

Five Resources for Family Engagement: Parent Leadership

Engaging families to support student learning is an important role for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC). Empower parents in your program to be strong leaders. These five free resources will provide you with examples and tools to promote parent leadership.

1. **Partnerships for Change: Listening to the Voices of Families, What is a Parent Leader?** From the Georgia Department of Education, this resource that describes parent leaders and how parents can take steps to become leaders. <https://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Documents/Parent%20Leadership.pdf>
2. **Six YouTube Videos to Inspire Parent Leadership**
 - Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) (Flamboyant Foundation) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYNsWrFIyF>
 - Parent /Teacher Relationships (Flamboyant Foundation) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbyhao0FtaQ>
 - TED Talks – Building Relationships Between Parents and Teacher (Minnesota Teacher of the Year 2013) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kin2OdchKMQ>
 - TED Talks – A Parent’s Wishes for His Child’s Teachers (Superintendent- West Vancouver) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzvrDkzKyl8>
 - Family Engagement = Student Success (Learning Leaders) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwEPv2ob_Ql
3. **Partnerships for Change: Listening to the Voices of Families from the National Center on Parent, Family and Community Engagement** This video shows how one program effectively partners with families and local organizations to build a strong community. <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/family/partnership.html>
4. **NBC Education Nation, Parent Toolkit** This website is full of resources to empower parents with knowledge about children’s journey through academic and social development from PK-12. <http://www.parenttoolkit.com/>
5. **Building Local Leadership for Change: A National Scan of Parent Leadership Training Programs** This is a link to a report by Anne Henderson who describes four successful parent leadership training programs around the country, each with a different focus: leadership training, immigrant families, child learning support, and understanding and navigating the educational system. <http://annenberginstitute.org/publication/building-local-leadership-change-national-scan-parent-leadership-training-programs>