

# Building Transformational Impact for North Carolina Families

## What is an SFEC?

The National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) is honored to lead a consortium of North Carolina organizations deeply invested in creating aligned and coordinated family learning systems through the development of the North Carolina Statewide Family Engagement Center (NC SFEC). This five-year, federally-funded grant opportunity, one of twelve awarded in 2023, intends to build upon the state's well-established family engagement infrastructure to improve learning outcomes for children and families by positioning them as key designers and decision-makers. Through this work, North Carolina will join twenty other states engaged in elevating family engagement as a foundational component of successful family, school, and community partnerships.



## North Carolina SFEC at a Glance

NCFL and its partners are working to establish the North Carolina SFEC to provide a coordinated continuum of family engagement support designed to build the capacity of families, schools, and communities to address COVID-19 learning recovery and improve student and family well-being.

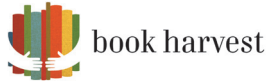
### We believe that if we...

- Create a governing and leadership SFEC special advisory committee to enhance cross-agency collaboration and partnerships that can guide implementation and evaluation;
- Build capacity of all stakeholders through training and technical assistance, professional learning, and leadership development to create a networked community of practice;
- Co-create and carry out research-based programs promoting opportunities for all; and
- Enhance the policy environment at the state and local levels;

**Then,** the NC SFEC will enhance recovery efforts through thriving, high-impact, cradle-to-career family, school, and community engagement to increase student opportunities and academic achievement and support family well-being.

## Local Partners Leading the Way

Through collaboration and innovation, families work side-by-side with the organizations that exist to serve them. NCFL is proud to work alongside key partners who hold deep expertise and commitment to building opportunities for all North Carolina children and families.



The NC SFEC consortium has a strong roadmap to follow in the coming years to accomplish this important work..

### Year 1:

- Establish a strong governing council that builds the infrastructure for the successful implementation of SFEC deliverables.
- Establish a family and practitioner-facing digital presence.
- Conduct a comprehensive asset map of the existing resources, services, and initiatives serving families.

### Years 2-5:

- Implement family literacy, family leadership, and home visiting programs in three districts
- Identify eight regional training hubs to scale professional learning and family engagement activities
- Highlight innovation and excellence by identifying and highlighting family engagement champions across the state
- Incorporate digital tools to extend learning beyond school walls and advance education
- Conduct policy analysis
- Convene stakeholders and families at North Carolina conference (year 5)

## Join Us

No one person, school district, nonprofit, library, or business can do this work alone! Do you believe in the power of family, school, and community partnerships? NCFL invites you to join the conversation and share your expertise, time, and talents by contacting David Sisk at [dsisk@familieslearning.org](mailto:dsisk@familieslearning.org).

