



COLLABORATION FOR ECE PROGRAM SUCCESS!

How Community Collaboration Can Help Your Program Grow



Today's Outcomes

- Define collaboration
- Identify qualities which successfully start and sustain collaborations
- Prepare for establishing or improving collaborations supporting their own program



WHAT IS COLLABORATION?

Definition

Definition of Collaboration

- to work jointly with others or together especially in an intellectual endeavor
- to cooperate with or willingly assist an enemy of one's country and especially an occupying force
- to cooperate with an agency or instrumentality with which one is not immediately connected



Reference: "Collaboration," Merriam-Webster.com, Merriam-Webster, n.d. Web. 27 Feb. 2017.

Types of Collaboration

- **Internal**
 - Co-workers
 - Parents and Families
 - Work Teams- Same age group, same position, etc.
- **External**
 - Stakeholders will vary
 - Between programs, centers, providers
 - Community agencies
 - Organizations
 - Local or national



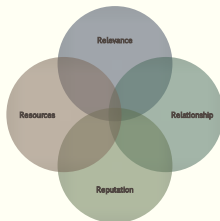
POLL QUESTION!

QUALITIES FOR SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION

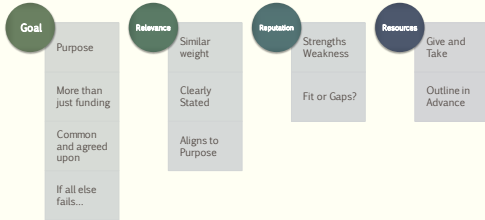
First Things First...



Qualities for Successful Collaboration



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Relationships

- Does not happen over night!
- Nurturing relationships are critical
- Establish Boundaries
- Set Timeline
- Communication Schedule
- Culture of support
- Review and Assess
- Keep Goal as Guide!

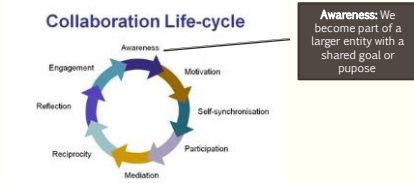


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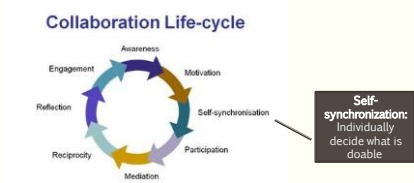
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Collaboration Life-cycle



Participation: All parties participate together - no one is left behind - two-way street!

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Mediation: We work hard to find a middle point where we both can be positive.

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Reciprocity: We share and expect our partners to share in return.

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Reflection: We look back at work done and consider alternatives, improvements or celebrations

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Engagement: We are proactive and do not wait for something to happen- we keep moving forward!

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REMINDERS FOR SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION

POLL QUESTION!

For those already in a collaborative relationship...

- Do you have a common goal that all stakeholders can name and understand?



For those already in a collaborative relationship...

- Are all resources being employed? Are all stakeholders contributing equally?



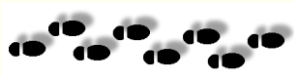
For those already in a collaborative relationship...

- Are you stopping regularly to measure success and assess challenges?




For those already in a collaborative relationship...

- What are the next steps for our collaboration?







THANK YOU!

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