



### Productive Partnerships With Youth and Families: Commitment to Lived Expertise

#### Session Resources

1. [Methods and Emerging Strategies to Engage People with Lived Experience](#)  
This brief identifies methods and emerging strategies to engage people with lived experience in federal research, programming, and policymaking. It draws on lessons learned from federal initiatives across a range of human services areas to identify ways that federal staff can meaningfully and effectively engage people with lived experience.
2. [Strategies for Authentic Integration of Family and Youth Voice in Child Welfare](#)  
This tip sheet includes a matrix tool focused on the impact of engagement along a continuum. This continuum ranges from ineffective (low-impact) engagement to effective (high-impact) engagement. This tool can help both individuals and teams better understand family engagement and how to better partner with youth and families to improve outcomes.
3. [Meaningfully Engaging Stakeholders to Improve Outcomes](#)  
This resource provides two webinars that detail ways to increase the knowledge and skills of staff who are looking to better engage with families, community providers, and other agency stakeholders.
4. [Strategic Planning in Child Welfare: Strategies for Meaningful Youth, Family, and Other Partner Engagement](#)  
This brief focuses on the importance of having meaningful partner engagement in child welfare agency strategic planning, monitoring, and review processes. It also explores potential barriers to partner engagement and recommended strategies for overcoming them.
5. [Becoming a Family-Focused System: Strategies for Building a Culture to Partner With Families](#)  
This publication provides strategies, examples, and resources regarding promoting a culture and climate that support partnering with families to improve outcomes for families and children.
6. [Parents for Parents Start-up Information](#)  
This information sheet includes a variety of resources regarding the Parents for Parents program.
7. [The “F” Word: Foster Care Podcast](#)  
From Families' Anchor, this podcast navigates through the child welfare system. Hear stories from parents, Parent Navigators, service providers, attorneys, judges, the Department, family and friends, foster parents, and more. Come be part of the positive conversation and the changing of child welfare to a family well-being system.
8. [Parent Partner Program Navigator](#)  
Child welfare agencies are turning to parent partner programs as a powerful approach to family engagement and empowerment. Through these programs, parents with experience in child welfare provide mentoring and support to other parents who are entering the system. The Navigator supports

child welfare administrators, staff, and family leaders through the essential steps of planning and implementing successful parent partner programs.

9. [Sharing the Journey: Voices From the Field](#)

Sharing the Journey: Voices From the Field is a collection that includes audio, video, and animated stories created and shared by parent leaders and practitioners nationwide. The series is divided into three categories: Voices of Parent Leaders, Parent Stories on Preventing Child Neglect, and Voice of Parents and Practitioners. Each selection is told in the authentic voice of the author.