

**Family Engagement Activities in the Works (Current Status):**

**Individual SDBP Family Leadership Trainings**- individual state projects engage in their own parent leadership trainings.

**Building Family-to-Family Communities (F2FC) Pilot -** Partnership between Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Virgin Islands, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, NCDB, & NFADB. This is a year-long series of family conference calls, facilitated by parent leaders, to help families: get to know one another; build trust and confidence in one another; rely upon each other for shared emotional support, expertise, and resources; and then be able to extend similar support to additional families of children with deaf- blindness.

**Family Specialist Mastermind Group-** Meets once a month for an hour using the Mastermind format. Megan Cote (NCDB), Pam Kissoondyal (FL) and Edgenie Bellah (TX) are the organizers for this group. Open to all Family Specialists working on SDBPs.

**OHOA Module 3 training for families**- An [on-line training for parents](https://nationaldb.org/pages/show/online-parent-training) on the role of interveners in educational settings facilitated by Patti McGowan of NFADB and Peggy Malloy of NCDB.

**NFADB 2016 Symposium**- There will be a training day for Family Specialists the day prior to the conference starting to learn and share.

**familieslead.org-** (see details below)

**Highlighting Collaboration between Parent Centers and SDBP's-** Information sent out to SDBP's and Parent Centers the first week of June.

**Family Matters-** telling family stories (see details below)

**Are there any other ways in which states are collaborating/ providing support for family engagement? Collaboration with other agencies?**



**3 web pages related to Family Engagement-**

**What do families and family specialists need?**

**What's the easiest way to get it?**

**1) www.familieslead.org:** (The purpose of FamiliesLead.org is to bring a network of people and organizations together to share ideas, resources and support for leadership training for parents and other family members of individuals with disabilities.)

1. Team to review content- with timeline for how that will happen (where submissions will be sent, who will add content, etc)

2. Plan to offer site tours- How as a network do we want to use it (possibly in partnership with Parent Centers)

3. What other agencies need to be involved beyond the SDBP's for content contribution as well as training?

**2) NCDB Family Engagement Initiative space- https://nationaldb.org/groups/page/10/family-engagement:**  (This group is intended to be a landing spot for those interested in resources and information related to Family Engagement.)

* + Do families have trouble creating profiles to join the group? Is this a barrier to them? Alternatives?
  + Are you using it to inform your work?
  + Frequency of forum posts, content needed to support SDBPs and Families.
  + Volunteers to help create posts and determine content.

**3) Family Matters Page on the NCDB Site- https://nationaldb.org/families-**  This page is going through a major facelift with the idea being that family stories can be told here with supporting linkages for how to access resources and information related to the family story told.

Discussion of Idea: Feature 6 Family Stories per year in this layout...

**Family Story**

**Teaming Literacy Movement**

**Empowerment Transition Communication**

* + Are these the best categories?
  + Who is willing to help capture the stories?
  + What would be the key ?'s to ask parents & teams
  + Is this something that could be helpful to families and providers?