

# Family Engagement Leaders of Ohio

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***Welcome!***

# Hello!

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



# About us

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# FELOs at a Glance



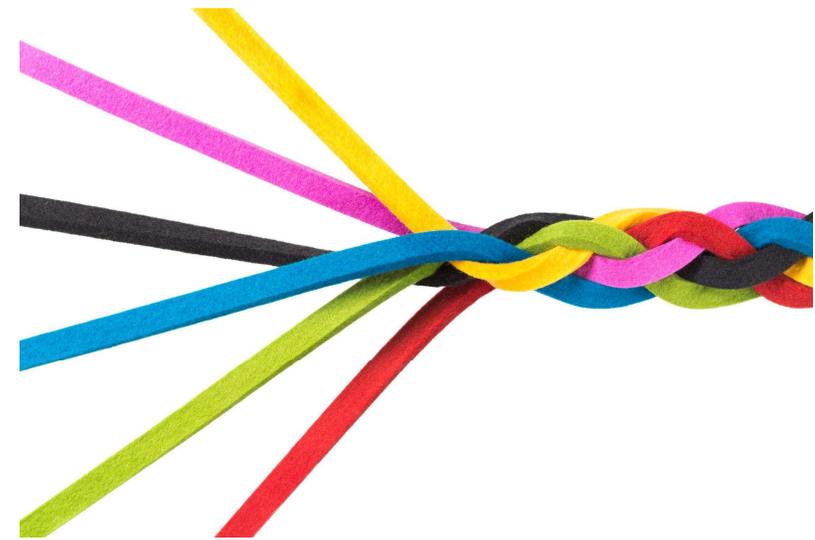
Family Engagement Leaders of Ohio (FELLOs) is a virtual professional learning community for family engagement professionals in Ohio's districts and community schools. FELLOs brings professionals together to share experiences and to learn how we can build partnerships with all families in our preK – 12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



# Colleague Connection

How did you first become aware of your professional field?

Who is someone who shaped your career decision?





# Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Colleague Connection
- III. Objectives
- IV. Family Engagement Quarterly Topic: Career Readiness
- V. Featured Discussion: Family Engagement Dilemmas
- VI. Ohio SFEC Programs and Resources
- VII. Questions and Feedback Survey





# Objectives

1. Build a community of inquiry for family engagement
2. Discuss family-school engagement to support student career readiness
3. Provide solutions to common family engagement dilemmas





# Career Readiness

Self-Awareness, Exploration, and Planning





# Career Readiness: Self-Awareness

## Family and Student Engagement Activities

*Encourage conversations at home about their child's experience taking the inventories and what they learned from it.*

**1. As part of a student assignment, provide conversation starters for family discussion such as:**

“Were you surprised by any of the results? Or, What did you see that you already knew about yourself?”

**2. Provide families with links to resources on career pathways and course selections they can explore with their child at home.**





# Career Readiness: Exploration

## Family and Student Engagement Activities

1. Encourage families to explore careers together with resources such as occupational databases and community partners.

Example: Share O\*Net Online and incorporate it into homework.

2. Have students reflect on who they are talking to about their future career ideas. “Have you talked with your family about your career interests and aspirations? What do those conversations look like?”
3. Encourage students to talk with their families about interests and careers through fun activities, like this interview worksheet for a student and their parent/caregiver.





# **Career Readiness:** Planning and Participating Family and Student Engagement Activities with Community Partnerships

1. Develop a network of community/business partnerships and share these resources with families in your school.
2. Encourage families to support their child's motivation and independence by promoting their personal responsibility in the exploration process.
3. Invite families and their students to career fairs with community partners.
4. Encourage families to coach their child in how to engage in professional interactions.
5. Assist families with developing meaningful job shadowing opportunities.



# Consultancy Dilemma

**Purpose:** A structured process for helping an individual or team think more expansively about a particular, concrete dilemma.

How long?	What to share?	Who is sharing?	Who is listening?
3 min	Overview of a dilemma and Focus question for feedback	Presenter shares	Non-presenters
4 min	Clarifying/probing questions	Asked by non-presenters	Presenter listens and answers
5 min	Discussion about the dilemma and the focus question	Discussion by non-presenters	Presenter
5 min	Reflection	Presenter shares	Non-presenters



## Debrief

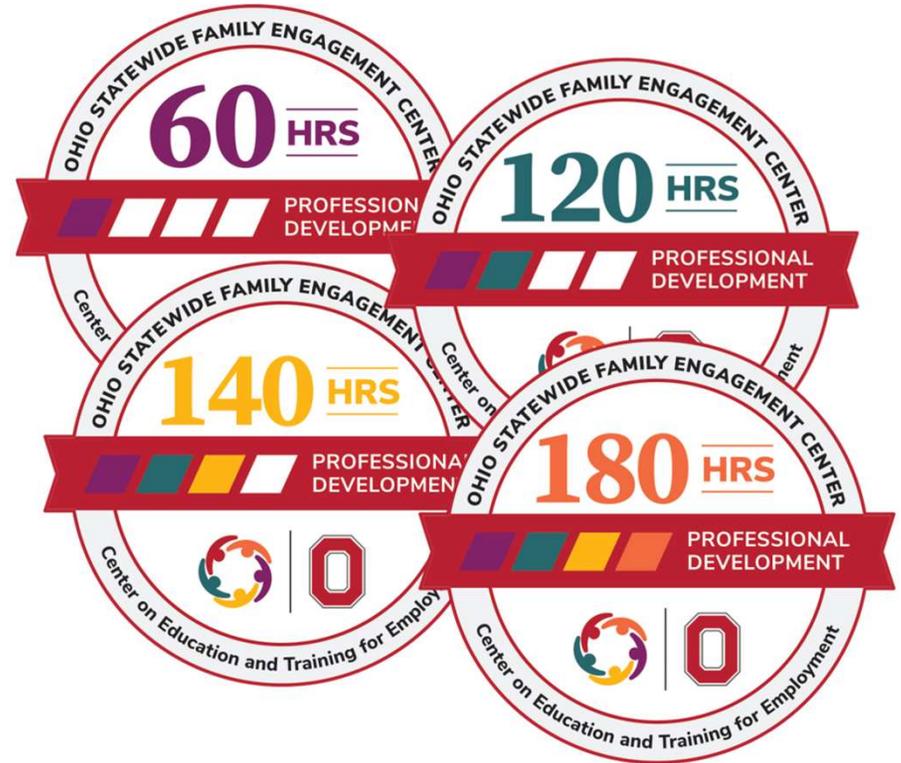
Process check: How did the protocol go in your group? Could anything have gone better?

Emotions check: Did any emotions come up for you during Consultancy?

Purpose check: What do we think we have learned from this? How could we apply what we learned to our work?



# Ohio SFEC Programs and Resources



**MINI SEMINAR**

# Specializing in Family Engagement Mini Seminars (Select 1)

\*prerequisite: Multi-Tiered Family Engagement

**APRIL 1-23, 2026**

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January 12, 2026

**Last day to register:**

March 18, 2026

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# OUT OF SCHOOL TIME

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

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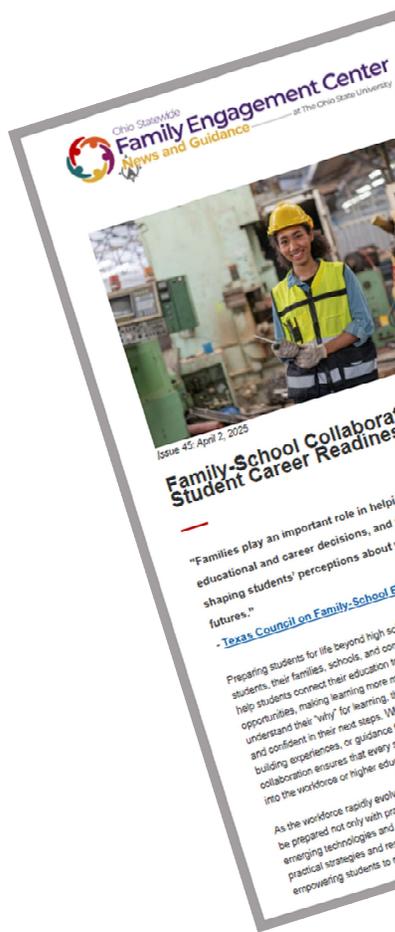


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## Closing thoughts or Questions



# Wrapping Up!

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

<https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV2nK0tXDGTUZLiRM>

Next Meeting  
**May 5, 2026!**





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