

# Engaging Families and Community

In an [equitable, multi-level system of supports](#), families and communities are active partners and key collaborators in achieving success for every learner.



## Defining elements of family and community engagement:

- Create a welcoming environment
- Be respectful of families' home cultures, values, and languages
- Recognize families as first teachers of, and foremost experts on, their child
- Include families as meaningful participants in school-level decision making
- Seek out family perspectives through two-way communication, especially from underserved populations
- Authentically partner to find solutions and make decisions that impact the child's learning
- Empower families through respectful relationships, information and resources, and by connecting families with community assets
- Beyond the limits of the school day and school year, collaborate with community agencies to create more comprehensive and accessible supports for learners and families
- Build cultural and linguistic bridges between families and the system

## Six resources for engaging with families and your community:

1. Webpage: [Wisconsin RtI Center Family Engagement](#)
2. Carnegie Report: [Engaging Families to Transform Education](#)
3. Windshield Survey: [Know the Communities](#)
4. How To (for parents): [Rock Your Parent-Teacher Conference](#)
5. PDF: [Aligning and Integrating Family Engagement in PBIS](#)
6. Videos: [Department of Public Instruction: Family and Community Engagement](#)