

# Family Engagement Leaders of Ohio

February 13, 2025



***Welcome!***

# Hello!

Please add your name, Role,  
and Organization to the Chat  
Box.



# About us

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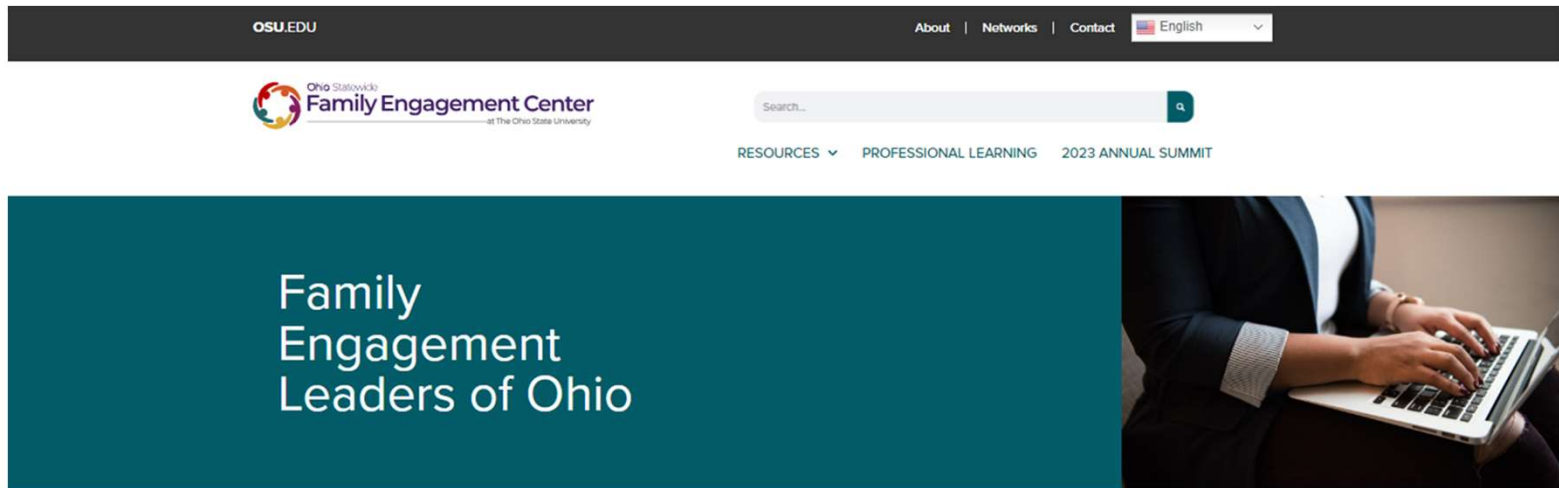
# FELOs at a Glance



Family Engagement Leaders of Ohio (FELLOs) is a virtual professional learning community for family engagement professionals in Ohio's districts and community schools. FELLOs brings professionals together to share experiences and to learn how we can build partnerships with all families in our pre-K – 12 education community.



# FELOs Resources



Family Engagement Leaders of Ohio is a virtual professional learning community for family engagement professionals in Ohio's districts and community schools. There are over 200 leaders in this network. We are bringing together family engagement professionals from across the state virtually to share their experience and to learn together how we can build partnerships with all families in our pre K – 12 education community. This community was established with family engagement professionals working in Ohio's districts or community schools in mind. Four on-line meetings are planned for this school year. Click "Join the Community" below to receive email updates.

## Representation From

44 Ohio Counties  
14 States + Washington D.C.



[Join the Community](#)

[Meeting Materials and Notes](#)





# Agenda

- I. FELOs Resources
- II. Objectives
- III. Colleague Connection
- IV. Family Engagement Quarterly Topic: **Literary Resources**
- V. District Presentation and Discussion: **Tom Capretta**
- VI. OhSFEC News, exit survey, and adjourn





# Objectives

1. Build a community of inquiry for family engagement
2. Identify strengths and areas of improvement of family engagement practices



# Colleague Connection

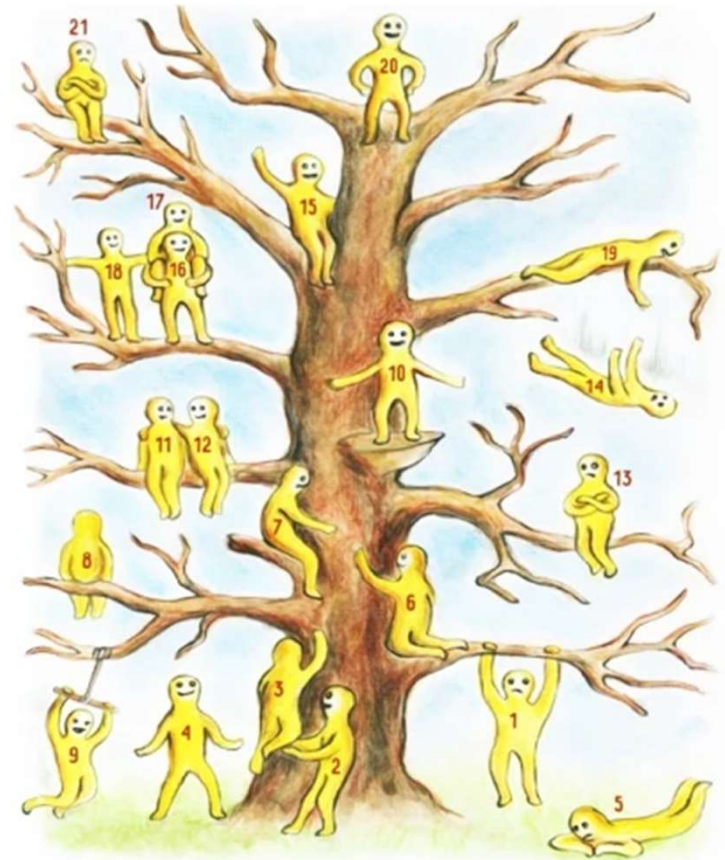
Which blob are you today and why?

**AND**

1) What are you looking forward to in the remaining months of school related to family engagement?

**OR**

2) What has been a success this year so far?



# Family Engagement Topic: Literacy Resources

Search “Literacy”

or

Click Resources,  
then Filter by  
“Literacy”

The screenshot displays the Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Center website interface. At the top left is the logo and name: "Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Center at The Ohio State University". To the right is a search bar labeled "Search...". Below the search bar is a "RESOURCES" link, highlighted with a red arrow. Underneath are three category buttons: "RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS" (with a school icon), "RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES" (with a family icon), and "RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS" (with a handshake icon). A dark teal banner below these buttons contains the text "SEARCH BY KEYWORD OR AUDIENCE, OR FILTER BY A RESOURCE TOPIC BELOW." Below this banner are three filter controls: a search bar labeled "Search...", an "Audience" dropdown menu, and a "Literacy x" filter dropdown menu. The "Literacy x" menu is open, showing a list of filter options with checkboxes and counts: "Family Engagement Planning (1)", "Getting Help (5)", "Learning at Home (24)", "Learning Milestones (2)", "Literacy (35)" (which is checked and highlighted with a red arrow), "On Demand Seminars (2)", and "Organizations for Families (1)".



# Family Engagement Topic: Literacy Resource Examples

- Sharing Grade-level Standards with Families (beginning early)
  - [Early childhood](#), [Kindergarten](#) and [onward](#)
- The role of parents/families
  - [Reading at home](#)
  - Early childhood- [Ready4K](#)
  - School age- ([All Ohio](#), [Printable calendars](#), [Digital Day by Day](#))
- Handouts: What is...
  - [Structured Literacy](#)
  - [Dyslexia](#) (and more [dyslexia communication tools](#) for schools)
  - [Third Grade Reading Guarantee](#) (new!!)
- Taking a systems-approach as schools
  - [Partnerships for Literacy](#), or [Partnership Schools](#) (also called NNPS; includes literacy, math, behavior, climate)



**SELF-PACED SEMINAR**

# Partnerships for Literacy

Registration open until  
**April 30, 2025** for this  
school year.

**Ohio Elementary Schools** can access four interactive modules. Learn how to improve your quantity and quality of supports for family engagement in early literacy!



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**REGISTER**



# Family Engagement Topic: Literacy Resources

## Coming soon...

- Literacy Toolkit for Families (by school level, and topic)
- Example Video Recordings and Materials to host 3 different local informational workshops for families about:
  - Part 1: Science of Reading, Questions to ask teachers
  - Part 2: What to do if your child is struggling with reading and writing
  - Part 3: Navigating dyslexia in partnership with the schools
- Handouts:
  - What is a RIMP?
  - What are decodable books?
  - And more...



## INTEREST SURVEY

# Literacy Workshops for Families

1. Virtual facilitator training to equip your staff to host family information sessions and answer common parent questions.
2. Travel to your location and cofacilitate a family event about literacy

INTEREST  
SURVEY



[go.osu.edu/literacyworkshop](https://go.osu.edu/literacyworkshop)



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# Featured Speaker

**Tom Capretta**

Project Coordinator

Ohio Statewide Family  
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# Peeling the Onion

Clarifying Questions

Assumptions

New Questions

Ideas

Group Discussion for Application





# Debrief

Please share quick thoughts from your group



# OhSFEC Learning Opportunities

- Hands-On Webinar: Pathways to Success: Advocating for your Child's Education (February)
- **Unlocking Early Literacy (December through June)**
- Multi-tiered Family Engagement (April)



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## Closing thoughts or Questions



# Wrapping Up!

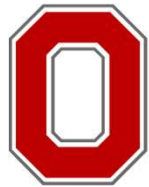
Please take the exit survey by following the link in our chat or scan the QR code:

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Next Meeting  
May 1, 2025!





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