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Dr. Heather B. Weiss is Co-Director of the Global Family Research Project. GFRP is a new non-profit organization building a worldwide platform and networks to exchange the latest thinking, research, and innovations around how families, schools and community organizations can work together to insure all children get the learning opportunities in and out of school that they need to succeed. She was previously the founder and Director of the now closed Harvard Family Research Project, (1983-2016.)

Known for leadership and support for family engagement, she and her colleagues created and maintain the Family Involvement Network of Educators (FINE), providing the latest research, policy examples, professional development tools, evaluations, and other resources to support family and community engagement practice and policy (see Globalfrp.org). GFRP’s current projects include work on family and community engagement in libraries, development of a research, evaluation and practice network for the after school program field, and creation of a school transition toolkit.

She has an Ed.D. in Education and Social Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and had a postdoctoral fellowship in Child Development and Social Policy at Yale University. She writes about, speaks, and advises on programs and policies for children and families and serves on the boards of several public and private organizations. A consultant to foundations and others on strategic grantmaking and evaluation, she recently led a multinational team assessing the World Bank’s Independent Evaluation Group for its Board.