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# Collaborative Action *for* Family Engagement

## Learning at Home



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Happy October! Learning at Home is back with more resources to guide your child toward success at home and at school.

This month's featured resource is an opportunity: **CAFE's Interstate Family Engagement Leadership Collaborative**. Family leaders in Maryland and Pennsylvania are encouraged to apply to serve in a leadership capacity on CAFE's Advisory Board.

Share your expertise as we work to implement high-impact family, school, and community engagement strategies. Want to find out more? Keep reading!

### ***What is CAFE?***

Collaborative Action for Family Engagement (CAFE) is a program of MAEC serving Maryland and Pennsylvania. We engage in high-impact, culturally responsive family engagement. By building partnerships among schools, families, and community organizations, we improve all students' development and academic achievement.

## New from CAFE

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**NAFSCE** & **MAEC** | Collaborative Action for Family Engagement Present

**An Effective Practice Webinar:**

**Putting the Family Engagement Core Competencies to Use in Your Work**

### **Putting the Family Engagement Core Competencies to Use in Your Work**

*October 25, 2022, 1:00 PM*

Join us for the next in our series of webinars on the Family Engagement Core Competencies. In our last webinar, we took a deep dive into what it means for family-facing professionals to reflect, connect, collaborate, and lead alongside families. In this webinar, we'll be hearing from a panel of state, district, and program partners on how they are thinking about and planning to use the Core Competencies in their work. Panelists will discuss how the Family Engagement Core Competencies are helping to incubate new directions in assessment, program planning, professional learning, and credentialing.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

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# Interstate Family Engagement Leadership Collaborative



MAEC's Collaborative Action for Family Engagement (CAFE) is seeking **family leaders in MD and PA** for our Interstate Family Engagement Leadership Collaborative. Applications are due **November 11, 2022**.

## Interstate Family Engagement Leadership Collaborative

*Applications due Friday, November 11, 2022*

Beginning in January 2023, CAFE will launch the next phase of our **Leadership Collaborative** by training three family members from Maryland and three family members from Pennsylvania to serve as Family Leaders on each respective council. Family leaders will serve for a one-year term. Applicants must reside in either Maryland or Pennsylvania to serve as a family leader. Compensation is a \$100 quarterly stipend and reimbursement for mileage for in-person meetings or training.

Family Leaders will commit to an estimated 2 hours a month through the following activities:

- Attend the scheduled orientation for Family Leaders on December 7 from 10-2 pm (virtually).
- Attend four Interstate Family Engagement Leadership Collaborative Meetings to be held between the larger Council meetings. The purpose will be to plan the state advisory meeting agendas with CAFE staff and partner organizations.
- Facilitate four state advisory meetings with support from CAFE.
- Facilitate one of the three subcommittee groups at each state advisory meeting and report back to the Family Leadership Council on the progress of each subcommittee.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)



## Corner CAFE

*A Community of Practice for MD and PA family engagement practitioners*

Join us at the **Corner Cafe**, an interstate Community of Practice for MD and PA that brings together practitioners dedicated to bolstering Family Engagement practices in our districts, schools, and communities. We will meet monthly over the course of eight months to tackle challenges educators face around family engagement and to promote best practices and resources. Topics are forthcoming.

- November 14, 9:30-11 am
- December 12, 1-2:30 pm
- January 23, 2023, 9:30-11 am
- February 13, 1-2:30 pm
- March 13, 9:30-11 am
- April 17, 1-2:30 pm
- May 8, 9:30-11 am
- June 12, 1-2:30 pm

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

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## Resources for Our Families

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You Are an Advocate!



Photo by Emma Bauso, Pexels

You are your child's best advocate. Need strategies to help you along the way? Check out the resources below.

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### **[NABSE Pre Conference Parent Summit](#)**

*National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE)*

On Wednesday, November 30, 2022 from 8 am-5 pm, NABSE presents their Pre Conference Parent Summit in-person at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD. The summit features dynamic speakers and breakout sessions you're not going to want to miss!

### **[Ways to Engage in Your Child's School to Support Student Health and Learning](#)**

*Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

What can you do to be more engaged in your child's school health activities? Here are some actions that you can take, at home and at school, to be more involved in your child's school health activities.

### **[5 Ways to Get Involved at Your Child's School](#)**

*ActiveKids*

Whether your child is entering kindergarten or their senior year in high school, you may be wondering how to get involved in helping your child's school (and consequently your child) thrive. It's never too late to jump in! Here are 5 ways to get involved.

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## Financial Literacy is a Family Matter!



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It's important that children understand the value and importance of money at a young age. Check out these resources on how to share financial literacy with your children:

### [How to Teach Kids About Money](#)

*Annuity.org*

Teaching kids about money when they're young lays the foundation for responsible money management later in life. Children whose parents emphasize the importance of financial literacy and encourage them to spend and save thoughtfully develop a healthy perspective on money. This resource features tips, lessons, and activities by age.

### [10 Interactive Financial Websites That Teach Kids Money Management Skills](#)

*MakeUseOf.com*

Talking to kids about money can be difficult, but these interactive websites make it easier and more fun with games, activities, and quizzes.

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# Mindfulness Corner



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It's essential as a family to find peace during stressful times. These techniques build on skills to create more serenity in your family life.

## **[Mindfulness Activities for the Whole Family](#)**

*MOMtessori Life*

Mindfulness printables with a Montessori twist!

## **[25 Simple Mindfulness Activities Kids Will Actually Want to do](#)**

*Parents With Confidence*

Teaching mindfulness to kids in an appealing way can be tricky. This article shares 25 mindfulness activities for kids that they'll love.

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