Massachusetts Statewide Family Engagement Center (MASFEC) builds an equity-driven culture of family engagement, seeking family-led and co-created solutions to the challenges faced by historically marginalized children and youth. Our programs strengthen the capacities of families, educators, healthcare providers and child development professionals to build layers of support that help young people thrive.

**SERVICES OVERVIEW**

- Parent/Family Training
- Teacher/Administrator Training/PD
- Conference
- Tip Sheets/Printed Materials
- Webinars
- Videos
- Newsletter
- Support Groups in multiple languages

**ISSUES ADDRESSED**

- Family Literacy/Early Literacy
- Financial Literacy
- Distance Learning
- Social Justice/Equity/Cultural Responsiveness
- Basic needs services/referrals (e.g. Food, Clothing, Shelter, Health Care)
- Mental health, social–emotional resource
- Access to technology – laptops, tablets, printers, etc.
- Access to high-speed internet
- Resources provided in languages other than English
- Family/Parent leadership
- Family engagement capacity building

**SPECIFIC RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR**

- Preschool/3-to-5
- English Language Learners
- Children with Special Needs

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**Outreach:** MASFEC prioritizes supporting our most vulnerable families. Our team includes outreach specialists for the Latinx, Portuguese-speaking, Chinese-speaking, Haitian, and Black communities. We partner with cultural brokers for Somali, Vietnamese, and Arab communities as well. Our work offers broadly-applicable information on family engagement best practice, as well as resources particularly aimed at addressing the needs of families with children with special needs and those with English Language learning needs.

**Family Institute for Student Success:** In partnership with PIQE, the MA SFEC offers a nine-week training program for families and school leadership teams. This is an evidence-based model designed to support school administrators in engaging with families from diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds through a family training curriculum.

**Collaboration with School Districts:** In partnership with CPLAN and Brockton Public Schools, we are engaging parents, community members, and BPS staff in working in solidarity with the superintendent to ensure that the needs of all members of the school community are met during the pandemic and beyond. MASFEC convenes members of the Brockton community who have been most impacted by the pandemic to the school planning process.
MAKING SYSTEMIC CHANGE

Strengthening Partnerships: A Framework for Prenatal through Young Adulthood Family Engagement in Massachusetts. The family engagement frameworks were developed through a multiyear process integrating input from 500 stakeholders. The frameworks provide practitioners with a theoretical foundation for their work with families and provides family engagement strategies for practitioners in the areas of staffing, training and professional development, resource development, and program evaluation. https://masfec.org/strengthening-partnerships/

Family Engagement Modules and Training of Trainers. MASFC, in partnership with NAFSCE and the state, has developed modules to introduce the Framework. The modules will be delivered by trainers including individuals from state agencies, family members, and community members. We also offer an independent study version of the modules for individuals who are not available to attend this virtual training. https://masfec.org/family-engagement-frameworks-modules/

TOP WEB RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES:

- Family literacy calendars: Every month, MASFC produces a seasonally-inspired and entertaining Family Literacy Calendar. Perfect for sharing with families! https://masfec.org/january-family-literacy-calendar/

- MASFC Blog: Our blog is updated regularly with posts to help families in a variety of ways from understanding special education concepts (https://masfec.org/some-special-education-concepts/) to helping young children cope with big feelings (https://masfec.org/small-children-big-feelings/)

- MASFC Monthly Newsletter: Sign-up for research, tips, and event updates from the MASFC - https://masfec.org/

TOP WEB RESOURCES FOR PRACTITIONERS:

- Strengthening Partnerships: A Framework for Prenatal through Young Adulthood Family Engagement in Massachusetts: The framework, modules, and additional trainings for practitioners on the MA framework are all available online: https://masfec.org/family-engagement-frameworks-modules/

- The Basics of Online Technology Skills for the ESOL Student: In response to the pandemic, our partner organization, English for New Bostonians, developed resources for teaching adults the technology skills they need to continue to learn in a remote environment. Their website also offers tips to assist teachers in pivoting to remote learning. The curriculum is in two different formats – Face-to-Face Teaching and Remote Teaching. https://masfec.org/techforesols/.

- Mindful Mondays: Join educators for yoga, meditation, journaling, and sharing of challenges and successes. No previous experience with mindfulness is necessary. https://masfec.org/introducing-mindful-mondays-for-educators/