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# Increasing African American and Latino Parental Involvement in School

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# Involving Our Parents Presentation Handout

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Obstacles To Parental Involvement</b></p> <p>Lack of Trust in School Officials</p> <p>Feelings of Inadequacy</p> <p>Feel Their Input Is Not Necessary or Wanted</p> <p>Language Barrier</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advantages To Involved Parents</b></p> <p>Students Improve Academically</p> <p>Higher Graduation Rates</p> <p>Greater Enrollment in Post-Secondary Education</p> <p>Teachers Hold Higher Opinion of Parents</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Promising Initiatives</b></p> <p>Operation Home Front</p> <p>Cultural Competency</p> <p>Jamaica Plain Parenting Initiative</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Are You Communicating Effectively</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">If you don't know where you're going, take any road...</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">"If You Build It, They Will Come"</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Effective Schools</b></p> <p>Give Parents A Reason To Keep In Touch</p> <p>Establish Strategic Partnerships</p> <p>Involve Parents In Decision Making</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What Can Educators Do</b></p> <p>Expand Your Resource Pool</p> <p>Maintain Your Optimism</p> <p>Refuse To Become Toxic</p>