

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

March 14, 2023

NOEEN

NEW ORLEANS EARLY
EDUCATION NETWORK



AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Discussion of Data and Parent Engagement Structures
- IV. Adjournment



INFORMATION: SUBCOMMITTEE TASKS

- Develop a plan outlining meaningful ways to engage and represent the voices of the children and families served by publicly-funded early care and education programs in Orleans Parish (by May 10, 2023 meeting).
- Develop plan to collect input from families on NOEEN-related activities (by May 10, 2023).
- Synthesize input and share relevant recommendations to the Steering Committee (by Fall 2023 or at May 10, 2023 meeting).



DATA REVIEW

- Main findings from existing parent engagement reports/data:
 - Geaux Far focus groups:
 - Delays in enrolling in CCAP
 - Lack of common curriculum across early learning centers (Geaux Far)
 - CECR
 - Racial inequality of who applies for an early childhood seat in Orleans Parish
 - Families tend to prioritize quality but often use informal sources rather than ECE performance profile ratings
 - Families also prioritize location when applying for a seat

PARENT ENGAGEMENT STRUCTURES

- Potential models (information sourced from Parent Landscape Consortium report)
 - Hope Starts Here, Michigan
 - Integrates families as decision-makers in development process
 - Parent leaders were paired with a consultant for support
 - Parents design every aspect of the work, conduct engagement and train other families
 - First Steps Kent
 - Coordinates parent engagement across different sectors
 - Great Start Collaboratives & Parent Coalitions, Michigan
 - Group of parents and caregivers who give their voice to the larger childhood systems work
 - Parent Accountability Council
 - Council that informs decisions in the ECE system
 - Head Start Parent Committees and Policy Council
 - All EHS have a parent committee and one parent from each committee sits on the Policy Council

