# Building Relationships & Connections to Close the Achievement Gap







## In some instances positive student-teacher relations led to less likely drop out rates:



In some cases an 86 % decrease in the odds of dropping out

Lee & Burkam 2001



"Regardless of how school bonding is conceptualized, high levels of school bonding have been consistently associated with positive youth outcomes, including academic outcomes, such as increased academic motivation, self-efficacy, and higher grade point averages"

Oelsner, Lippold, and Greenberg 2011



"Researchers have found student engagement a robust predictor of student achievement and behavior in school, regardless of socioeconomic status. Students engaged in school are more likely to earn higher grades and test scores, and have lower drop-out rates. In contrast, students with low levels of engagement are at risk for a variety of long-term adverse consequences, including disruptive behavior in class, absenteeism, and dropping out of school."

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Klem and Connell 2004

## Student-Teacher Relationships Strategies

- Angel List
- Celebrate Success
- Classroom Culture
- Cultural Competency
- Extended Time
- Honor Students as Individuals

- Reclaim Unstructured Time
- Acknowledge Students for Accomplishments
- Talent Management
- Mentor Students
- Schoolwide-Behavior System

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### Strategy Jigsaw/Conceptualize (10 min.)

- Working at your table develop a brief description of the strategy that your group is focusing on.
- Create a list of different ways that you can see this strategy implemented in your classroom/program (try to develop ways in which this can be imbedded in the program)
- Assign a spokesperson to share your tables conclusions





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