

### Building Parent Capacity in Title I Schools

"The Somerset County Model"

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### Where Are You From?

Read the poem by George Ella Lyon.

On the back write down a few lines describing where you are from.

Be prepared to share with your table friends.



## What does Parent Involvement mean? What does it look like?

Choose a card from the table that best relates to your idea of parent involvement.

Discuss your card with your table friends.

Choose one card from your table
to share with the entire group.





## Building Relationships County-wide Efforts

- "Miles to Go"
- •Town Hall Meetings
- County Parent Advisory Meetings (C-PAC)
  - •SECAC Special Ed parents

### School-wide Efforts

- PTA/PTO meetings
  - •SIT meetings
  - PAC meetings



### **Building Relationships**

Before School Home Visits
Positive Referral Programs
During School Visits
"Parents as Partners"
Volunteer Program
Open Door Policy – for real!!
Translations / translators available as needed
Parent Bulletin Boards





### Relevance

Documentation – SANE

Focus on the notes / feedback

Home School Compact

Use of document included in evaluation

Parent Involvement Policy

Multiple opportunities for input

School Websites

Links to important information

School and Classroom Newsletters

Translated as needed



### <u>Rigor</u>

# Parents as Partners Meetings Parent Collaborations SIT meetings

All staff included

Goals and Data kept in front of ALL staff and parents Student and teacher incentives for parent attendance (not \$\$)

Data and goals visible in the buildings





### What makes it all work?

#### Leadership meetings

Informational
Collaborative decision-making
Open, two-way communication CO - Schools

FIC visible in all Title I schools

Central Office visible at SIT meetings

Technical support on-going

"Whatever It Takes" attitude across the board

Leading by example Healthy competition



### What makes it all work?

Strong leadership teams in the schools

Team building at all levels

Culture of respect and support

"We are in this together"

Honest discussions

Program Monitoring reports

Expectations







### <u>Table Talk</u>

What new ideas have you heard today?

How can these ideas be used in your school(s) or county?

What additional resources would you need to implement any of these strategies?



### Thank you for your attendance today!



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