

Building Community Relationships

Professional Learning Community



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Today's Intent

- Discover the importance of providing quality resources to families through relationships and partnerships with local organizations.
- Learn how to identify resource organizations, establish personal contacts and find creative ways to build supportive partnerships.
- Discuss ideas to bridge the gap between offering contact information and facilitating quality connections between families and resources.

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Importance of Quality Resource Connections

Family Well-Being - All families benefit from connections to their community.

Social Connections - Community involvement is a predictor of positive outcomes.

Concrete Support in Times of Need - Requires strategy, a plan and ongoing support.

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Activity: Difficult Choices

Understanding the choices our families are forced to make in their daily lives, and how that could impact their ability and/or willingness to access resources.



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Identifying Resources

- 2-1-1.org (United Way)
- Tailor to the needs of your families.
- Ask social workers or counselors in your schools.
- Consider your Community Advisory Committees.

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Developing Creative Partnerships

- Dance or Gymnastics Studio
- Parks & Recreation Departments, Libraries
- Health Related Entities
- Safety Organizations
- Grocery Stores
- Elementary School Special Events
- High School Clubs such as FFA
- WIC, Family Services
- Other Examples



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Community Collaboration is a Two-Way Street

- Participate in and collaborate with other local boards, committees, and workgroups.
- Proactively provide reports and feedback to agencies and organizations responsible for service delivery to families.
- Join community partner groups and advocacy organizations that make policy recommendations.



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Bridging the Gap

- Connect
- Strategize
- Action Plan
- Follow Up
- Parent Feedback (Maintain Confidentiality)
- Document
- Update



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Take Action



What is one thing that you can do this week, this month or this year to build a more intentional relationship with an organization in your community?

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