

# **Ideas for Partnering with Parents**

## **Opportunities to promote the education of the child at home and at school- Partnering with Parents**

- ❖ Host family nights to focus on the academic goals of the schoolwide plan.
- ❖ Enlist parents to participate on schoolwide committees.
- ❖ Ask parents to come to the school to present on areas of expertise.
- ❖ Assess parents to identify adult education classes in technology, the arts, and areas of their academic interest.
- ❖ Design parenting book clubs-ask an interested parent to coordinate the club and provide the school as a meeting place for parents to read interesting parenting books.
- ❖ Have a movie club. Each month, choose a particular movie that parents and students can watch together at school or at home. Then host an activity night at the school that relates to the movie or education.
- ❖ Set goals for student learning with parents (could be done as part of the compact process).
- ❖ If there is a need, consider having classes at the school for parents to attain their GED or, if possible, by partnering with a technical college.
- ❖ Provide childcare for all events hosted at the school.
- ❖ Have a homework club involving parents.

## **Information parents can use at home**

- ❖ Send home information parents can use through the school newsletter.
- ❖ Go over the basics of scientific-based research with parents, especially regarding techniques that would be used in the home.
- ❖ Set goals for student learning at a parent meeting (possibly at a parent-teacher conference), include responsibilities for parents and give clear information (maybe with handouts) on what they can do to meet their responsibilities.
- ❖ Organize backpack reading programs.
- ❖ Organize a movie month program-similar to the backpack reading program, design activity kits that go with certain movies. Parents and students can watch the movie together, then do educational activities that somehow align with the movie content. Examples could include reading books that have a similar theme or topic, writing activities, games, etc.
- ❖ Send assessment results (more than basic report cards) to parents. Include specific activities they could do at home to assist in weak areas identified in their child's assessment results.