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Engaging Families in School Reform, Student Achievement, and Discipline Prevention

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Objectives

For traditionally “disengaged” and “at-risk” families, increase their degree of engagement in the following:

- Student achievement
- School reform
- Discipline prevention

Student Achievement and Family Engagement: Asking the Right Questions

- Priority: What is (academically) important?
- Message: How can we personalize the message?

Student Achievement and Family Engagement: Strategies

- Priority
 - What do I want a family prioritize?
- Message
 - Preferred means of communication
 - Personalize the invitation and follow-up
 - Don't be afraid to talk to subgroups

School Reform and Family Engagement: Asking the Right Questions

- Where are our gaps in school improvement and family engagement?
- How can we invite families to help us in this work (keep it simple!)?

School Reform and Family Engagement: Strategies

- Degrees of engagement – from bake sales to mentorship
- Create family profiles – hidden talents?
- Build capacity within the community

Discipline Prevention and Family Engagement: Asking the Right Questions

- The cycle of failure created by ISS/OSS
- Proactive opportunities?
- Reactive interventions?

Discipline Prevention and Family Engagement: Strategies

- Alternatives to ISS/OSS
- Proactive
 - Early identification of students
 - Home visits
- Reactive
 - Include families as part of the discipline consequences

AND THE FINAL CONSIDERATION...

School Administration

THANK YOU!!

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