



Families, Schools & Communities
Engagement Matters

CREATING POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH A STATE FRAMEWORK

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FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN ARKANSAS Regional Meeting Schedule

NORTHEAST: OCTOBER 3

Jonesboro
St. Bernards Auditorium
505 East Washington
9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

SOUTHWEST: OCTOBER 5

Malvern
Boys and Girls Club
1840 W Moline Street
9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

NORTHWEST: OCTOBER 17

Huntsville
Carroll Electric Cooperative
5056 Hwy 412 B
9:30 a.m.- 11 a.m., 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

SOUTHEAST: OCTOBER 23

McGehee
Boys and Girls Club
205 Washington Ave
9:30 a.m.- 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

CENTRAL: OCTOBER 25

Philander Smith College- The Kendall
Building in Nugent Hall
900 W Daisy L Gatson Bates Dr.
9 a.m.- 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

What is a framework?

The family and community engagement framework will provide standards, or a list of actions, for districts, schools, teachers, families, communities, and students to use to help improve two-way communication and partnerships.

Who is developing the framework?

In July of 2017, the Arkansas Department of Education began a project in partnership with the State Board of Education with support from the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). The project focuses on creating a state framework for family and community engagement.

In February of 2018, ADE team members hosted 89 stakeholders from around the state at the Arkansas River Education Service Cooperative in Pine Bluff. This external network collaborated and discussed the framework's development and possible content.

In August of 2018, the State Coalition for Family and Community Engagement, which is comprised of students, parents, educators, legislators, community partners, and business leaders, met to begin development of the standards.

Why is the framework important for Arkansas?

Improving family and community engagement across the state is a top priority. "In order to truly be student-focused, education must include families and communities...it is not optional," ADE Commissioner Johnny Key said. ADE is supporting schools through a continuous cycle of improvement, and it is important for families and communities to share ideas and partner with schools as they work together to grow.

How can you get involved in the process?

The State Coalition for Family and Community Engagement will host regional events across the state during the month of October in order to gather feedback on the draft framework. It is important that all stakeholders from every part of the state participate.

How can you find out more information?

Visit the Parent webpage at <http://www.arkansased.gov/im-looking-for/parents> or read the following Commissioner's Memo: <http://adecm.arkansas.gov/ViewApprovedMemo.aspx?Id=3767>.

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Kim Wright is the Director for Stakeholder/Family and Community Engagement. Wright is leading the work of creating the state framework and toolkit to support parent facilitators, parent coordinators, educators, administrators, families, communities, and students.

"I am so passionate about this work, and I know it will make such an impact in our communities and schools. Having powerful partnerships, which also support families, is so important for our students' success."