**Family Engagement**

**July 31, 2018**

The Family Engagement group first discussed what a school/community/organization with Family Engagement looks like. There were several responses but most included relationship and competency building and community partnership. Then the group discussed how a Family Engagement coordinator could help. Since each of the STEPS partner districts will have at least a part-time coordinator position available, the partners considered ways that this person/position could assist in building family engagement.

Some of the key ideas included:

* helping families understand the importance of their involvement and providing access of resources or support to families which includes extending the information beyond the parents to include the extended family (grandparents, aunts, uncles),
* creating a way to welcome new families into the schools,
* making sure the coordinator knows the school climate data and understands about ACEs and trauma informed schools.