

SOMETHING GREAT IS HAPPENING

National Early Childhood Family Network

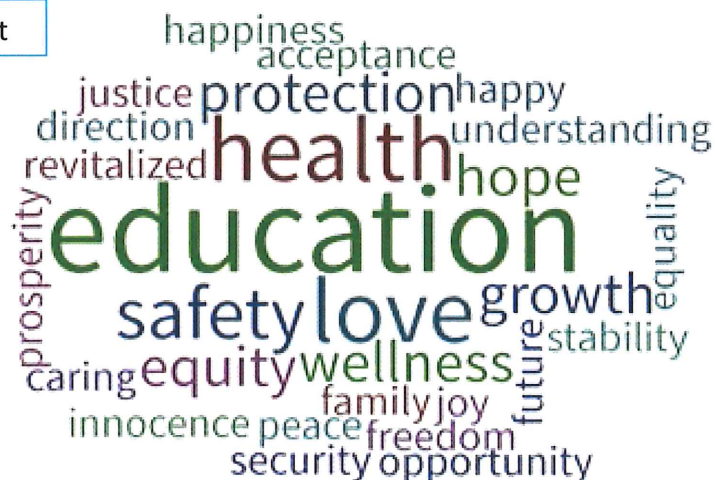
In February 2018, fifty five family members who are connected to LAUNCH grantees gathered at SAMHSA for a Family Leadership Summit and committed to creating a National Early Childhood Family Network (NECFN). Since February, family members across the country have been meeting virtually to turn their vision into a reality.



The group has accomplished a great deal in a very short period of time including:

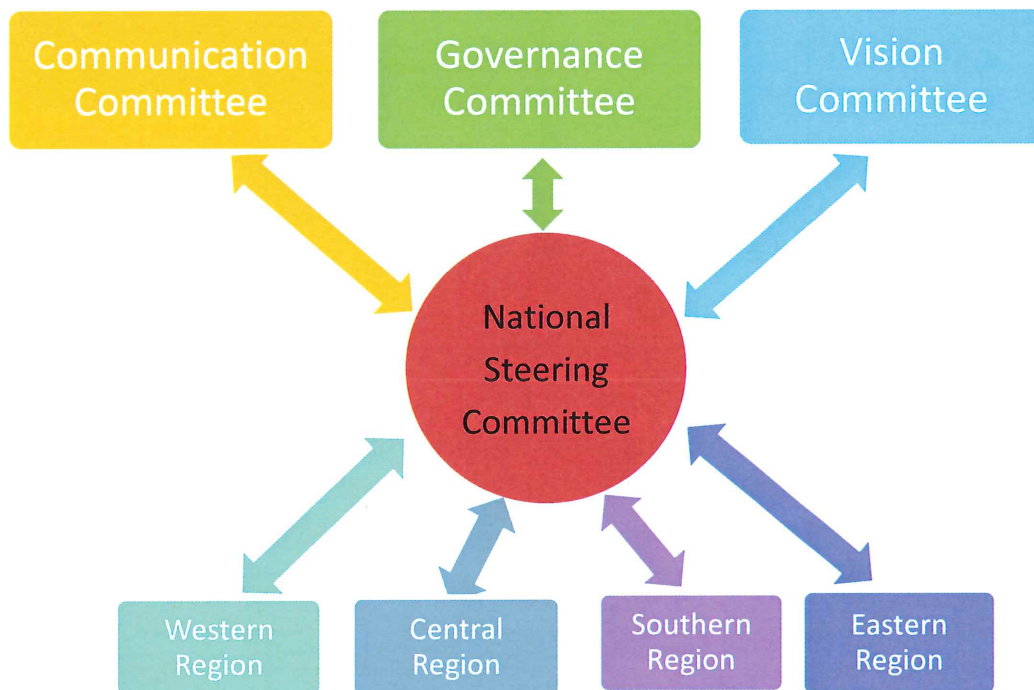
- ◆ Developing a committee structure including a steering committee and subcommittees on communication, governance, and vision/mission.
- ◆ Creating vision and mission statements:
 - Vision**: Our vision is to live in a world where all children birth to eight are safe, healthy, and inspired to lifelong learning.
 - Mission**: The National Early Childhood Family Network is a network of families and agencies committed to increasing awareness of early childhood experiences by providing resources and trainings to families of young children. We aim to bring families together locally and nationally to increase our collective voices and to advocate for policies and educational research that promote the well-being of young children and their families regardless of race, religion or social economic status.
- ◆ Developing a framework for a governance structure.
- ◆ Creating a skills matrix to identify strengths and assets of members.
- ◆ Creating a closed Facebook page for members to stay connected.
- ◆ Identifying partner organizations to support the emerging Network.

Word cloud developed at the Summit



LAUNCH Grantees Can Support the Network

- ◆ If someone in your project is involved with NECFN, support their involvement on conference calls.
- ◆ Provide in-kind support to NECFN (i.e. conference call lines, resources, training).
- ◆ Inform families about NECFN and encourage them to get involved.



For additional information or to learn how you can participate, contact the 2018 National Steering Committee Chair:

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