



2020-21 Family Engagement Community of Practice AGENDA

January 8, 2021, from 1:00 to 2:30

Connect via Zoom

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1:00-1:05 **Welcome Participants and Introductions**

1:05-1:10 **Housekeeping**

Our [Family Engagement Community of Practice website](#)
[Survey for January 8 Session](#) (to share knowledge and receive clock hour certificate).

1:10 **Small Group Discussion #1: Family Engagement and Equity**

- When you think of family engagement and equity, what comes to mind?
- What mindsets or mental models are needed to advance our work?
- What data would help us better understand the quality of our work?

1:30 **Language Access and Family Engagement**

Lee Her will present on language access and family engagement. Lee is an ESSA Title III and LEAPS Community Engagement Specialist who works in the Equity and Opportunity Division at MDE.

1:45 **Questions**

1:50 **Small Group Discussion #2: Language Access and Family Engagement**

- What are typically unnoticed barriers that communities with little to no formal educational experience face related to language access?
- What are strategies to ensuring effective language assistance for communities that speak a “low-incidence” language other than English? For example: Chukee, Nepali and Karrenni.
- What are community engagement strategies for schools/districts to consider in order to continuously improve their language access plan?
- What are important lessons learned from the breakdown in communication between schools and limited-English proficient parents/guardians during the global COVID-19 pandemic?

2:10 **Report Out**

2:20-2:30 **Next Steps – Application of our work.**

Next session is February 26, 2021. Remember to complete survey!