



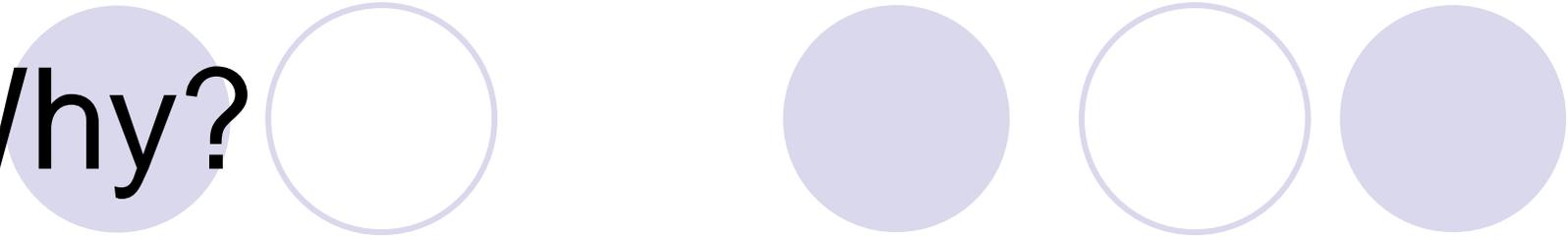
Action Team for Partnerships

Action Team Structure

Essential Elements for Program of Partnerships

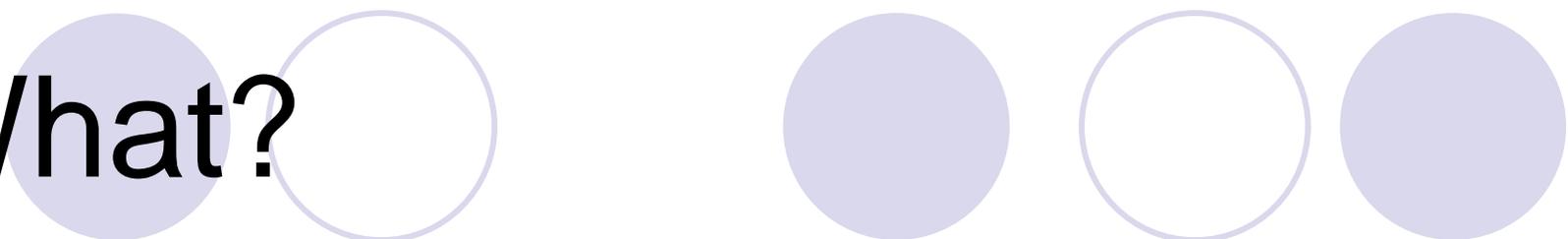


- Identify Action Team for Partnerships
- Use the Six Types of Involvement Framework
- Write a One-Year Action Plan for Partnerships
- Evaluate your program



Why?

- No longer left to chance or to one parent or educator, a program of family and community involvement must be planned and implemented by an Action Team for Partnerships (ATP)



What?

- Action Team for Partnerships is a committee of educators, parents, and community partners who work together to engage all families and the community in productive ways.

Action Team for Partnerships: Focus on Goals

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM

ACTION TEAM for SCHOOL, FAMILY, and COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Academic Goal 1

Draw from the
six types of
involvement to
meet this goal.

Academic Goal 2

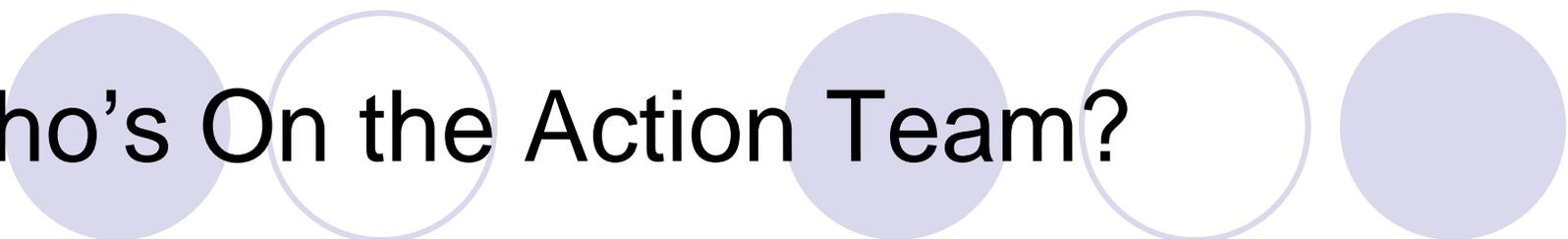
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Non-Academic Goal 3

Attendance,
character building,
no bullying, etc.

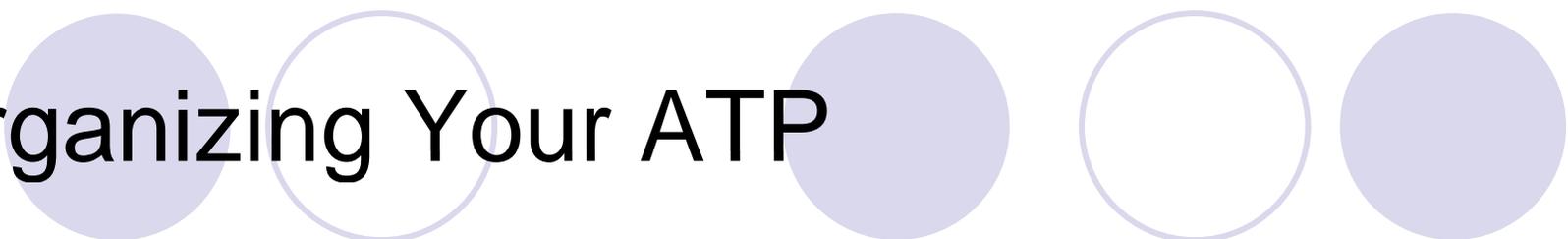
Partnership Goal 4

Efforts must be
continual



Who's On the Action Team?

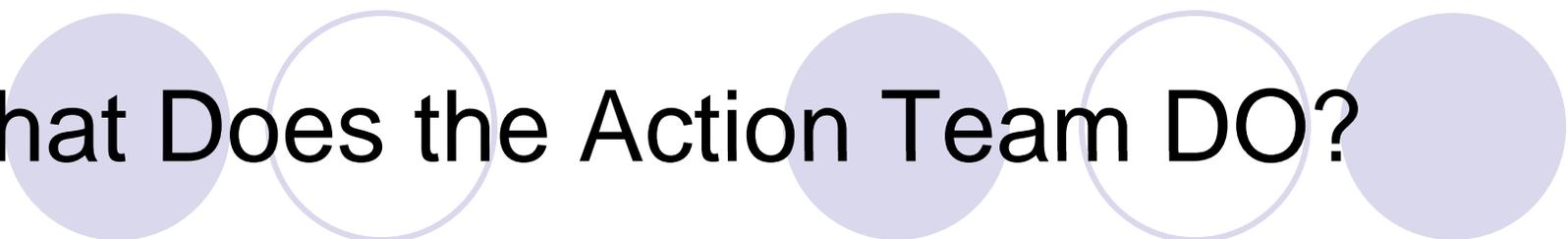
- 2-3 parents, different grades
- 2-3 teachers, different grades
- Principal
- Other school staff: school counselor, aide, lunch/maintenance staff, bus driver
- Liaisons from school improvement team, PTA/O, full faculty
- Community members



Organizing Your ATP

- Who should be the members and co-chairs?
- When will the ATP meet?
- How long will the meetings be?
- How can information be shared with absent members?
- Which groups need to know about the work of the ATP?

Film clip and Handout



What Does the Action Team DO?

- Communicate with each other, school staff/committees, families and community
- Conduct useful meetings with agendas
- Gather information, build consensus, make decisions collegially
- Plan activities linked to school goals
- Identify areas to improve, new members
- Evaluate, celebrate and recognize!



Establish Your Base of Knowledge

- What are your school goal(s)?
- What groups in your school community work with families?
- What major activities or events do they conduct for or with families?
- What grants, programs, or initiatives do you have in your school related to partnerships (Title I, NCLB, special education, REACH, VISTA, SAGE)?

handout



One-Year Action Plan

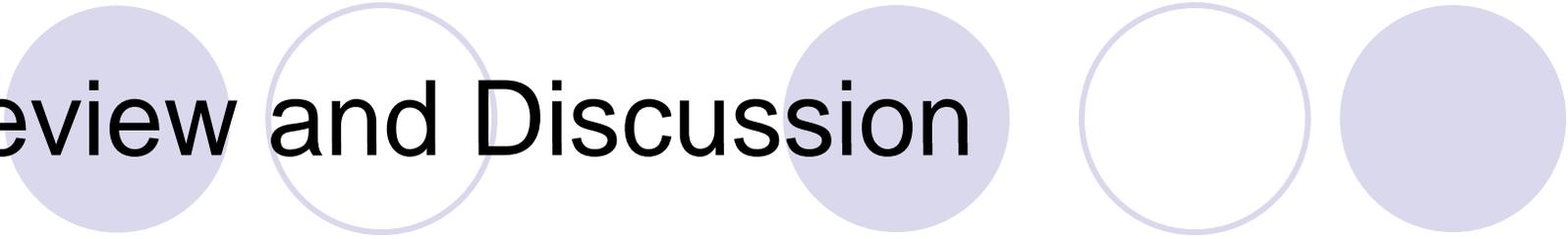
Links to Goals in the School
Improvement Plan

With your team, obtain reactions to
and ideas from the School
Improvement Team, PTA/PTO,
faculty, parents, and others

Essentials for Writing One-Year Action Plan



- Goals targeted
- Grade levels involved
- Dates
- Resources, preparations needed
- Persons in charge and enlist help
- Evaluation tools to gauge results of planned activities.



Review and Discussion

What does it take to develop
and sustain an Excellent
School-Based Partnership
Program?



Ten Steps to Success

1. Create Action Team for Partnerships
2. Obtain funds and official support
3. Provide training to Action Team members
4. Identify Starting Points
5. Develop a vision (where do we want to be in 3 years?)



Ten Steps to Success (continued)

6. Write a 1-Year Action Plan
7. Enlist staff, students, and community to help conduct activities
8. Evaluate implementation and results
9. Conduct annual celebrations & report results
10. Continue toward a a comprehensive, ongoing program of partnerships