

Child Welfare Information Gateway

Child Welfare Information Gateway promotes the safety, permanency, and well-being of children, youth, and families by connecting child welfare, adoption, and related professionals, as well as the public, to information, resources, and tools covering topics on child welfare, child abuse and neglect, out-of-home care, adoption, and more.

A service of the [Children's Bureau](#), Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, we provide access to print and electronic publications, websites, databases, and online learning tools for improving child welfare practice, including resources that can be shared with families.

- [How the Child Welfare System Works](#)
- [What Is Child Abuse and Neglect? Recognizing the Signs and Symptoms](#)
- [Long-Term Consequences of Child Abuse and Neglect](#)
- [Understanding the Effects of Maltreatment on Brain Development](#)
- [Supporting Brain Development in Traumatized Children and Youth](#)
- [Parenting a Child Who Has Experienced Abuse or Neglect](#)
- [Parenting a Child Who Has Experienced Trauma](#)
- [Building Community Building Hope: 2016/2017 Prevention Resource Guide](#)
- [In-Home Services in Child Welfare](#)
- [Child Welfare Practice With Families Affected by Parental Incarceration](#)

Family Engagement Inventory

The [Family Engagement Inventory](#), a microsite of Child Welfare Information Gateway, is designed to assist professionals in child welfare, juvenile justice, behavioral health, early education, and education to learn how family engagement is defined and implemented across these fields of practice. The following resources are resources included on the Family Engagement Inventory

Family Engagement Program Level Strategies:

- Family Group Decision-Making and Family Team Approaches
 - [Strategies in Child Welfare: Four Approaches to Family Team Meetings \(PDF- 2,232 KB\)](#)
 - [National Center on Family Group Decision Making](#)
 - [Using Family Group Decision-Making to Build Protective Factors for Children and Families](#)
 - [Creating a Constructive Practice: Family and Professional Partnership in High-Risk Child Protection Case Conferences \(PDF - 440 KB\)](#)
 - [California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare: Family Group Decision Making \(FGDM\)](#)
- Father Involvement
 - Engaging Fathers podcast series
 - [Engaging Fathers Part 1](#)

- Engaging Fathers Part 2
 - Engaging Fathers Part 3
- [Fatherhood](#)
- ["Change Initiative Exemplar Resources Summary: Father Engagement in Child Welfare" \(PDF - 216 KB\)](#)
- [National Quality Improvement Center on Non-Resident Fathers and the Child Welfare System Discretionary Grant](#)
- [Trauma-Informed Care for Children Exposed to Violence: Tips for Engaging Men and Fathers \(PDF - 884 KB\)](#)
- [California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare: Father Involvement Interventions](#)
- **Parent Partner Programs**
 - [California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare: Parent Partner Programs for Families Involved in the Child Welfare System](#)
 - ["Developing and Sustaining a Parent Partner Program" \[Podcast\]](#)
 - [Family Leadership and Perspectives](#)
 - [FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention: Stories of Parent Leadership](#)
 - [Engaging Parents: Innovative Approaches in Child Welfare \(PDF - 167 KB\)](#)
 - [Parent to Parent Program \(P2P\): *Parent Engagement/Mentoring Models in Washington State*](#)
 - [Parent Partner Program \(P3\): *Parent Engagement/Mentoring Models in Washington State*](#)
 - [Process Evaluation of the King County Parent to Parent Program \(PDF - 191 KB\)](#)
- **Foster Parents Mentoring Birth Parents**
 - [Engaging Parents: Innovative Approaches in Child Welfare \(PDF - 167 KB\)](#)

Family Engagement System Level Strategies

- **Family and Parent Leadership**
 - [Family Leadership and Perspectives](#)
 - [Parent Engagement and Leadership](#)
- **Parents Anonymous**
 - [Parents Anonymous](#)
 - [California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare: Parents Anonymous](#)
- **Parent Partner Programs**
 - [Parent Partner Program Navigator: Designing and Implementing Parent Partner Programs in Child Welfare](#)
 - [Parent Partner Program Readiness Assessment Tool: A Matrix to Assess Existing Capacity and Capacity Building Needs](#)
 - [From the Courthouse to the Statehouse: Parents as Partners in Child Welfare \(PDF - 188 KB\)](#)
 - ["National Foster Care Month: Implementing Parent Partner Programs and Supporting Reunification" \[Webinar\]](#)
 - [Partnering with Parents: Promising Approaches to Improve Reunification for Children in Foster Care](#)
- **System Reform**
 - [Creating Trauma-Informed Child Welfare Systems: A Guide for Administrators](#)
 - [Developing a Trauma-Informed Child Welfare System \(PDF - 412 KB\)](#)
 - [Engaging Families in System Reform](#)
 - [A Vision for a Better Child Welfare System \(PDF - 160,768 KB\)](#)

- [Iowa's Partnering With Parents for Systems Change: Final Implementation Project Report](#)
- Training on Family Engagement
 - ["Engaging Clients from a Strengths-Based Solution-Focused Perspective"](#)

Additional Resources

- Child Welfare Information Gateway
 - [An Overview of Systems of Care in Child Welfare](#)
 - [Building Agency Capacity for Family Involvement in Child Welfare \(PDF - 554 KB\)](#)
 - [Building Family Capacity for Family Involvement in Child Welfare \(PDF - 449 KB\)](#)
 - [Engaging Families](#)
 - [Engaging Fathers and Paternal Family Members](#)
 - [Engaging Kinship Families in Services](#)
 - [Family Connection Grants: Child Welfare/TANF Collaboration in Kinship Navigation Programs](#)
 - [Family Engagement: Partnering With Families to Improve Child Welfare Outcomes](#)
 - [Family Engagement in Child Welfare Video Series](#)
 - [Permanency Innovations Initiative](#)
 - [Protective Factors Approaches in Child Welfare](#)
 - [Using Comprehensive Family Assessments to Improve Child Welfare Outcomes](#)
- Additional ACF Resources
 - [National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse](#)
 - [National Center for Child Welfare Excellence](#)
 - [Family Engagement: A Web-Based Practice Toolkit](#)
 - [National Child Welfare Workforce Institute](#)
 - [National Technical Assistance and Evaluation Center for Systems of Care Resources](#)
 - [FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention](#)
 - [Regional Partnership Grants](#)
- Trauma-Informed Practice
 - [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network: Child Welfare System](#)
 - [Birth Parents with Trauma Histories and the Child Welfare System: A Guide for Child Welfare Staff \(PDF - 245 KB\)](#)
 - [Birth Parents with Trauma Histories and the Child Welfare System: A Guide for Mental Health Professionals \(PDF-328 KB\)](#)
 - ["Birth Parent Trauma and What Child Welfare Workers Need to Know" \[Video\]](#)
 - [SAMHSA's Concept of Trauma and Guidance for a Trauma-Informed Approach \(PDF-788 KB\)](#)
 - [Trauma-Informed Practice](#)
- Other Resources
 - [A Vision for a Better Child Welfare System: Birth Parent Advisory Committee Recommendations Report \(PDF - 1,024 kB\)](#)
 - [Realizing Permanency, Well-Being Through Authentic Engagement \(PDF - 1,049 KB\)](#)
 - [Strategies to Increase Birth Parent Engagement, Partnership, and Leadership in the Child Welfare System: A Review](#)
 - ["Evidence-Based Practices in Child Welfare: Opportunities and Challenges for the Workforce" \[Video\]](#)