Hi, my name is Heather Hetchler, and I am a parent member

of the Ohio State Wide Family Engagement Advisory Board.

I'm also the founder and chief learning officer at Learning to Step.com.

But most importantly, I am a parent of six in the state of Ohio.

Here at the family engagement center.

We understand that every family looks different.

Some families are navigating traditional family dynamics,

while others are single parent households or those that are co-parenting.

We also have grandparents raising their grandkids and more,

and what works for one family isn't going to work for another.

But at the heart of it all.

What we want to do is support our children to be successful in school and in life.

That's why I'm so excited to launch our new series, parent

to parent, where you're going to hear from parents across the state of Ohio.

Sharing tips and tools that worked for them.

You see, we understand that no matter what word comes before parent,

whether you're a biological parent or a step parent,

whether you're adoptive parent or a foster parent, or maybe a grandparent

raising your grandkids, you need tools that speak to you

and your family dynamics

In the Parent to Parent series,

what you won't find is judgment, but what you will find is a safe space

to hear from other families that look like yours,

that have the same struggles, the same dynamics.

So if you have a question or if you're looking for a particular resource

or you have a topic that you would like us to cover,

please feel free to reach us at the email below.

We want to hear from you. You matter.

Your child matters. Your family matters.

Your voice matters.

And here the Family Engagement Center and through the parent to parent series,

we are committed to bringing you information, encouragement

and support that will speak to your family.

So welcome. Let's get started.