

BEST PRACTICE RESOURCE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS

We believe parents, families, and caregivers are essential partners in supporting student success. Research finds that strong partnerships between home and school lead to increased academic success and engagement for students.

Evidence: Family Engagement to Support Student Success

The first webinar in the series, **Family Engagement to Support Student Success**, was moderated by **Dr. Karen Mapp, Senior Lecturer on Education at Harvard Graduate School of Education.**



Outcomes For Students

- Higher grades and test scores.
- Better attendance and engagement in class.
- More positive attitudes and behavior.
- Greater sense of self-efficacy and self-esteem.
- Higher graduation rates and college/ postsecondary attendance.



Outcomes for Educators & Schools

- Shift from deficit to asset-based thinking about students and families.
- Increased multicultural awareness and appreciation.
- Creating success, motivating, and engaging students.
- More support from families.
- Stronger morale and professional satisfaction.
- More positive school climate.
- Higher morale and greater teacher retention.
- Improved facilities, curriculum, and programs.
- More responsive to community concerns.
- Better reputation and support from the community



Outcomes for Districts and Communities

- Reduced suspensions and high-risk behaviors.
- Increased family and youth involvement in site-based decisions.
- Expanded mental and physical health resources leading to improved health.
- High levels of participation in after-school programs.
- Increased high school graduation rates.



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Learnings from Bright Spots

The webinar showcased examples that demonstrated deep partnerships between school districts and organizations to support academic success through family engagement, including:

- [Alejandro Gibes de Gac, Springboard Collaborative;](#)
- [Carlen Powell, Los Angeles Unified School District;](#)
- [Vidya Sundaram, Family Engagement Lab;](#)
- [Elisabeth O'Bryon, Family Engagement Lab;](#) and
- [Willa Smith, DeSoto Parish School Board.](#)



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