inspired to lifelong learning.”

Our Vision

Recognizing Our Leaders: Clifford Beers Community Champions Award

Congratulations to Mr. Jeremiah Haruna, a founder and member of the NECFN Steering Committee, for being recognized and as an individual who exemplifies community leadership through action. Jeremiah Haruna has been recognized as a leader who inspires families to identify the changes they need to take action and to fight for them. He is described as a champion mainly due to his numerous contributions to the community in such a short time of being in the country. Jeremiah is a role model for others to emulate while keeping the vision of volunteerism in the community, alive.



Watch Us in Action!

During the Family Leadership Summit, the Center for Applied Research Solutions (CARS) produced a video highlighting families at the Summit. Check out the video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/Myv5mexPL3w>

Webinars

NECFN has developed a dynamic webinar series on topics of interest for families and professionals. Stay tuned for more webinars throughout the year.

January Webinar - January 15, 2019 @ 3:30 ET

The Intersection of Equity, Disparities and the Multi-Dimensions of Family and Community Engagement

Dr. Alice Farrell, JD, LCSW, President/CEO of Olive Branch Clinical and Consulting Services, LLC. To register https://theinstitute.adobeconnect.com/efxtwxj72l0g/event/event_info.html

Resources



Engaging Pediatric Primary Care to Address Childhood Trauma: Part of a Comprehensive Public Health Approach

This issue brief from the Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut, Inc., examines statewide policy opportunities and resources to boost the role of pediatrics in the early identification of child traumatic stress and connection to services.

<https://www.chdi.org/index.php/publications/issue-briefs/issue-brief-66-engaging-pediatric-primary-care-address-childhood-trauma>



Three Principles to Improve Outcomes for Children and Families

The Center for the Developing Child at Harvard University released a brief that highlights three principles that can guide decision-makers in choosing among policy alternatives, designing new approaches, and shifting existing practice in ways that will prevent and reduce the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences.

<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/three-early-childhood-development-principles-improve-child-family-outcomes/>



2018 Early Childhood Data Systems Survey

The 2018 Early Childhood Data Systems Survey provides a state-by-state analysis of existing ECE data systems and efforts to coordinate these data, which are currently largely siloed by program and by state agency. The Early Childhood Data Collaborative (ECDC) promotes policies and practices that support policymakers' development and use of coordinated state early care and education (ECE) data systems. These coordinated systems can improve the quality of ECE programs and the workforce, increase access to high-quality ECE programs, and ultimately improve child outcomes.

<https://www.childtrends.org/publications/2018-state-of-early-childhood-data-systems-interactive-map>



Early Childhood Learning Community Webinar on Home Visiting

The YouTube video of the Early Childhood Learning Community webinar on Home Visiting discusses the benefits of providing evidence-based home visiting services to strengthen maternal and child health and well-being as part of a systemic approach to early childhood mental health.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkY7mTndepI&index=9&list=PLWv-X8-WjcQU_c8KGglCFHnANnKQzcXso



**Our vision for young children
Word cloud developed at Family Leadership Summit
February 2018**

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