



2022-2023 Montana Executive Leadership Academy Unit 4 Course Learning Plan - Cohort 2

Date: November 3 & 4, 2022

Course Title: Family and Community as Partners in Education

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Course Description: In this session, participants will explore authentic collaboration with families in a shared coalition to strengthen the school ethos and support student success. To accomplish this, participants will practice how to mobilize families and community partners as allies, engage them in the school community, and partner with them as agents to cultivate sustained school improvement. Participants will also examine how to improve the perception among families that schools are transparent and open with a focus on student learning.

Course Outcomes:

- Collaborate with families in a shared coalition to strengthen school ethos and student success.
- Mobilize families and community partners as allies and engage them in the school community in the past, during the covid-19 pandemic, and in the future.
- Partner with families as agents to cultivate sustained school improvement.
- Improve the perception among families that schools are transparent and open.

Pre-Readings/Preparation:

- Read "Can new forms of parent engagement be an education game changer post-COVID-19?" by Rebecca Winthrop.
- Read "Embracing a New Normal: Toward a More Liberatory Approach to Family Engagement" by Karen L. Mapp and Eyal Bergman.
- Read "Parents Are Watching Like Never Before. 'Trust Us' Isn't Enough" by Sonja Brookins Santelises.

Content/Activities:

- Welcome, Intros, Norms, Objectives
- Definition of Family Engagement
- Summary of the Research: The "Why" of Engagement for Students and Families
- The Barriers to Engagement
- Academic Goals Exercise
- Core Beliefs
- Dual Capacity Building Framework
- Phone Call Home Interactive Exercise
- Linked to Learning Interactive Exercise
- Organizational Conditions, 4Cs and Outcomes
- Practicing the Process Conditions
- Repurposing Interactive Exercise
- Glows and Grows Exercise
- Q/A, Wrap-up, Closing thoughts

