

A New Look at Family Engagement

Successful Family, School and Community Engagement

Did You Know?



- ▶ Title I is the largest of the federally funded programs.
- ▶ That 1% of your Title I funds are to be used for family engagement.



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What is Family Engagement?

- ▶ Communicating effectively
- ▶ Support students success
- ▶ Collaborating with parents and staff
- ▶ Active interest in education of all students
- ▶ Being involved– staying involved



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What Does Family Engagement Look Like?

- Dr. Joyce Epstein has identified six types of involvement:
- Parenting
- Communicating
- Volunteering
- Learning at home
- Decision making
- Collaborating with community

A large green graphic of a house with a chimney on the right side. Inside the house, there is a silhouette of a family consisting of a man, a woman, and a child, all holding hands. The man is on the left, the woman is on the right, and the child is in the center. The entire scene is set against a white background with a blue and black decorative shape in the bottom left corner.

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Leadership

Family Advocates

- Family Advocates in all Title I schools (20)
- Family Advocates serve as the link between home, school and community



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Collaboration

Parent/Family Committee

- ▶ select committee
- ▶ nurture school and family partnership
- ▶ capture committee goals
- ▶ plan course of action
- ▶ implementation



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Henrico Federal Programs Advisory Council (HFPAC)

What:

- Title I district wide parent advisory council

Purpose:

- Engaging and empowering families

Function:

- Planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluation

Composition:

- ▶ Families of PK–5th grade students, community representatives, principals, a school board representative



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School Family Engagement Committee (SFEC)

- school based parent committee
- PK through 5th grade parents eligible
- planned in collaboration with family advocate, parents and teachers
- child care and transportation offered
- participate in workshops/trainings and Fatherhood activities



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Collaboration

- ▶ identify the culture of your school
- ▶ identify goals
- ▶ collaborate: set the stage
- ▶ familiarize and engage



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Communication

How do you communicate with over 500+ families in your school?



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Henrico Fatherhood Committee



- ▶ created in 2008
- ▶ served men of K–5 students at our 20 Title I schools
- ▶ now, through braided funding, includes PK
- ▶ Passport to Success Challenge
- ▶ theme: **Real Men Man Up,**
- ▶ 5 workshops to support fathers
- ▶ and male role models

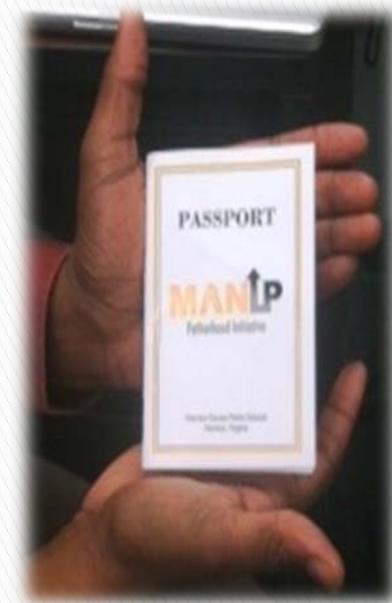


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Henrico Fatherhood Committee MAN UP

Workshop topics:

- Relationship Building and Blended Families
- Men's Health and Wellness
- Discipline vs. Punishment
- Test Preparation
- Decision Making and Image



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