

*Parent Engagement is a strategy to use to address student achievement. How successful the implementation of the strategy depends on you.*

TOGETHER We Make a Difference

## PEN Beliefs

In order for schools to create strong and effective partnerships with families, it is necessary to believe:

- All parents have dreams for their children and want the best for them.
- All parents have the capacity to support their children's learning.
- Parents and school staff should be equal partners.
- Parental engagement should be linked to learning.
- The responsibility for building partnerships between school and home rests primarily with school staff, especially school leaders.



*\*Adapted from Anne Henderson, Karen Mapp, Vivian Johnson, & Don Davies  
—"Beyond the Bake Sale"*

**O**ur mission is to provide a means of communication, cooperation, and education to parents and professionals who wish to serve and support children with and without disabilities. We aim to help families become more active in their children's learning and education, and obtain better programs and services through advocacy, education and referral.



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## Technical Assistance Menu of Services



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# What is Technical Assistance?

Technical assistance is individualized and customized to the needs of the school, families and communities involved.

## Awareness

- **Parent Engagement Presentation**  
Outline the importance of engaging parents. Provides the framework for the next steps in working with PEN.
- **Family-Friendly Walk Through**  
Work with your parents to tour and assess the friendliness of the environment of your school.
- **PEN Workshops**  
2-hour workshops designed for schools and parents on various topics to meet your unique needs.
- **Policy Scoring Rubrics**  
Rubrics to assess your policies and compacts in relation to Federal Guidelines.
- **Family-School Partnership Contract**  
PEN Contracts offered to fund learning based Family-School Partnership Activity Nights.



## Exploration

- **Work with your Action Team**  
Create new or work with existing team to improve parent engagement.
- **Survey Stakeholders**  
Use existing surveys or customize one to fit your needs.
- **Analyze Survey Results**  
Assist during data collection and analyze results to find areas of concern.
- **Welcoming Walk Through**  
Conduct an in-depth analysis of educational environment.
- **NCA Parent Questions**  
Why wait until your accreditation visit? Find out now what parents will say about your school and work with them to develop a plan of action.
- **Title I Scoring Template**  
Use this scoring template to examine the effectiveness of parent involvement practices.
- **Family Resource Center**  
Create a central point where collaboration on student achievement can take place.

## Commitment

- **Identify Areas of Concern**  
Choose areas to focus on.
- **Engage Your Parents**  
Use survey results to create practices that engage parents in the learning process.
- **Implement Your Plan**  
Develop policies or changes to existing plan that focus on area of concern.
- **Train Your Staff**  
Workshops and follow-up to help your staff engage parents.
- **Train Your Parents**  
2-hour workshops as well as 3 week courses on topics to engage parents in their child's learning.
- **Monitor Your Progress**  
Facilitate progress to keep plans on track. Self-assess to check effectiveness of engagement plan among parents, staff as well as students.
- **Check, Fine-Tune, Re-Assess**  
Implementation of any strategy takes time. In order to fully measure the effectiveness of engagement plan, check progress, fine-tune, re-assess, and if needed change course to get back on track.

*Our Business is*  
**Family-School Partnerships**  
How can we help you?

