

Please, Have a Seat!

SETTING THE TABLE FOR PARENT ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify best practices that foster strong family engagement
- Recognize ways of leveraging parent knowledge, skills, story and talents
- Discern and utilize the interests/experiences/preferences of family members

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FINDING OUR SEATS



DISCOVERIES & OBSERVATIONS



INVITATION

What Gets Family
Members in the Door?



MOTIVATION

Will They Step Up or
Step Out?



BARRIERS

What prevents parents from raising their hand?



Mindful Engagement

Setting a table where all feel welcome

RECRUITMENT

CULTIVATION

DEVELOPMENT

CHAMPION

Recruitment

A close-up photograph of a hand pouring dark coffee from a clear glass pitcher into a white ceramic cup. The cup has a decorative pattern of red and blue floral motifs. The background is softly blurred, showing a person's face and a bright, natural light source.

Why Do Parents Show Up?

- Someone asked/invited me.
- I was encouraged.
- It was at a time/place when/where I could attend.
- I had my own agenda/interests.
- I was thanked/validated.

A glass pitcher on the left is pouring a golden-brown liquid into a tall, faceted glass on the right. The glass is filled with several ice cubes and the liquid is bubbling slightly. The background is plain white.

Cultivation

Successful Parent Involvement Requires Proactive Care:

- New or Stronger Relationships
- Feeling valued
- Being validated
- Contributing

A glass pitcher is pouring water into a white mug. The water is captured in mid-pour, creating a thin stream. The background is a solid light blue color. The word "Development" is overlaid in white text on a dark grey rectangular background.

Development

Accepting Leadership Opportunities:

- Ask!
- Confidence
- Competence
- Support
- Training
- Timing
- Acknowledged

Champion

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a green ceramic teapot with a woven handle, pouring tea into a tray of matching green ceramic cups. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with green foliage.

Some Leaders become Champions:

- Next Level
- Long-term
- Deeply engaged
- Personally invested in the outcome
- Their involvement is a personal priority
- Recruiters

IMPROVING FAMILY ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP BEGINS WITH

Changes at the Table

Parents &
Family
Members
Welcome

Is This Your
First Meeting?

WELCOME!

This seat
is for
Jenny



Family Engagement & Leadership is **MORE** than being welcome at the table.

It's also about feeling **comfortable, included, acknowledged, and a valued contributor** in conversations at the table.



Question?

How will you **prepare the table differently** for families after today's session?

Save Us a Seat!



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