

Current Family Engagement Practices as Shared by Coffee Chat Attendees September 22, 2023



Create an Inclusive Culture

- Required Title I Family Engagement events - academic focused, geared towards families.
- Empathy interviews.
- Listening Circles.
- Personalized greetings - learning family member's name!
- No tardy passes: "Welcome, we are glad you are here."
- 22 Family Advocates completing monthly check ins with highly mobile youth and families.



Build Trusting Relationships

- Positive phone calls home.
- Personal invitations.
- Canvas + Kool Aid.
- Socials.
- Assuming positive intent.
- Fresh start, always.
- No Thursday or Friday folders... moved to Monday to get proactive and spur conversations.



Design Capacity-Building Opportunities

- Monthly professional development community meetings @ district.
- Affirming schools' efforts through congratulatory emails and copying the principal's executive director, asst. sup., or direct supervisor.
- Setting aside time to truly explore ideas from other districts.
- Co-creating with families.
- District role in FSCP.



Dedicate Necessary Resources

- Family liaisons connecting with community partners to provide food, clothing, and other resources/services.
- Community partners as resources.