

A Strong Parent Voice + New Engagement Ideas = Student Success







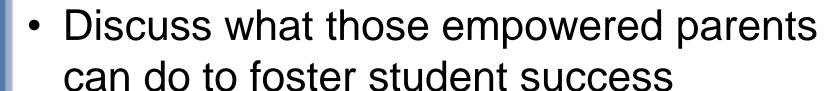
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Session Objectives

- Define transformative family engagement and see PTA's new initiatives in the field
- Discover Ohio PTA's model for developing more effective parent representation and participation











Family Engagement Matters

Students whose parents are involved are more likely to...

Earn higher grades and test scores

Pass their classes

Attend school regularly

Have better social skills

Graduate and go on to postsecondary

education







See: USDOE Partners in Education: Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships





PTA Framework

National Standards for Family-School Partnerships









Center for Family Engagement



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National PTA® Initiative

We aim to increase demand for transformative family engagement among PTA members and leaders, policymakers, and educators by building and supporting grassroots parent leaders to champion transformative family engagement practices and policies.

everychild.one voice."









Current Focus

- Research/Best Practices
- Statewide Leadership Pilot
- National Fellows
- ESSA
- Family Engagement
 Centers/Funding







A Shared Effort

When parents and education officials are equally respected partners in facilitating student success...

The result is community and culturally appropriate family engagement programs that meet the needs of every student.











Why Professional Development for Parent Leaders?

As the state level parent voice, we wanted more effective participation through

- Increased respect for parent leaders
- Broader representation
- Access to our members' expertise







Ohio PTA System

A model featuring...

- Preparation and education
- Ongoing support
- Evaluation

that is evolving and adaptable for multiple levels and situations.











Preparation

Issue education

Committee/governance structure

Challenges







Meeting Protocol





Issue Education

- Resolutions and position statements
- Background information
- Past materials from the committee
- Materials from related committees
- Survey members/parents











Committee/Governance Structure

- Purpose
- Scope
- Other stakeholders/participants
- Use of output







Challenges for Parent Leaders

- Location
- Meeting schedule
- Education jargon
- Cost reimbursement









Meeting Protocol

Format

- Formal parliamentary procedure
- Agenda, minutes
- Informal discussions
- Internet use/availability









Ongoing Support

- Post-Meeting updates
- Lifeline(s)
- Additional resources/input



Manage expectations



Post-committee debrief







Education Organizations Takeaways

Are you providing parents...

- •A welcoming environment?
- •Background information/resources?
- A meeting schedule inclusive of all committee members?











Education Organization Takeaways

Are you providing parents...

- •Equitable cost reimbursement?
- •Feedback to members on use of output?
- •Feedback to parent group leader?









Empowered parent leaders who are ready to be an effective voice...How can you involve them in your family engagement efforts?









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