



How to Use the FESAT



What should we do?

How are we doing?

How can we do better?

Before you begin using the FESAT

Read the FESAT User's Guide.

- Three uses of the FESAT
- How to score it
- How to use the results
- Sample uses of the FESAT
- Glossary of Terms

Identify the organization, which is the entity that is engaging the family partners.

- This can be a single agency or a collaborative of more than one organization.

Identify each person's role (family partner or organization staff).

- Describe the systems-level project or initiative you are assessing with the FESAT.

Take the next steps.

Learn more about engaging families in systems-level initiatives by downloading and using the Family Engagement in Systems Assessment Tools from familyvoices.org/FESAT.

The tools provide a collection of strategies, resources and tools to help your organization improve the way you engage families in systems-level changes.

Three Ways to Use the FESAT



Plan

What should we do?

Child- and family-serving organizations can use the Checklist in the Family Engagement in Systems (FES) Toolkit to establish family engagement processes.

- Identify supports already in place to ensure meaningful family engagement.
- Explore strategies and resources for additional ways to encourage and support family engagement.



Assess

How are we doing?

Families and staff can use the FESAT to learn whether families have the information and supports they need to participate, partner, and contribute to decision-making groups.

- Compare perspectives on how family engagement is going.
- Identify what is working well.
- Identify areas for improvement.



Improve

How can we do better?

Families and staff can use the FESAT and FES Toolkit to track progress in family engagement efforts.

- Complete the FESAT and use the results as a baseline score.
- Identify an area for improvement and select a strategy from the FES Toolkit that can help.
- Complete the FESAT again at scheduled intervals and compare results to the baseline.

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