

Question	Question Intent	Points
<p data-bbox="203 241 332 268">Question 1</p> <p data-bbox="203 310 625 588">The capacity of families to support their children’s development and school success is enhanced through access to targeted resources, strategies, activities and supports that assist them with successful participation and engagement in community and school activities.</p> <ol data-bbox="251 630 641 1260" style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please outline your plan for increasing family capacity and engagement in your community. List up to five goals and describe how the funds from this grant will be used to support attainment of those goals. b. How will you ensure that strategies, activities and resources reach a broad audience and address needs of families with children across the birth to 8 age range? c. Indicate the <i>Strengthening Families</i> Protective factor (s) you are addressing. 	<p data-bbox="673 241 1079 409">Successful proposals will address specific goals and activities targeted toward one or more of these <i>Strengthening Families</i> protective factors: Some examples are:</p> <p data-bbox="673 451 917 483">Social Connections:</p> <ul data-bbox="722 493 1079 1155" style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting family participation in school activities such as teacher conferences and other events; • Sponsoring Parent Cafes, leadership building groups or other family education groups; • Supporting family participation in events and activities already occurring in the community through transportation assistance, or free or reduced admission fees to museums and other attractions. <p data-bbox="673 1165 1023 1228">Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development:</p> <ul data-bbox="722 1239 1079 1869" style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing families with resources, information and strategies to support their child’s development and school success through books and other printed information, web-based resources, resources for families to use in everyday learning activities with their children • Providing Family leadership opportunities by supporting activities such as participation in strategic planning activities, focus groups 	<p data-bbox="1112 273 1226 304">20 points</p>

	<p>and family leadership panels.</p> <p>Social Emotional Competence of Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing families with resources, information and strategies to support their child’s healthy social and emotional development through books and other printed information, web-based resources, resources and for families to use in everyday learning activities with their children. • Sponsoring Family Engagement events where families can come together and model positive hands on social and emotional skills. 	
<p>Question 2</p> <p>It is crucial that communities maximize grant funds to ensure the greatest impact. Please:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Describe the family engagement efforts you are currently implementing in your community designed to strengthen the capacity of families of children birth to eight. b. Describe how the strategies, activities and resources outlined in question one will enhance existing efforts in your community. c. Identify major challenges and describe new activities, tools or strategies you plan to implement to address the identified challenges 	<p>Successful proposals will demonstrate clear linkages and alignment between current family engagement efforts and new goals and activities funded through this grant. There should be specific challenges identified and detailed strategies noted to ameliorate those challenges.</p>	<p>20 points</p>

<p>Question 3</p> <p>Many communities have difficulty identifying and engaging families with complex needs. Families who are underserved may experience multiple barriers that inhibit their participation in community and school activities.</p> <p>a. What specific strategies will you use to identify and engage families who are underserved such as those with children with disabilities, families experiencing homelessness and those for whom English is not their native language?</p>	<p>Successful proposals will provide a specific plan to identify families who may be underserved due to barriers to participation. The plans should include specific strategies designed to encourage participation and to provide supports designed to assist the families in increasing their knowledge and understanding of their child’s development and learning.</p>	<p>15 points</p>
<p>Question 4</p> <p>Building on existing community relationships and working with trusted partners is key to facilitating successful engagement of families, especially those with complex needs.</p> <p>a. Identify specific partners with whom you will partner in this project. Describe the role of the partners and their contributions to the success of the project.</p>	<p>Successful proposals will identify several possible partners and provide specific information about strategies to increase and improve collaboration.</p>	<p>10 points</p>
<p>Question 5</p> <p>Continuous evaluation of impact is crucial to successful implementation.</p> <p>a. How will you measure progress and impact of your activities?</p> <p>b. What specific data sources will you use?</p> <p>c. How will you use data to drive improvement and revise outreach efforts as needed?</p>	<p>Successful proposals will identify both qualitative and quantitative data sources and will describe a plan for using data toward continuous quality improvement.</p>	<p>10 points</p>

<p>Question 6</p> <p>Successful family engagement strategies, resources and activities are designed so that the impact continues beyond the life of a particular grant or program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will the strategies and activities in your proposal continue after the grant has ended? b. Describe your sustainability plan. 	<p>Successful proposals will identify specific strategies for sustaining this work beyond the life of the grant.</p>	<p>10 points</p>
<p>Budget</p>	<p>Complete and accurate</p>	<p>5 points</p>
<p>Budget Justification</p>	<p>Complete, accurate and aligned with budget</p>	<p>5 points</p>
<p>Deliverables and Timeline</p>	<p>Complete, clear and aligned with grant proposal</p>	<p>5 points</p>
<p>E3Z Bonus</p>	<p>Counties in the Early Education Empowerment Zones</p>	<p>15 points</p>

