To build and enhance the capacity of staff/families in the “4 C” areas:
- Capabilities (skills and knowledge)
- Connections (networks)
- Cognition (beliefs)
- Confidence (self-efficacy)

Lack of opportunities for School/Program Staff to build the capacity for partnerships

Lack of opportunities for Families to build the capacity for partnerships

Effective Family-School Partnerships

Families who can negotiate multiple roles
Supporters
Encouragers
Monitors
Advocates
Decision Makers
Collaborators

School and Program Staff who can
Honor and recognize families’ funds
knowledge
Connect family engagement
student learning
Create welcoming, inviting cultures

Relational Development vs. service orientation
Collaborative Interactive

Systemic across the organization State Proclamation (Colorado)
Purposely designed as a core component of state educational goals

Capabilities Family Engagement Resource Providers (FERP) Project
The U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Elementary and Secondary Education provides nation-wide family engagement support to State Education Agencies (SEAs) and their 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) through implementation of the Family Engagement Resource Providers (FERP) Project. Family engagement experts develop relationships and collaborate with SEAs and CCLC grantees to provide high-quality technical assistance. FERPs offer effective ways to engage families and strengthen partnerships between families, CCLC OST (out-of-school time) programs, schools, and communities. These partnerships ultimately support the academic enrichment of students who attend CCLC programs.

Decision Makers Family and School Partnership in Education Month (Colorado)
Parents/families become a part of the decision making process in the educational options for their children, school and community

Honor and recognize Maryland Parent Involvement Matters Award (PIMA)
The program is the first of its kind in the nation to shine a spotlight on parents and those with legal responsibility for a child who have had a positive impact on public schools.

Connect family engagement to student learning Learning Matters
Podcast of Maria Paredes explaining the essential six components involved in Academic Parent Teacher Teams.

Capabilities Strategies to Build Partnerships, Creative Ways to Engage Families, Lessons Learned
What does each individual, parent or teacher, bring to the table to enhance the home/school partnership?

Connections Family Engagement Infographic Research
What connections or relationships has an individual built within the school, home and community?

Cognition Diversity Makes You Brighter, Understanding Our Diverse Students By Understanding Ourselves First
What are my assumptions, beliefs, and worldviews of different groups of people?

Lack of Opportunity The Hechinger Report
Capitol Hill panel discussion revealed that teachers are not prepared to work with families of diverse populations.

Build Capacity of School/Program Staff Parent Empowerment Toolkit (Texas)
A step-by-step guide on how to build capacity with teachers, administrators and parents

Linked to Learning Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT)
APTT provides parents with information to be effective partners in the education of their children.

Relational Home Visits
Teachers visit the homes of their students to learn parents’ aspirations for their children.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION’S Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships