In implementing Rider 78, school districts and open-enrollment charter schools should create a Family Engagement Plan associated with a district’s or open-enrollment charter’s prekindergarten program.

**TEA Guidance for Family Engagement**

A Family Engagement Plan should assist districts and open-enrollment charters in achieving and maintaining high levels of family involvement and positive family attitudes toward education and should:

- Facilitate family-to-family support
- Establish a network of community resources
- Increase family participation in decision-making
- Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning
- Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children’s learning benchmarks
- Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement

**Tools and Resources**

There are variety of [Family Engagement Strategies](#) that can be utilized to implement high-quality family engagement.

The Texas Education Agency’s [Early Childhood Education Division](#) team is available to provide guidance on implementation of high-quality prekindergarten programming. The Division can be contacted at [earlychildhoodeducation@tea.texas.gov](mailto:earlychildhoodeducation@tea.texas.gov).