

Values of Family Engagement

1. Parents are capable of being primary prevention agents for their own children.
2. Families are central and critical to the educational performance of children.
3. Stress and social isolation diminish parental effectiveness; social support increases parental effectiveness.
4. Trusting relationships support the ability of families to access helping resources.
5. Policies and practices of organizations should always support and include parents to enhance the parent-child relationship, rather than undercut or isolate the parent from his or her child.
6. Schools should be welcoming to all families.
7. Alcohol and other drug abuse keep families from succeeding; prevention, intervention, and treatment of the disease of chemical dependency increase success
8. Collaboration across systems to address the needs of children and youth is a necessary and important process.
9. Poverty, racism, linguicism and sexism adversely affect children in their development.
10. And most of all: All parents love their children and want a better life for them.