

The Ohio State University

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State Served: OH

Title of proposed project: Ohio's Statewide Family Engagement Center (*OhSFEC*)

Partners: The Ohio State University (Office of Sponsored Programs 1900 Kenny Rd, Columbus OH) will partner with: one SEA (The Ohio Department of Education with 16 regional support teams and 96 schools in 48 LEAs), one Evidence Based Program provider (National Network of Partnership Schools), one nonprofit entity (The evaluator, Youth Policy Institute), and one Professional Association (National Association for Family, School, and Community Engagement).

Priorities: *OhSFEC* will meet Competitive Preference Priority 1a by applying a proven family engagement model – National Network of Partnership Schools Model – which demonstrates *moderate evidence of effectiveness* according to 2 studies which meet WWC evidence standards: (1) Sheldon, 2007; (2) Epstein, Galindo, and Sheldon, 2011; and Competitive Preference Priority 2 by partnering with ODE and a State Advisory Committee to build the dual capacity of families and schools by developing resources for a diverse range of families in Ohio.

Project description and activities: (1) Build state/regional capacity for dissemination of evidence-based programs (EBPs) and other resources through the establishment of the Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Center in partnership with ODE and a State Advisory Team; (2) Support development, dissemination and implementation of Ohio's Family Engagement Framework and supporting tools and resources for LEAs and organizations; (3) Provide direct services to parents and families through evidence-based, high impact programs, including the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) Model with robust evaluation using quasi-experimental design; and (4) Provide families with resources to make decisions regarding the educational choices appropriate for their children.

Number and type of participants served by *OhSFEC*: After one year of program planning and one year of training/implementing high impact action teams in the NNPS Model to develop school-level family engagement plans, *OhSFEC* will serve over 3,000 families annually per cohort (total 10,570 served - priority to low income, English learners, and families of vulnerable children); 16 regional leads will be trained in years 1-2 (total 16 served); 16 district leads will be trained in years 2-4 (total 48 served); total of 288 parents and 288 teachers participating on action teams within 96 schools by year 5. 20 parents and 3 high school students will gain leadership experience by participating in a State Advisory Committee during years 1-5 with other key stakeholders. Additional families will be served via *OhSFEC* web resources.

Project goals, objectives, and performance outcomes: *OhSFEC's* 4 goals provide supports for the state, regions, LEAs, schools, and families to promote implementation of evidence-based practices with fidelity, improved TA and coaching for LEAs, and accessible family resources. Project objectives include: a State Advisory Committee (50% parents); a State Family Engagement Framework and awareness campaign; Tools, TA, and resources for state, regional, LEA and local implementation of the state Framework; the EBP (NNPS Model) to potentially serve 10,570 or more families; and high impact family engagement resources designed, developed and disseminated in multiple accessible formats. Performance outcomes include: school-based team infrastructure, school action plans, and more families participating in activities (100 families/school + 10% per yr); Higher teacher/school leader self-efficacy and improved attitudes toward partnering with families in NNPS schools; Ohio policies/frameworks in line with current research and national/state priorities; and families have resources to support their child's education.