

Family Engagement: Tip Sheet

Supports for Family Engagement:

- Start where the families are and help them identify where they want to go
- Help families recognize their strengths
- **Lead together**
 - See every parent as a leader
 - Make space for new leaders in your organization or meetings
- **Build:**
 - Trust
 - Self-confidence
 - Self-efficacy
 - Relationships
 - Support networks
- Listen for the heart, with the heart
- Communicate with honesty

Why and How Do Parents Stay Involved?

- Multiple opportunities for participation.
- The level of participation can vary as needed.
- Families receive sufficient advanced notice for meetings and events
- Family participation is facilitated.
- Families are listened to; their ideas are supported & respected.
- Families do not experience retribution because of their participation.
- Family participation has an impact.
- Family participation is consciously and visibly appreciated.