

Pre-Work For Session II

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Karen Mapp

Topic: The Role of Family Engagement from Birth to Age Eight in
Promoting School Success

Session Date: Saturday, April 6, 2013

Instructions: Please read the required reading assignment and use this as a framework for exploring the discussion questions with your team. Please bring your answers with you to the April meeting.

Required Reading Assignment:

“Family Engagement and Early Education”

By: Dr. Kyle Snow

Available at www.cayl.org or at

<http://www.naeyc.org/content/research-news-family-engagement>

Other Recommended (but not required) Reading:

“Family Engagement, Diverse Families, and Early Childhood Education Programs”

http://www.naeyc.org/files/naeyc/file/ecprofessional/EDF_Literature%20Review.pdf

“Popping the question: How can schools engage families in education?”

By: Karen Mapp

<http://www.uknow.gse.harvard.edu/community/CF5-3-207.html>

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways does your program encourage family engagement? How do these differ between various types of programs (public schools, child care centers, etc.)
2. What are your program’s biggest obstacles in encouraging family engagement? What are the parents’ biggest obstacles in becoming more engaged? Are there ways to overcome these obstacles?
3. What are some there other ways to support children whose family is not very engaged?
4. Consider the role of culture in family engagement in a child’s early education. What might you need to be sensitive to when considering how to foster family engagement?

