

Helping Families Engage in Education

South Carolina's Statewide Family Engagement Center



The Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC) is the Statewide Family Engagement Center for South Carolina under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and is funded through a grant from the US Department of Education. It is housed in the SC School Improvement Council at the University of South Carolina College of Education.

Vision

All families are actively engaged in their children's learning and development in partnership with their schools and communities to support successful outcomes for all students across South Carolina.

Mission

To provide all families and schools in SC with access to high-quality, capacity-building opportunities that foster the growth of effective family-school partnerships and lead to improved student achievement and school improvement.

Who We Serve

CFEC's services are available at no charge to all districts, schools, and families in South Carolina. We maintain a focus on those schools and families served by Title I.

School Partner Program

This program provides 2-4 years of ongoing family engagement training and technical assistance to school stakeholder teams, individual teachers, and families in schools with a poverty index of 60% or higher.



Schoolwide Stakeholder Partner Program

The focus of the Schoolwide Stakeholder Partner Program is on school-level capacity-building to support the development of effective family-school-community partnerships that support student achievement and school improvement.



Teacher Partner Program

This Program enhances the capacities of teachers to design, plan, implement, and evaluate family initiatives for their classrooms, using evidence-based and practice-supported strategies to strengthen parent-teacher partnerships to improve student learning and development.



Parent Leadership Partner Program

This engagement-focused curriculum aims to strengthen parents' capacities to advocate for their child and their school, connect with local resources, and build a supportive network with other parents.

Services and Resources for Districts, Schools, and Families

Parent Leadership Partner Program

Equips districts, schools, and community organizations to provide groups of up to 15 parents with a series of shared learning sessions that build parent capacity to advocate for their students and schools, actively engage in their children's learning, and develop networks of support.

Customized professional development in family engagement

CFEC offers a broad range of sessions – in the form of webinars or virtual trainings as well as in-person trainings and workshops -- that are geared toward educators and family engagement liaisons in schools.

Consultation with school district administrators

CFEC responds to requests from districts for guidance in developing, implementing, and evaluating their family engagement initiatives.

Developing and sharing materials for families and educators

CFEC shares high quality materials and information with parents and educators from preschool-grade 12. When a gap is identified, CFEC creates needed materials such as its popular *Ready, Set - Kindergarten!* series of parent guides in English and Spanish or its new *Guide for Districts in Providing Translation and Interpretation Assistance Services to Multilingual Families*.

Community Family Resource Centers

Community Family Resource Centers (CFRCs) provide families in underserved communities with access to information stations and/or book vending machines in 14 locations statewide. CFEC has since entered into a partnership with SCETV to expand resources available at future sites — our first joint CFRC recently opened at The Village in Dillon, SC.

For more information, visit go.sc.edu/cfec