

LIFE is Good: Learning to Increase Family Engagement

Maximizing School, Family, and Community Partnerships

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Welcome Mind Set

Activity to understand our partners.
When redesigning, start with the end in mind.
Storyboard – Graphics
Day in the Life

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Today's Agenda

Reason's for Trainings
Inspire, Motivate, Challenge

- > Framework of Six Types of Involvement
- > Select Practices that Produce Positive Results for Students

Session's Objective: To organize a goal-linked program for school, family and community partnerships for successful schools and successful students.

What the Research Says

Children learn best when their parents play a variety of roles in their learning:

- Helping at home.
- Volunteering at school.
- Planning their child's future.
- Participating in key decision making.

How Can Educators and Parents STRENGTHEN and SUSTAIN HEALTHY SCHOOLS?

What do we mean by a **HEALTHY SCHOOL**?

1. We mean a safe and nurturing PLACE.

- A welcoming environment for ALL
- A "Partnership School"
- A "family-like" school and "school-like" families

Involvement Good

- School leading with self desires.
- School leads with their mouths.
- Pushing parents into something we perceive is important.
- One way communication.
- Parents are directed towards completing tasks.
- Parent is a client.

Engagement Better

- Schools lead with parents self interest.
- to something about what they feel is important.
- Develop a trusting relationships.
- School is community organizer who help parents do things for themselves and listens to parents ideas.

Partnership Best

- All engagement plus...
- Two way communication.
- Transformational change.
- Empowerment.
- A well thought out process involving the entire school community, NOT a series of events.
- A set of day-to-day practices, attitudes, beliefs and interactions that support learning at home as well as at school. NOT a one-time program.

National Network of Partnership Schools

Keys to Successful Partnerships: Six Types of Involvement

- Type 1: Parenting**
Assist families with parenting skills and setting home conditions to support children as students. Also, assist schools to better understand families.
- Type 2: Communicating**
Conduct effective communications from school to home and from home to school about school programs and student progress.
- Type 3: Volunteering**
Create volunteers and audiences to support the school and students. Provide volunteer opportunities in various locations and at various times.
- Type 4: Learning at Home**
Involve families with their children on homework and other curriculum-related activities and decisions.
- Type 5: Decision Making**
Include families as participants in school decisions, and develop parent leaders and representatives.
- Type 6: Collaborating with the Community**
Coordinate resources and services from the community for families, students, and the school, and provide services to the community.

REACH A GOAL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS USING THE SIX TYPES OF INVOLVEMENT

Choose one **GOAL for STUDENT LEARNING or BEHAVIOR** that is important in your school.
How will results be measured? _____

With a partner, identify specific family and community involvement activities that support this goal.
Your ATP may use these ideas in your school's One-Year Action Plan for Partnerships.

TAB 2 - EVENTS

Keep track of family participation at site events planned by the Outreach Specialist:

Family Centered Events					
Date	Time	Event Name	Description of Event	How the Outreach Specialist contributed	Total # of Attendees
10/27/15	6-8pm	Reading under the stars	Families invited to bring blankets and participate in reading outdoors with their children. Additional activities provided and grade level reading lists sent home.	Outreach planned, advertised and facilitated the event.	32
11/15/15	6-7:30pm	Title I Math Night	Families invited to learn more about math curriculum and Title I services at school. Make & Take math activities provided.	Outreach helped to plan the event with leadership, presented information to parents about After-school Academy and Family Link activities, distributed activity table.	65

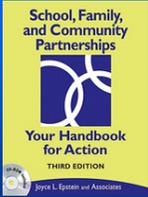
TAB 3 - ACADEMY TO GO

Keep track of home participation from Academy To-Go activities. Your grant goals focus on the % returned.

Academy To-Go						
Distribution Date	Name of Activity	Description of Activity	Data provided	# of students who received the activity	# of students who returned the report	% returned
10/29/15	Fall-themed checkers	Checker game Used Other Pops as incentives for returned report	Successful	145	130	90%

Activity Collaborative Ideas

- Parenting
- Communicating
- Volunteering
- Learning at Home
- Decision Making
- Collaborating with the Community



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 ISBN: 0-8039-6571-0
 Approximately \$45.00 paperback with CD

 Promising Partnership Practice
 On-line at NNPS



Family Engagement Initiative



All families are engaged in their child's education to enhance student achievement





Family Engagement Initiative

To establish & sustain cross-division collaboration to support family engagement efforts

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Family Engagement Framework and Toolkit

November Family Engagement Month

Parent Gateway Website

We Are Listening Tour

Family, School and Community Partnerships

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Close:
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Thank you for attending!
