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360 – Degrees of Family Engagement

"Equipping Family Engagement Professionals to lead, observe, and influence in every direction."

Georgia's **360-Degrees of Family Engagement** is an initiative developed by the Georgia Department of Education and Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning that coaches family engagement professionals on how to reach a full circle of accountability and sustainability in their work by activating a synergy of partners from Pre-K to post secondary.

The purpose of the program is twofold: 1) To offer the most recent research, tools and strategies for successfully wrapping school, home and the community engagement around student achievement outcomes and, 2) To demonstrate how to consistently target measurable outcomes by relying on guidance from the National PTA Standards on Family-School Partnerships and the Strengthening Families Protective Factors that impact families.

The seven part series consists of:

- 1. *Understanding the Research!*** Using the National PTA Standards on Family-School Partnerships and the Strengthening Families Protective Factors, participants will learn how family engagement work fits into the larger picture of student achievement and understand the benefit of coordinating all family engagement work from Pre-K to Postsecondary.
- 2. *What is the Plan?*** Using the Crosswalk for Parent Programs and work from the Planning and Evaluation Tool, participants will learn how to develop strategies to execute sustainable family policy and programs that will impact student achievement. To develop the plan, participants will evaluate current actions already taking place in their schools/districts to determine effectiveness and devise new ideas to facilitate family engagement.
- 3. *What are Initiatives?*** Using the developed strategies and work from the Planning and Evaluation Tool, participants will learn how to develop core family engagement initiatives that bring about increased student achievement and school success. To create meaningful and targeted initiatives, participants will also learn tools of mapping and collaboration to ensure sustainability and inclusive services.
- 4. *Reaching the Outcomes!*** Using the state strategies and initiatives developed in the planning and evaluation tool family engagement plans, participants will learn of ways to gather quantitative and qualitative school or district data to show family engagement's impact on student achievement.
- 5. *Putting the Plan into Practice Session 1! & Putting the Plan into Practice Session 2!*** Building upon the previous four sessions, these two sessions take an in-depth look at how Barrow and Camden School Systems are implementing the important work of linking parent engagement to student achievement. 360 Teams from both counties share their plans along with their successes and struggles as they work within the 360 Degrees circle. (This is a series of two sessions)



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6. Practice Makes Perfect! Moving beyond year one of implementation, this session provides an in-depth look of Barrow and Camden School Systems 360-Degree of family engagement plans as they move into year two, with a special emphasis on their data linking parent engagement to student achievement. Participants will leave with an understanding of how the 360 – Degrees of Family Engagement Process works in its entirety as well as how to revise and adjust their plans each year to successfully wrap school, home, and community engagement around student achievement outcomes.

At the conclusion of the series, participants leave with a collaborative and completed family engagement plan that helps parents, schools, and communities tie family engagement work to gains in student achievement. Participants also receive handouts, including tools with graphs and charts to support their work and accountability, during each session.

To access the **360 – DEGREE of FAMILY ENGAGEMENT** archived webinars please visit:

<http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/360-Degrees-Series.aspx>

Session dates are as follows:

- Session 1: February 3, 2010
- Session 2: March 3, 2010
- Session 3: April 7, 2010
- Session 4: May 5, 2010
- Session 5: December 6, 2010
- Session 6: May 5, 2011
- Session 7: December 9, 2011

Upon request, sessions can also be offered live to various groups.

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