

# Leading Together Resource Mapping Meeting

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To be Completed by Individual Workgroup Members Suggestions by End of July

## Characteristics Family Engagement/Partnerships/Leaderships

- Engagement/Partnerships/Leadership are processes which lead to a healthy child
- Organizations Need to Make the Space for and Responsive to Family Engagement / Partnerships / Leadership

## Family Engagement

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## Family Partnerships

- **Bringing Lived Experience into Shared Decision Making**

## Family Leadership

Thinking through Lens of Family, Community, Other

- Family Leadership is a Continuum and is Not Linear (Families may move to any part of the continuum throughout the journey)
- Begins with Self and Understanding Families' / Individual's Own Gifts/Assets/Talents/Needs
  - Families have capacity to use those gifts/assets/talents to improve outcomes for family
- Awareness and Knowledge of Systems and Supports the Family Relies Upon or is Able to Access
- Able to Assist in Fostering Perspective Shift for Agencies / Organizations / Systems to Make Space for Family Engagement / Partnerships / Leadership
- Ability to Understand and Navigate a Variety of Systems

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- Forlenza: “Families are Horizontal Thread through Vertical Systems”
- Capacity or ability to act/understand beyond families’ own personal situation / point of view
  - Legislative / Policy / Program / Systems / Quality Improvement
  - Assisting Other Families who Have Different Life Experience

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## Resource Mapping Ideas / What Does it Mean for Family Engagement / Partnership / Leadership

- Where are the Leaders?
- How to Build Capacity (trainings, conferences, networking, support groups, workshops)
- How Families Find Out what they Need for their Family (Building Capacity for Self)
- Finding Peer Networks / Systems / Resources
- How to Help Others
- Difficult for Families to Find and Navigate an Overwhelming Number of Resources and Organizations with Resources
- Finding Gaps in Support in Wisconsin
- Categories of Resource Mapping (as Family Led / Family Support Organizations we are Creating the Horizontal Thread through the Agencies / Organizations / Supports in Wisconsin)
  - Skill Building
  - Research and Data
  - Knowledge Acquisition (Laws, Systems, Resources)
  - Opportunities for Family Leadership
  - Opportunities for Developing Leadership Skills / Knowledge
  - Networking / Support / Relationships / Peer Mentoring / Peer Coaching

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## **Action Planning**

- 1. Within Existing Wisconsin Family Supporting / Family Led Organizations, Begin Resource Mapping:**
  - a. Opportunities for Family Leadership (real opportunities)**
    - i. Some of these are annual or appointed (need to find out when / how families are appointed or included)**
    - ii. Categories**
      - 1. State Agency Advisories**
      - 2. District / County**
      - 3. Employment**
    - iii. Examples: BPDD, Mental Health Council, Children's Long Term Support Council, State Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council, ASW?, WSPEI, Family Ties Parent Peer Specialist, Parent to Parent Mentor**
  - b. Opportunities for Developing Leadership Skills / Knowledge**
  - c. Networking / Support / Relationships / Peer Mentoring / Peer Coaching**
- 2. Begin Shared Folder on Up to Date Research and Data on Family Engagement / Leadership / Partnerships**

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