

About the District Family Engagement Liaison Program

The Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative invites your school district pupil services and special education directors to nominate a parent in your district to receive FREE training on how to partner with your district and model family-school partnerships.

This program provides the school district and parent with guidance on the potential roles of the district liaison. WSPEI provides support and training while the district and parent structure the role so it meets the needs of their district.

Cooperative Educational Service Agency Locations



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Mission:
Develop Strong Relationships
Build Effective Partnerships

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Qualities of a District Family Engagement Liaison

- Parent/Guardian of a child with a disability
- Introductory knowledge of the special education process
- Good communication skills and strong interpersonal skills
- Willingness to promote collaborative relationships between families and schools
- Ability to maintain confidentiality with students, parents, and educators

Roles of the School District

- **Identify** a parent as a DFE Liaison
- **Communicate** with and help direct DFE Liaison activities
- **Provide** orientation to district staff on the role of the DFE Liaison
- **Introduce** the Liaison to staff members and families
- **Facilitate** the dissemination of information from DPI/WSPEI to district families and staff

Roles of a District Family Engagement Liaison

- **Assist** local districts in developing family engagement activities and supports which welcome, honor, and connect all families to student learning
- **Promote** positive working relationships between families, students, staff and community agencies
- **Disseminate** information about special education topics, family engagement, and DPI grant-initiative resources
- **Encourage** positive communication for problem solving
- **Refer** students and families to CESA Family Engagement Coordinators and DPI Initiative contacts for support
- **Attend** WSPEI Core trainings in 1st year and additional training in subsequent years
- **Collaborate** with special education staff as required
- **Assist** the school district with strategies regarding Indicator #8 - Parent Involvement survey which welcome, honor, and connect all families to student learning

Roles of WSPEI Grant, DPI and CESA Family Engagement Coordinators

- **Provide** training and support
- **Coordinate** resources and Information as needed
- **Provide** ongoing support, coaching and mentoring

WSPEI Family Engagement Training Modules

- WSPEI Grant Overview
- DFEL Program Overview
- Effective Communication for Partnerships
- WSPEI Data System
- Confidentiality
- Navigating SPED Resources
- IEP Understanding the Process
- Transition Planning for Youth and Families

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