

A Family Engagement Initiative Pilot in School-Based Afterschool Programs

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With the purpose of increasing the amount and intentionality of family engagement in 21st CCLC programs, MDE commissioned the David P. Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality to design, implement, and evaluate a family engagement pilot with selected 21st CCLC programs. The project included two primary elements: Design of a family engagement initiative and a proof of concept pilot in a small number of sites to learn more about both the efficacy of the initiative design concept and feasibility of implementation in 21st CCLC sites. Key evaluative questions were: Did the initiative concept produce the intended staff practices and youth experiences? Could the initiative be implemented feasibly? Was the experience received with high customer satisfaction from stakeholders (e.g., families, afterschool program staff and managers, school personnel, etc.)?

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