

Title: FCEI International Consensus Statement: Revised Principles Guiding Family Support and Collaboration

Over the past three years, extensive collaborative efforts have led to a revision of the FCEI International Consensus Statement, originally published in 2013. A major goal of the revision was to increase inclusion of global and stakeholder perspectives (e.g., Global Parents of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing [GPODHH], Deaf Leadership International Alliance [DLIA], and additional cultural insights) and to incorporate new evidence to inform and support the Principles. The overall purpose was to develop a comprehensive, evidence-based set of guidelines to support FCEI practices with families of children who are DHH. The Principles can serve as a foundation for the creation of additional resources that may be context, country, and user-group specific.

A 6-person writing team led the work on the revision, with input and direction from a 38-member Advisory Group. Selected members of the writing team will describe reasons for revising the Consensus Statement and ways it is distinct from the original consensus statement. The collaborative process used to secure input and document consensus will be reviewed, along with data from e-Delphi consensus rounds. An overview of the revised Principles, the intent behind them, and examples of actions for implementation (for Early Intervention Providers, Families, and Programs/Systems) will be discussed. Call to Action highlights will be reviewed, including next steps in disseminating and promoting the Principles.