



Teaming Strategies for Educators and Parents

EDUCATORS:

- ❖ Recognize parents as valued partners in education.
- ❖ Include parents from the beginning.
- ❖ Identify what supports parents may need in order to participate.
- ❖ Furnish reports/information in advance.
- ❖ Provide an agenda, ask for additions from parents.
- ❖ Include parents in prioritizing the agenda.
- ❖ Allow parents sufficient time to address issues/ask questions.
- ❖ Furnish parents with copies of minutes.
- ❖ Be respectful of confidentiality.
- ❖ Include parents in the decision making process.
- ❖ Minimize professional jargon.
- ❖ If people look confused, take the time to explain.
- ❖ Recognize the expertise parents have, not only regarding their child but also their expertise from their personal and professional lives.
- ❖ Thank parents for their participation.

PARENTS:

- ❖ Identify barriers to your participation and offer solutions.
- ❖ Be an active participant.
- ❖ Recognize the expertise and commitment and offer solutions.
- ❖ In general team meetings, limit personal issues.
- ❖ Respect confidentiality.
- ❖ Ask questions if you need more information.
- ❖ Focus on the positive.
- ❖ Educate yourself on the process.
- ❖ Thank team members for their effort on your child's behalf.