

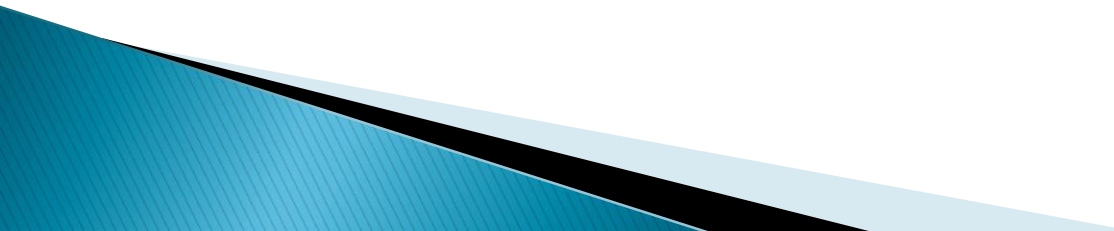


Building Your Parent Community

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Research says...

Students do better in school when families, educators and community work together to improve schools, strengthen families and enhance student learning.



What is Engagement?

Parenting/Care giving

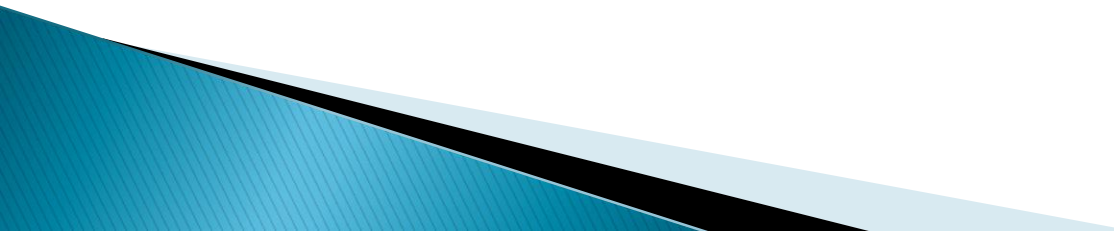
Communicating – Information sharing between home, school and community

Volunteering – involve families and community to support student success in activities

Decision Making – involvement in decisions, governance and advocacy

Collaborating – working together to consider many points of view which builds respect, understanding and coordinates resources to provide for the best ideas and services

Why?

- ▶ Meeting the needs of students requires coordinated effort and shared responsibility among schools, parents and communities.
 - ▶ Understanding, inclusion and appreciation of diversity offers strength and richness to the group and the decision making process
 - ▶ Good communication builds relationships, creates value and encourages others to join and create positive change
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What does IT look like?

How does your Chapter engage parents?

What challenges are you experiencing?

What would you like it to look like?

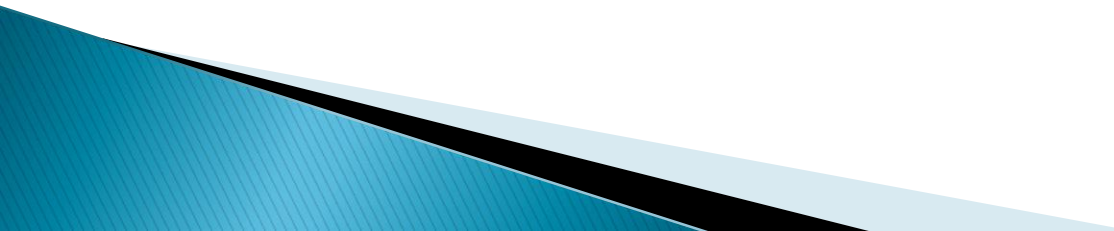


Partnerships are very important!

Partners are those people or groups who can assist or join us in achieving common goals.

Building Parent Community and Partnerships

Provide:

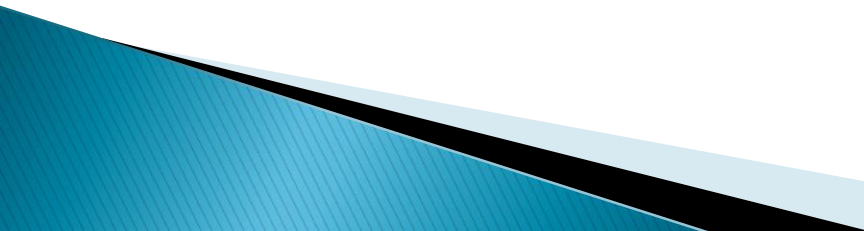
- ▶ Information and resources
 - ▶ Family supports
 - ▶ A designated resource or support person
 - ▶ Frequent communication, both formal and informal
 - ▶ Varied opportunities to volunteer
 - ▶ Ideas to support parents at home
 - ▶ Opportunity for input and feedback
 - ▶ Personal contact
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Contagious Enthusiasm

▶ Social Events

- Provide opportunities to feel welcomed and learn who you are in informal setting

▶ Meetings

- Consider the needs of those attending: location, childcare, time of day, transportation
 - Good communication and availability of agenda in advance
 - Relevant information
 - Invite special speakers
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More Contagious Enthusiasm

▶ Volunteer and Capacity Building

- Create communication list and areas of interest of members and volunteers (PIPA*)
- Create opportunities for volunteers to take on new responsibilities and learn new skills
- Host community events that bring members, volunteers, family and communities together
- Personal interaction and contact
 - let people know you need help and support and what that looks like

Appreciate and thank your volunteers!!!



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