CFEC'S SCHOOL PARTNER PROGRAM

Building the Foundation for Student and School Success through Effective Family Engagement

Carolina Family Engagement Center

UNIVERSITY OF South Carolina

WHAT IS CFEC?

One of 20 federally-funded Statewide Family Engagement Centers under the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA)

Provides districts, schools, and families with capacity-building professional development and technical assistance to support effective school-family partnerships

Aims to increase student achievement and school improvement through effective family engagement

Housed in the SC School Improvement Council at the University of South Carolina's College of Education

Services are offered state-wide through four CFEC Regional Family Engagement Specialists

CFEC'S STATEWIDE PRESENCE

through CFEC Regional Family Engagement Specialists

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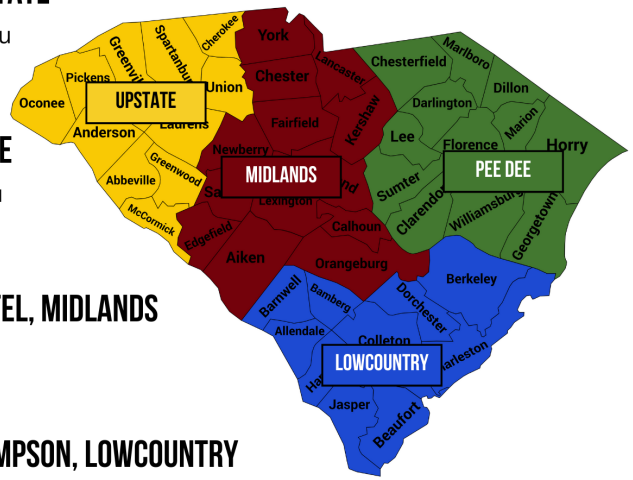

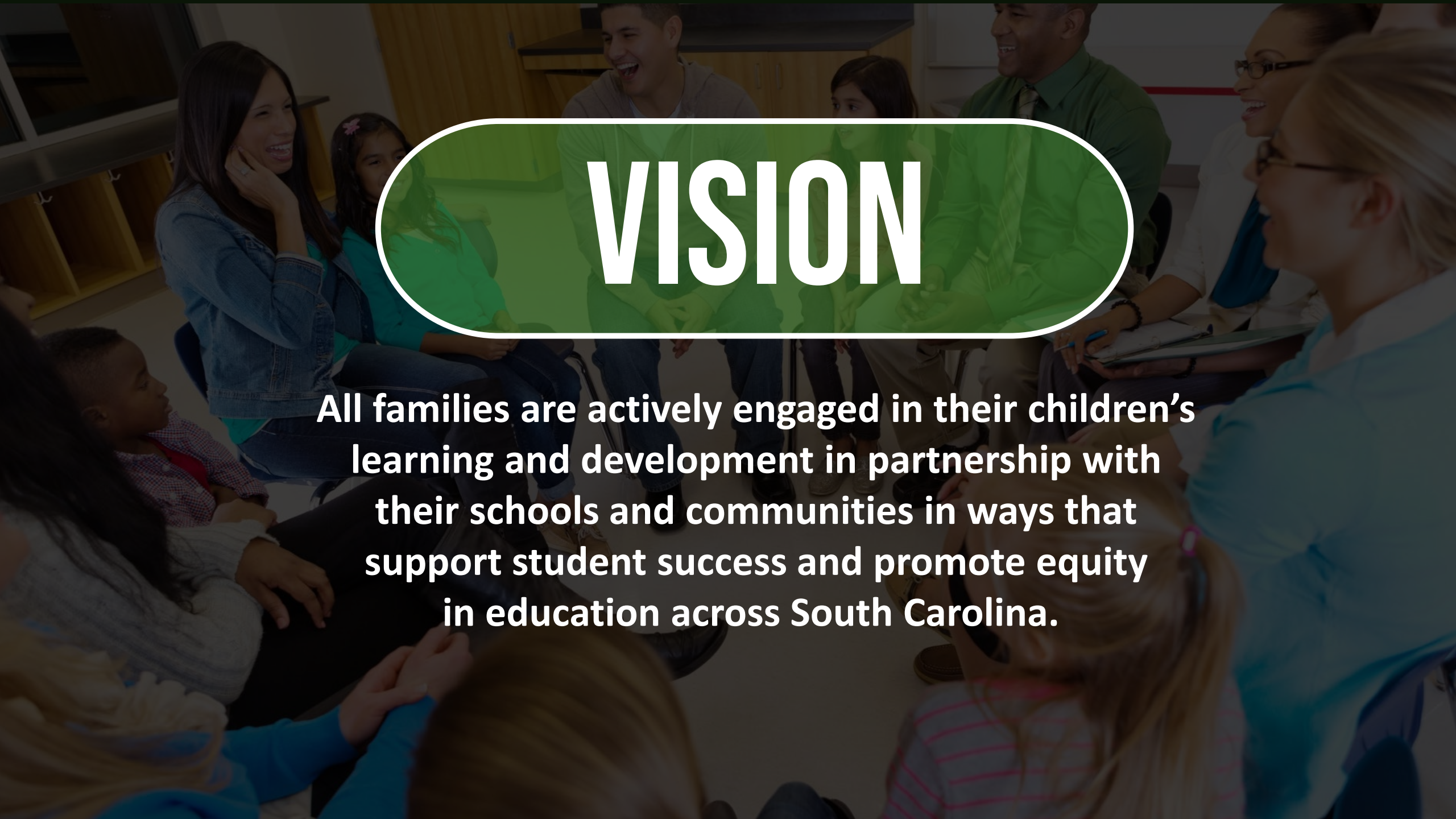

VISION

All families are actively engaged in their children's learning and development in partnership with their schools and communities in ways that support student success and promote equity in education across South Carolina.

MISSION

To strengthen the abilities of all families, schools, and communities to develop robust partnerships and use evidence-based and practice-informed family engagement strategies by facilitating access to information and materials, high quality professional development, and community resources.

WHY?

When Parents are Engaged, the Benefits are Clear.

Higher Test Scores	Improved Attendance	Improved Behavior	Increased likelihood of staying in school	Higher Parent & Teacher satisfaction levels

CREATING EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL FAMILIES

FAMILIES WITH LOW INCOMES

FAMILIES OF MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS (MLL)

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

FAMILIES OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND COMPLEX MEDICAL NEEDS

FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS OR MIGRANT WORKERS

FAMILIES OF FOSTER CHILDREN

GRANDFAMILIES

CFEC SCHOOL PARTNER PROGRAM 2019-2023

29 schools statewide across 7 school districts

4-year partnership commitments

CFEC regional liaisons worked side-by-side with schools, their district, and their families and communities on family engagement planning, implementation, and evaluation

CFEC SCHOOL PARTNER FEEDBACK

"Our parent surveys increased in satisfaction which resulted in improvement on our School Report Card"

BELTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, UPSTATE SC

"We have worked together to find ways to engage our families in their student's learning in authentic and helpful ways"

CAYCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MIDLANDS SC

"The most important gain that MES has made in strengthening family-school-community partnerships is that we are creating relationships."

MANNING ELEMENTARY PEE DEE SC

KEY CONCEPTS

Underlying CFEC's Approach to Family Engagement

Evidence Based and Practice Informed	Linked to Learning	Trusting Relationships & Welcoming Schools	Culturally Responsive	Dual Capacity Building	Aligned with Academic and School Climate Goals

CFEC APPROACHES TO FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

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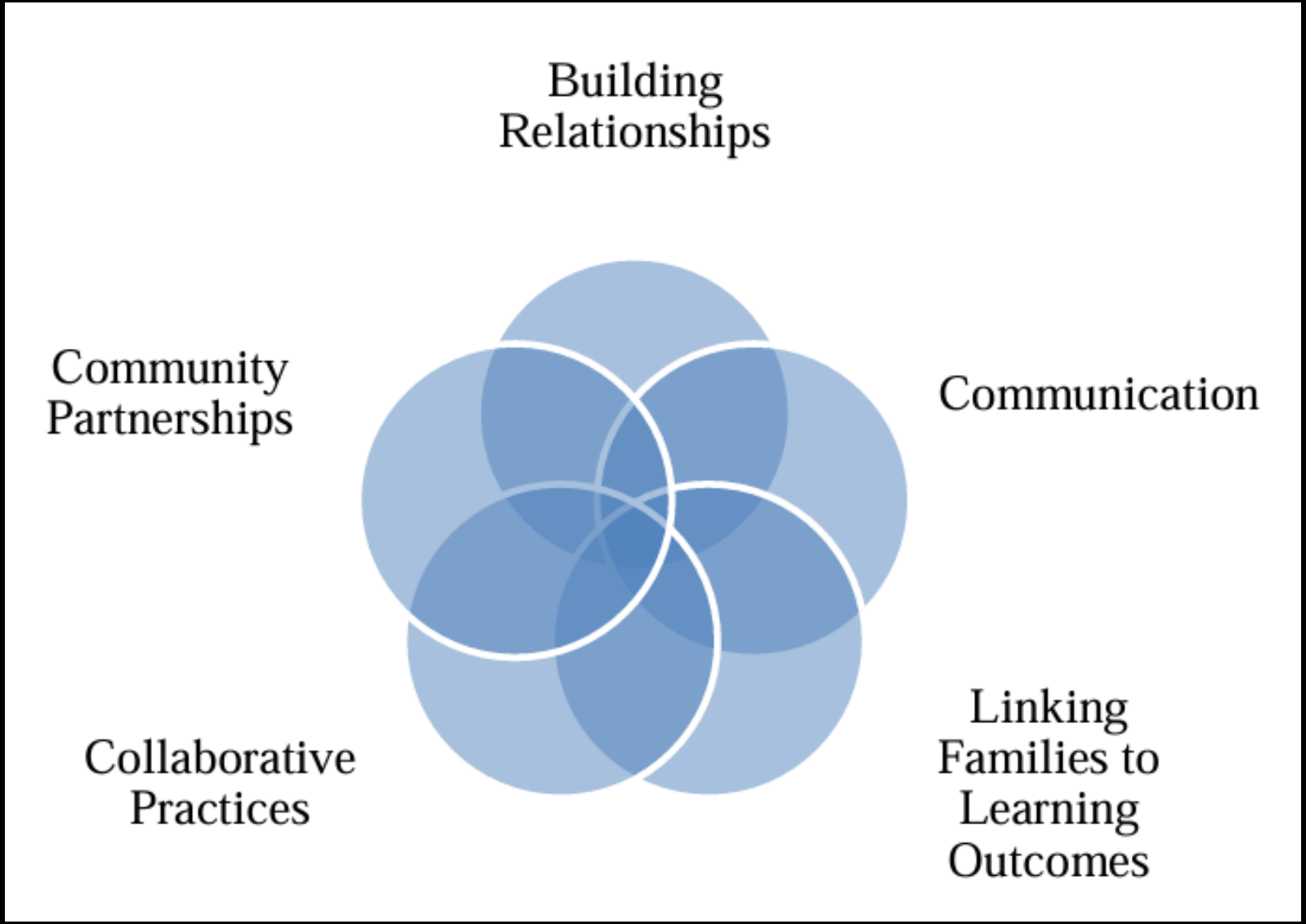

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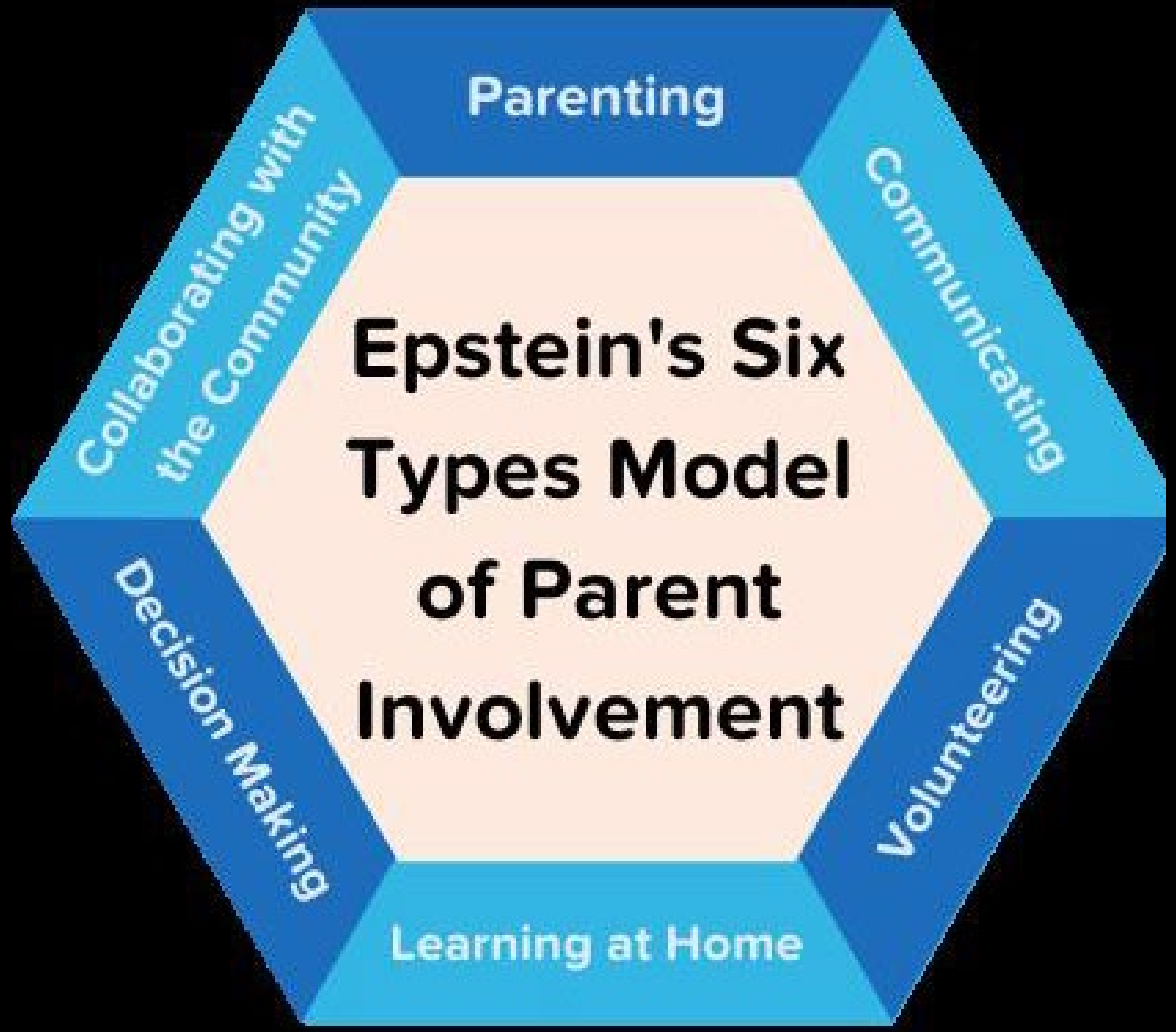

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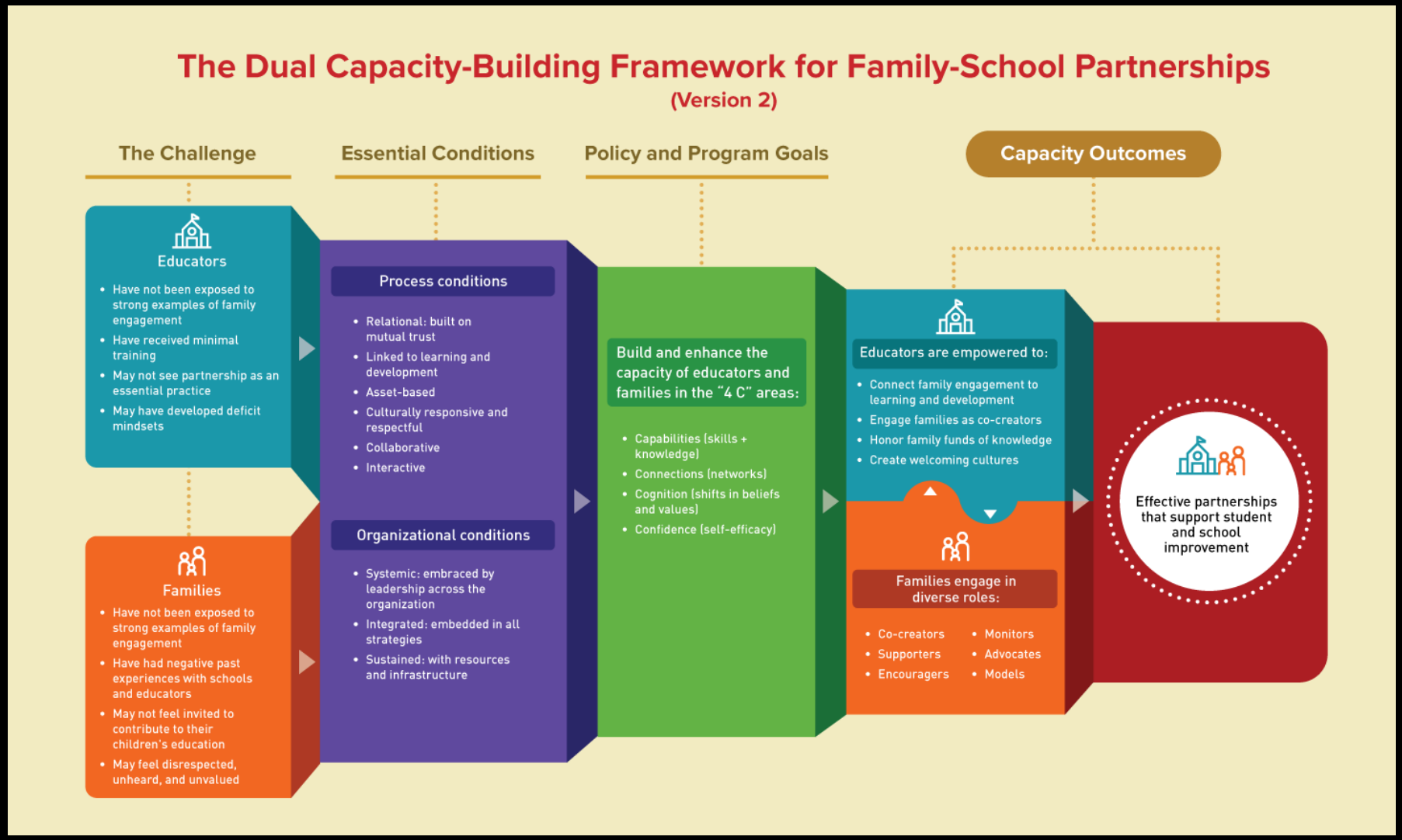

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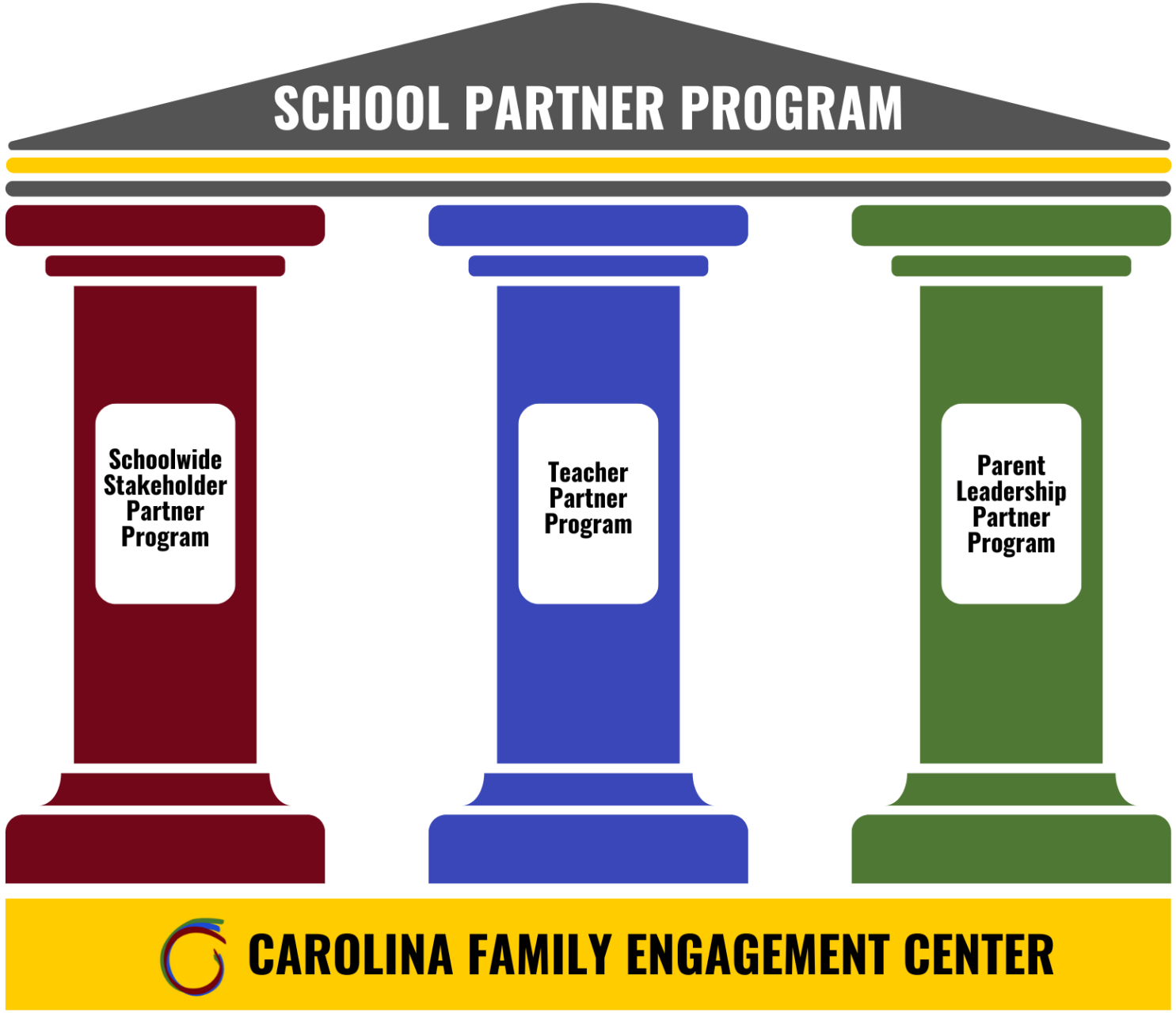
Three pillars of CFEC Commitment
Two-year commitment with an option to renew


SCHOOL PARTNER PROGRAM
Schoolwide Stakeholder Partner Program
Teacher Partner Program
Parent Leadership Partner Program
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CURRENT CFEC SCHOOL PARTNER PROGRAM 2024-2028

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School Partner Stakeholder Team

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Teacher Partner Program

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Parent Leadership Partners Program (PLP)

1 SCHOOL PARTNER STAKEHOLDER TEAM

Meets monthly with CFEC Liaison to assess, plan, develop, implement, and evaluate CFEC family engagement initiatives

Use the NNPS Action Team Model to create, implement, and evaluate family engagement plan

Identifies and implements one schoolwide welcoming family engagement practice

Work with CFEC Liaison to provide family engagement professional development opportunities to teachers, staff, and families

2 TEACHER PARTNER PROGRAM

CFEC will provide individualized, high-quality coaching and technical assistance to 1 teacher (or teacher team) from each CFEC partner school to enhance classroom family engagement through a two-year commitment.

With support from a CFEC Regional Family Engagement Liaison, teacher partners will meet monthly to develop, implement, and evaluate a classroom family engagement in education plan and submit evaluation results to CFEC. The plan will involve at least one activity that incorporates an evidence-based practice to improve family engagement and enhance student learning.

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PARENT LEADERSHIP PARTNER PROGRAM

Groups of 8-15 parents increase their knowledge, skills, confidence, and connections in a supportive environment with other parents by participating in 7 sessions focused on research-based modules developed by Yasha Jones Becton, Ed.D. .

The goals of the program are to:

(1) increase parent capacity to advocate for their own children's educational needs, as well as advocacy for school improvement for all students, and to

(2) increase parent awareness about available tools and resources beneficial to them and their children.

NO MAGIC WAND

No one easy strategy works for all schools and all parents. Schools will be asked to do the following:

Meet parents where they are and get to know their cultures and communities.	Welcome parents & community into school as partners.	View parents & community through asset lens.	Make a long-term commitment to the work.

WHO WILL DO THIS WORK?

The school stakeholder team in partnership with the CFEC Regional Family Engagement Liaison.

CFEC REGIONAL LIAISON

SCHOOL STAKEHOLDER TEAM

- Principal
- Parents
- Teachers
- Staff (including school parent liaison)
- Community leaders
- Existing teams can serve in this role (SICs, PTOs, etc.)

CFEC REGIONAL LIAISON

- Facilitate monthly stakeholder team meetings
- Coordinate professional development sessions for schools and families as needed
- Connect school with expertise and resources
- Provide ongoing guidance & assistance
- Coordinate the Teacher Partner program and the Parent Leadership Program
- Help ensure that everyone’s time is used effectively

SCHOOL STAKEHOLDER TEAM

- Participate in monthly stakeholder team meetings
- Work through the NNPS Action Team Model to create, implement, and evaluate family engagement plan
- Commitment from a teacher or teacher team to implement evidence-based classroom family engagement plans
- One school personnel to lead or co-facilitate the PLP for at least one year
- Provide access to teachers and staff (and families) for focused professional development
- Implement one schoolwide practice to maintain a welcoming school environment

EVALUATION IS KEY

- School partners will participate in evaluation of CFEC family engagement initiatives
- Data collected from CFEC evaluations will accomplish the following:
  - guide your family engagement work
  - provide feedback about the impact of your efforts
  - foster a culture of continuous improvement
  - highlight your school success

REFLECTION

What stood out to you about CFEC throughout this presentation?

How might this opportunity for a CFEC school partnership align with your school goals?

What challenges do you currently face in family engagement?

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

THANK YOU!

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