

Family Engagement Strategy for Spark NH

- 1) Invite the members of the Family Engagement Task Force to join one of the four committees
 - Task Force members become a “Family Voice Liaison” on the committee.
 - Help orient/mentor new parent and/or family members of the committee, ensure that the committee is inclusive, and maintaining a family lens in all of the committee work.
 - Hold an initial meeting to discuss this process and decide on the best way to structure and implement it.
 - Meet quarterly to check-in, support each other, and discuss how the process is working.

- 2) Create a process for hearing from Council and Committee members on family issues related to Spark NH’s work (systems work, committee projects, Framework, etc.).
 - Include the following question on the agenda of committee meetings: “How did we consider families of young children in our work today?”
 - If families were not considered, ask “What was the barrier?” “How can we use the Family Voice Liaison on the committee to gain the knowledge we need to overcome the barrier?”

- 3) Schedule a Chairs Meeting
 - Review orientation process for new committee members (begin with Tessa’s model)
 - Ask Michelle, Julie or others to talk about family engagement best practices for committees
 - Information about Spark’s newsletter, social media, role of committee members in getting the word out to constituents/families, etc.

- 4) Evaluation Committee will develop a strategy to measure effectiveness of these strategies.