The Engagement in Action (EnAct!) Framework for a Statewide Integrated Early Childhood Health System

Collaboratively designed with Mississippi Thrive! by the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative

Framework Purpose: Positive Health Equity

The purpose of the EnAct! framework is to catalyze child health equity and improve child flourishing, school readiness and family resilience.

Framework Goals:



All In: Universal provision of comprehensive, personalized, whole child and family preventive and developmental services.



Real Engagement: Families are engaged to access and ensure services are personalized to their goals and needs and to shape improvements in practice, policy and systems of care

Seamless System: All early childhood systems intentionally collaborate to optimize early screening, address social and relational health needs, and promote well-being

EnAct! Framework—

ONE Big Doable Thing!

Through Any Door Family Access Points

FAMILY

Community Based Access Points



Early care and education, home visiting, community resource brokers, faith based, etc.

Everyone leads, through every door, in every encounter

to inquire and engage families to provide and/or link to quality whole child and family preventive and developmental services and partner to coordinate supports across systems

Healthcare Access Points



Pediatrics, Family Practice, Perinatal Care, etc.

Use the family driven Well Visit Planner (or similar) to engage families

and share standardized data reports using the interoperable data platform to promote comprehensive, personalized, coordinated services.

Key Elements of the EnAct! Approach



1. "Through any door" family engagement to activate trust and partner in care



2. Universal developmental and comprehensive whole child and family screening and assessments

Four "Simple Rules"

- Through any door
- In every encounter
- Everyone a leader
- No broken links



3. Personalized, Strengths-Based Health Promotion and Supports



4. Coordinated, Warm Links to Quality Services and Interventions



5. Outcomes and Equity -Based Quality Measurement and Improvement

IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP

Action: Establish a sustainable, cross-system, multi-level state leadership capacity

- Outcome #1: A cross-sector body has the structure, capacity and influence to sustainably advance state program and policy strategies that promote positive early childhood health equity
- Outcome #2: State leadership builds an across state agency infrastructure to coordinate strategies, resources, operations and performance measures that promote early childhood development
- Outcome #3: Local community coordinating bodies lead and link with state leadership to drive effective frontline systems change and improvements

Action: Create a culture of engagement among families, professionals,

and system partners

- Outcome #4: Families are supported, included and activated to partner in care.
- Outcome #5: Families trust and experience authentic power-sharing and respect
- Outcome #6: Professional competencies and mechanisms for effective family engagement and partnerships are prioritized

Action: Catalyze, facilitate, study and spread cross-sector, practice-based implementation

- Outcome #7: A learning and communications network supports early adopters and spread
- Outcome #8: Launch and learn demonstrations inform spread and continuous improvement
- Outcome #9: Implementation resources are built, integrated and accessible
- Outcome #10: Professionals are trained to implement the science of healthy development and positive and adverse childhood experiences (PACEs) with all children and families

Action: Drive enabling and incentivizing policies and financing strategies critical to success

- Outcome #11: Policies support processes to facilitate coordination of healthcare and community based services and resources across organizations and state agency programs
- Outcome #12: Health plans, providers and early childhood development professionals are incentivized and financed to enable high quality care and improvement

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