YOUNG MINDS MATTER:
Communities Connecting for Well-being

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Strengthening family and community engagement for well-being

Exploring social connectedness

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Today We Will…….

• Discuss the importance of parent engagement in community partnerships

• Identify barriers and challenges to parent engagement

• Understand the impact of cultural competence in supporting all community members

• Identify initial steps and strategies for partnering with parents
The Lion’s Story

Until the story of the hunt is told by the Lion, the tale of the hunt will always glorify the hunter.

~African Proverb
WHY PARENT ENGAGEMENT MATTERS

• It’s where WE live
• We ARE the community
• My voice COUNTS
• We don’t know what we DON’T know
CAN YOU BAKE A CAKE?
BARRIERS & CHALLENGES TO ENGAGING PARENTS

• System’s messages and practices
• Language
• Parent/caregiver’s perceptions
• Youth messages
WHY CULTURE MATTERS

• More than race and ethnic background
• Ongoing learning process
• What makes you different
• How we live, laugh, love and worship
Places and Spaces

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Where Do We Start?
BRIDGING THE GAP

Who are the People in Your Neighborhood

• Who are you already connected to
  • How are you connected
  • Trusted messengers
  • What does this connection look like