

## Type 1: Parenting

Schools help families build parenting strengths and skills, and schools work to understand families. Schools strengthen parent networks and support systems so families can care for and guide their children.

### Sample Practices

- Develop workshops, videotapes, and newsletter articles on parenting and child development at each age and grade level
- Sponsor parent education or training for parents, such as family literacy or GED
- Establish programs that help families with health, nutrition, and parenting issues, including clothing and book drives, food co-ops, and parent groups
- Host parent forums for schools to hear families' ideas, concerns, and priorities
- Ask families in surveys or conferences to share information about their children's goals, strengths, and talents.
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### Challenges

- Provide in many ways information to all families who want or need it, not only the few able to attend workshops or meetings at school.
- Invite families to share information with the school about their children, background, culture, talents, goals, and needs.