

The Engagement In Action (EnAct!) Framework -- One Big Doable Thing!

Toward a Statewide Integrated Early Childhood Health System that Optimizes the Power of Family Engaged Prevention and Early Intervention

Child and Family Flourishing: The Engagement In Action Opportunity

The EnAct! framework was designed to serve as a national model focused on translating the science of healthy development by scaling strategies, innovations, and policies to promote child flourishing, school readiness and family resilience, foster positive childhood experiences (PCEs) and prevent and mitigate the impacts of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). The EnAct! framework achieves its positive health purpose using a *through any door* family engaged approach powered by interoperable whole child and family assessment and data sharing tools and health promotion interventions that drive collaboration across health care, early childhood systems and community partners as they work to close persistent gaps in the utilization, quality and accessibility of preventive and developmental services for children aged 0-5. In full alignment with national Bright Futures Guidelines, healthcare and state early childhood systems' goals, performance standards, payment innovations, data requirements and evidence-based strategies, the EnAct! approach works to incentivize and overcome barriers to real engagement and coordinated, cross-system action so all children and families thrive!

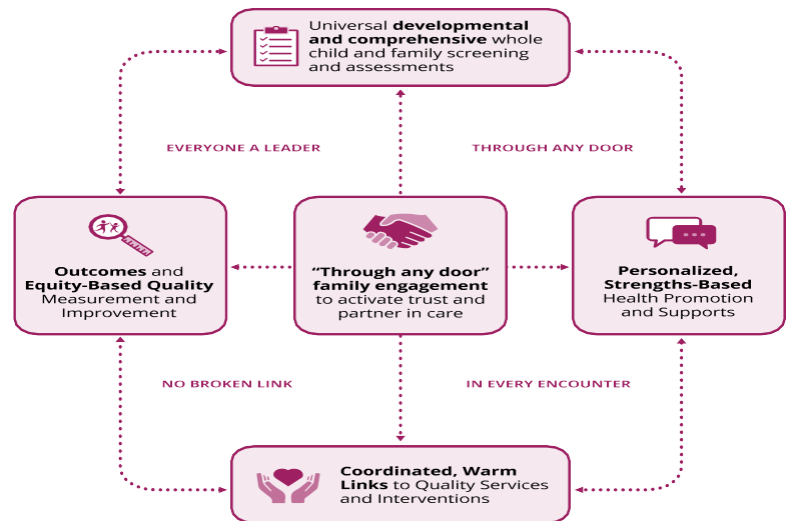
Over half of young children in the United States experience complex and interrelated social, relational and/or medical health risks (45.3%-63.2% across states). Only 40% meet criteria for being ready for school, 65% fail to receive even basic early developmental screens and large gaps exist in the utilization of essential well-child care services. Now is the time for the bold and feasible actions set forth in the EnAct! framework to create an integrated early childhood health system.

Figure 1: Engagement In Action (EnAct!) Framework Purpose, Goals, Approach

Framework Purpose: Positive Health Equity
 The purpose of the EnAct! framework is to catalyze child health equity and improve child flourishing, school readiness and family resilience.

Framework Goals—One Big Doable Thing

- 1. All In:** Universal provision of comprehensive, personalized, whole child and family preventive and developmental services.
- 2. Real Engagement:** Families are engaged to access and ensure services are personalized to their goals and needs and to shape improvements in practice, policy and systems of care
- 3. Seamless System:** All early childhood systems intentionally collaborate to optimize early screening, address social and relational health needs, and promote well-being

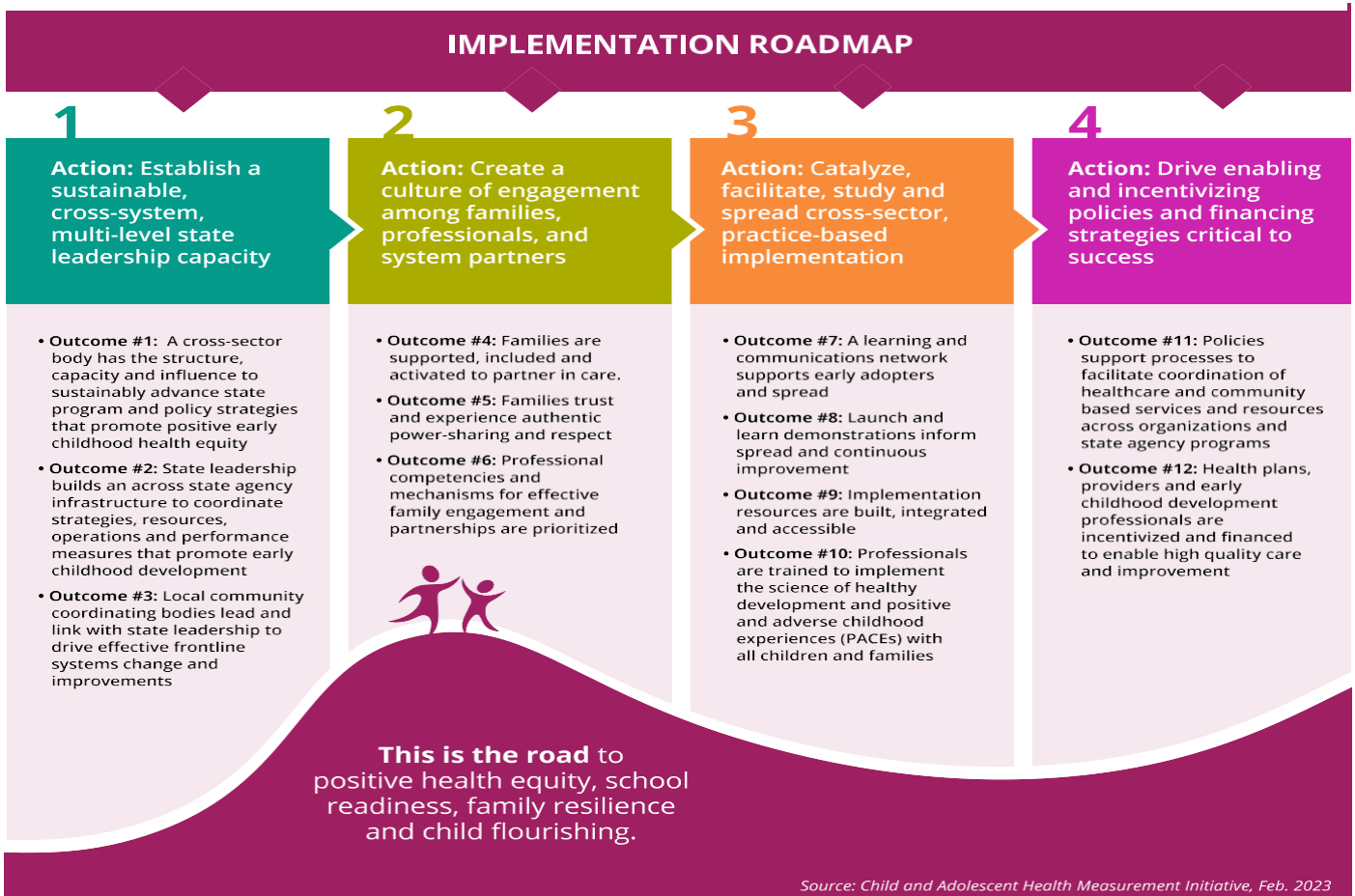


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Despite widespread awareness about the urgency and possibilities to improve the healthy development of young children and existing system priorities and assets for doing so, poor outcomes and

performance gap realities call for creating new conditions, incentives and supports for historically siloed programs and sectors across health, early childhood, family support and others to work together seamlessly and in authentic partnerships with families and communities. The EnAct! framework provides an imminently actionable roadmap (Fig. 2) with relevance across all early childhood system partners to spark swift and effective action so all children and families receive high-quality comprehensive and personalized whole child and family services. The EnAct! implementation roadmap sets forth key actions and implementation outcomes relevant across states, including the Mississippi [state illustration](#), [summary of data](#) to spark commitment and priority setting, a [policy playbook](#) with priority policy levers, a summary of [methods](#) to jump start collaboration, a partner and performance measure [analysis](#) and [Possibility Prototypes](#) illustrating the relevance and *through every door* roles (Fig 3) early childhood health system partners can play to support success through shared accountability.

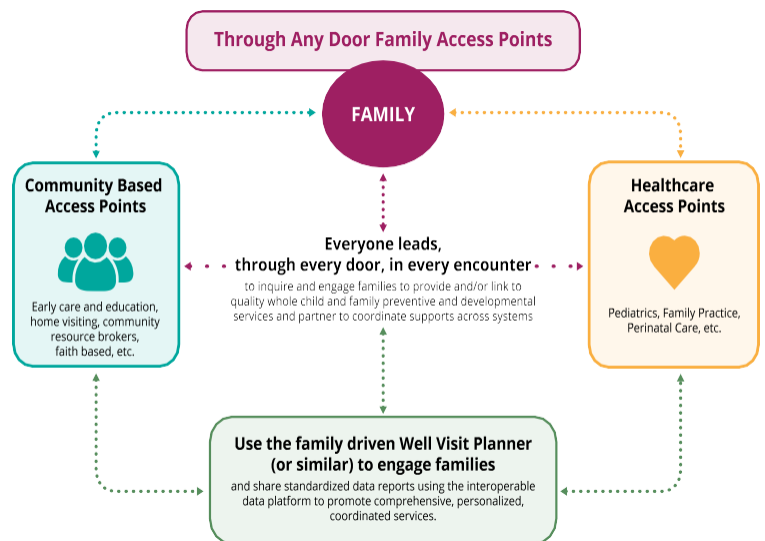
Figure 2: The Engagement In Action Implementation Roadmap (see full report for data, methods, partners landscape, policy levers and possibility prototypes)



From Possibilities to Progress

Creating a healthy and productive society depends on fostering achievable leaps in the healthy development and flourishing of children and families. By leveraging strengths and existing federal, state and community programs and infrastructure, states are well poised to catalyze positive health for all through transformational partnerships across systems and in full partnership with families and communities. The decades of research, advocacy and systems change work led by a countless army of individuals and organizations enable us to meet this moment of opportunity for generations to come if we prioritize the possibilities before us. The EnAct! framework is offered to accelerate progress by bolstering and building the capacity of families, communities, children’s health care and all early childhood systems to partner in the joyful work to measurably improve the well-being of all children and families, as well as that of the professionals that serve them.

Figure 3: Illustration of the EnAct! Through Any Door Approach Powered by Interoperable Family Engaged Principles and Assessment and Data Sharing Tools



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Learn more [here](#).



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