

Parent Involvement: Keys to Success
A podcast series from the Appalachia Regional Comprehensive Center

Parent Involvement in Schools: Engaging Parents as Partners
 Listener's Guide

Key idea: Parent education is important to actively engaging parents in their child's learning.

Key Information	Notes
Activities for schools to engage parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide training for parents on new curricula or teaching methods. • Translate information into several languages. • Inform parents of how to interpret school data. • Role play with parents to help them ask questions about academics. • Establish a parent resource center. • Provide services, such as child care and transportation, to encourage participation in school events. 	
Strategies for SEAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide professional development to school and district staff, to teach them strategies to use in workshops for parents. • Provide sample schedules and examples of school events. • Expose schools to positive examples of parent workshops that are being used successfully throughout the state. 	

Resources

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