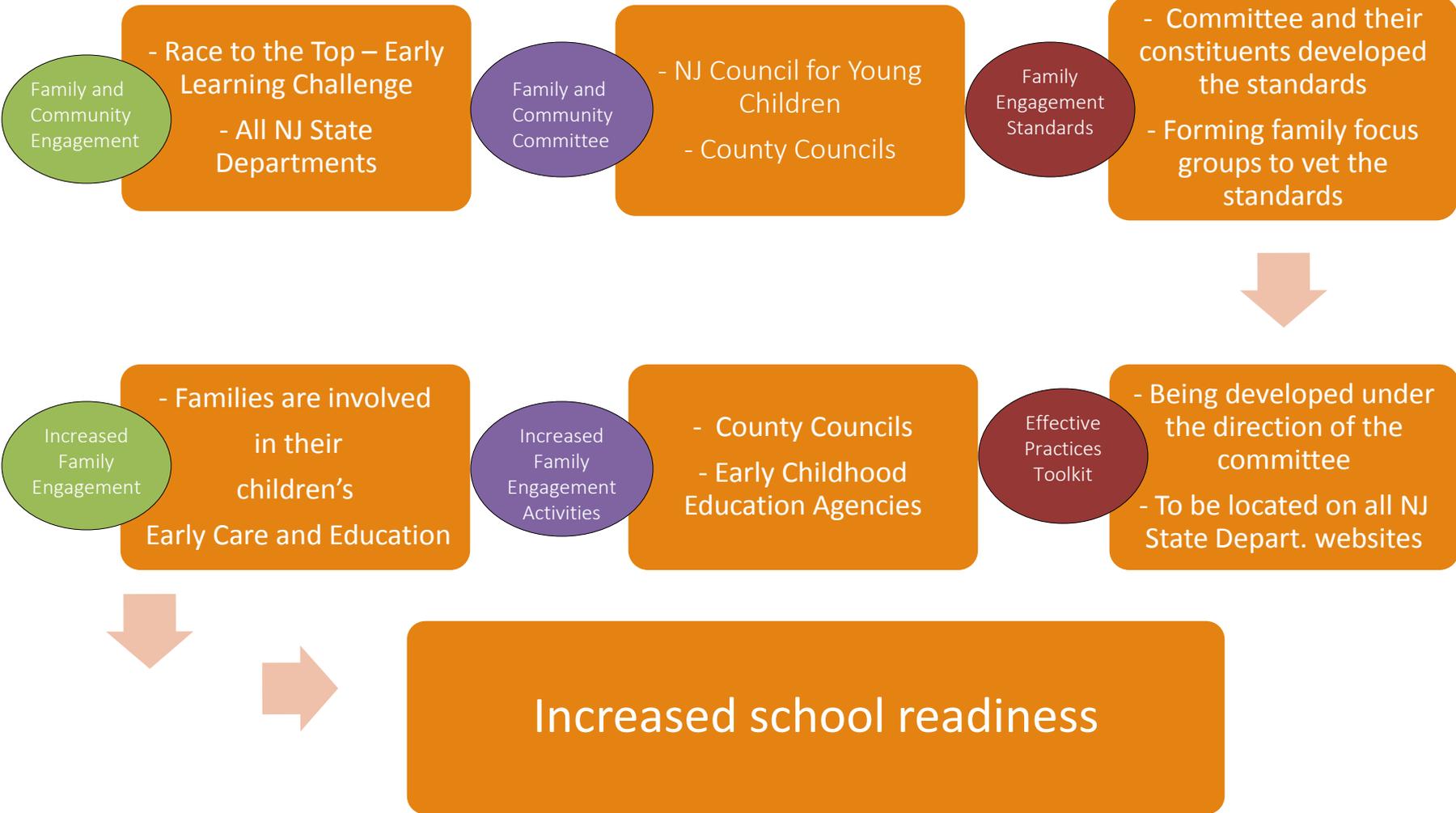


# **New Jersey's Family Engagement Standards**

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**NEW JERSEY'S FAMILY AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

# Family Engagement Initiative



# Why Develop a Family Engagement Initiative?

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*Proposed as Project of New Jersey's RTT-ELC grant, it was developed to highlight the importance of family engagement as a core area of early childhood that promotes school readiness*

- ❑ The NJ Family and Community Engagement Committee was formed to:
  - ❑ Bring together representatives of family and child serving agencies to oversee the Family Engagement Initiative
  - ❑ Better coordinate the state's family engagement initiatives, and to create a set of common goals for the allocation of family engagement resources across the early childhood system
  - ❑ Support family and child serving agencies to improve how families are engaged in their child's early care and education
  - ❑ Promote family engagement strategies at the program and provider level and to highlight available resources that support the implementation of those family engagement strategies

# Benefits of Family Engagement

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- ❑ Research shows that when families are safe, healthy, and financially secure, they have a better chance of thriving.
- ❑ Strong families can build positive relationships with their children, peers, and communities.
- ❑ Strong families can help children discover how to manage emotions and behaviors and establish healthy bonds. Children can learn to adjust to new situations and resolve conflicts. These important skills help lead to success in school.
- ❑ Strong families can help children succeed in school and in life.

# NJ's Vision for Engaging Families and Young Children

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- ❑ We envision, the Family Engagement Standards will provide resources and strategies to strengthen family well-being for the early childhood community.
- ❑ Family Engagement standards will provide strategies to enhance positive parent-child relationships which build the foundation for children's learning.

# Standards Overview

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## Recommended Practice 1

- Build strong relationship to ensure access to resources and services that promote family well-being.

## Recommended Practice 2

- Foster educational success at home and school.

## Recommended Practice 3

- Encourage lifelong learning opportunities with families, caregivers and children.

# Feedback

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- Do you think there is a need for parent engagement standards?
- Did the standards cover what you are looking for?
- Is this document helpful?
- Is there anything missing?
- Would you use this? If yes, how?
- What would you name this document?

# Questions/Comments

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