



Developing Successful Multilevel Partnerships in Support of Ethnically and Linguistically Diverse Families

How do you all engage families in the process of collaboration for parent meetings/family engagements?
We have health fairs in our program, I like the idea of it being parent lead.
I do love that idea as well. Give them the chance to teach their peers and share info.
We have a parent committee that plans the family events and education classes we hold for our school community. Our recent parent leaders have secured speakers and designed event logistics.
Laura, wow! Our parent committee doesn't plan events, that is a fabulous idea though!
Thank you. The only issue is that it's always the same parents who are providing ideas and coordinating events. We'd like to have other parents involved. Not quite sure how to do that, yet.
Health Fairs are a great idea because they address the needs of children and parents/families. Another good idea is forums because parents can ask questions, get answers, and collaborate with other families in a "safe" and intimate environment.
Having a hard time hearing the speaker.
very helpful information indeed
We send out surveys at the beginning of the year to gather input on what the parent meetings will be. Then we plan them on exactly the topics they express.
Marie, our education events are gaining in attendance. There was a suggestion that we include a child lead activity with our events to encourage greater attendance.
Our program for family gatherings have parent child activities, with families input to get better attendance
Sherry has that help to encourage more parent involvement also?
We have to do our own recruitment and our socializations are a challenge sometimes, but we are hopeful.
Laura & Sherry, we normally provide babysitters at our events hoping to gain greater attendance
Yes, because it helps empower families and know that we value their thoughts and ideas. Plus they are sharing with other families who may not have come up with ideas they can take home to do with their child.
We provide child care, but it is for the training portion before the activity.
Same for us, Sherry.
EC Educators must have Cultural Competency training so that they understand the nuances of the cultures with whom they work.
Thank you, great thoughts and ideas! I'm looking forward to sharing them with our parent committee.
We find that some parents love the parent education portion while others hate it. Some like a less formal event where we do an activity at the park and play. Some prefer just doing a variety of child activities.
I think that the activity and the parent education piece can be integrated.
Yes, we do that sometimes. But sometimes we bring in speakers for a more formal parent ed where the parents can be with other parents and share in conversations.
we find that parents love to meetings
Our HV's and Teachers provide child care during that parent ed portion



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We have found the same, our training's this year are required but also interest of parents. But they are more hands on, fun so we have a better attendance.
Yes, they always prefer hands on
With stricter H.S. qualifications, it's now a barrier for indigenous parents to become aides since it's a long-term process to increase academic & language skills. That leaves learning environments without these essential links between home and H.S. Ideas?
Good information
Dentist
Our hands on parent meetings work well. Don't discount serving food and providing childcare.
churches
community clinics
they come and do free screening
WIC program
LEAs
foster grandparents
doctors
mental health clinics
dss
Parent/Community Education program
CALLWORKS office
Schoold district
Local Interagency Council
the work force or one stop
Libries
Public Library
WIC, public health nurses
WIC, Churches, Health Clinic/Fairs
early learning communities
School District
Pediatricians, residents, at the local hospital. Also, nursing students
food banks
with local businesses donating goods and services
department of social services
the private day care systems
Hand in Hand and Parenting Across Cultures
YMCA, VOA, Child Strive
Musuem
centers
Police, Fire Department
dentists



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Immigration Coalition
City officials
BCFS
March of Dimes
Early interventions
Mental Health professionals, school districts, outreach clinics, WIC, St. Mary's,
mental health departments
mental health department
early interventions
Community College
Community Colleges
We have formed community partnerships with Health dept, dentists, churches, school districts
child study teams
domestic violence shelter
What does the Release of Information form look like? Is there one form, or one per agency???
nutritionist
Have a questions for the presenters? Submit via question tab below!
political figures
We have one form with all of our community partners on it. Doctors, dentists, MH so on
One per agency!
We have partnerships with agencies that serve children with disabilities or delays..
Through community partnerships
FLYERS
SeaMare Health/Dental Clinics
community events
some of our partners insist on use of their specialized ROIs and some accept our agency's one
Community Health
Sorry that was our permission to exchange, our ROI is one per provider.
places families congregate--laundromats
Language berries, we have parent meetings, we send home flyers in spanish
community event
United Indians
community events
Communicating in their language. I ask relatives that speak English if they are willing to translate over the phone or in person.
i like the idea of an ipad for face time or even an android for oovoo
Being involved in all aspects possible. Attending events and going on field trips. We also give each family a resource directory that gives each family info on their community
Great points made by Dr. Gonzalez!



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Yes, great points! We need to communicate with the families. It may not be that they don't want to engage, it may be that they don't have time (or any number of reasons).
amen to expanding the definition of diversity
approximately 1/2 of the Tribal Nation children served by HS/EHS are served by programs throughout the majority of the regions.
there is great diversity in Tribal Nations.
Most of our parents work or attend school
Consider diversity also in family make up (two parent families, single, divorced,siblings) as well as where the family lives such as (farm, suburban, inner- city...) There is diversity in every family and not just different cultures!! So every family has it's own culture!
It may sound simple but can't be said enough - relationship building is key to our work!!
I love Dr. Garza!!
Thought provoking statements
I coach family daycare providers and often I hearI don't have different cultures.... so the statement above is what I try to convey
I agree with you Andrea, we have to deal with a lot of diversity... same sex marriages, religion etc
developing a trusting relationship with the parents is the key. If you can get them to trust that you really want to help and understand their situation, they are more relaxed when in conversation.
You used the write word Angenett, "Trust" families need this.
More great points from Dr.Gonzalez!
Thanks, informative session.
Great Session!!!
Thanks..Great session!!!!
Thank you.
Again, thank you for attending!
Thank you
Great point Dr.Gonzalez
Lot's of great info ..Thanks
Thank you.
Great information! Thank you
thank you
Great session and information that you can help us
Thumbs up to coaching and mentoring.
Great information! Thank you presenters. Concept/ practice of the day " Cultural humility as ongoing..."
All sessions will be available on the ECLKC in about 2 weeks.
Yes, good session.
Great information that I can use with coworker and family.
thank you
Thank you, great session!
Thank you



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Awesome presentation
Great information!!
good thoughts and information that we can share with families and staff
Thank you
Good session