

# Family Engagement Minute December 2020

## What is Family Engagement?

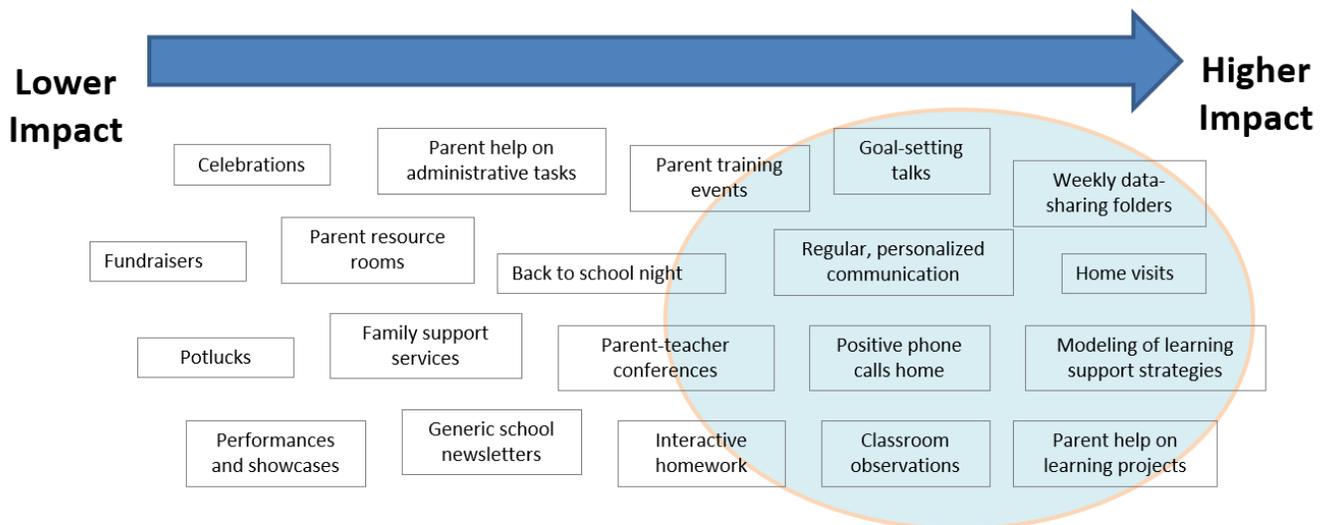
“Family Engagement is a full, equal, and equitable partnership among families, educators and community partners to promote children’s learning and development from birth through college and career.” -Ann Henderson & Judy Carson

### Quick Tip:

Make a list of all the family engagement strategies, models, examples, etc. happening at your LEA or school level. Compare the strategies with the US Department Education’s Framework of Family Engagement to see where it falls on the spectrum. <https://www.ed.gov/parent-and-family-engagement>

## High Impact Family Engagement

USDOE Framework: Family Engagement Should Be Relational, Should Build Capacity Of Families And Staff, And Be Linked to Learning



Courtesy of Flamboyan Foundation

### Evidence Based Model:

Model	Description	Cost
Padres Comprometidos	The program helps parents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand the United States public school system.</li> </ul>	\$15,000  Contact: Unidos US

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop goals for their children to ensure they attend college.</li> <li>• Understand the academic requirements for college readiness.</li> <li>• Model behaviors at home that encourage and promote learning.</li> </ul> <p>These programs are designed to reach parents who traditionally are not connected to the schools because of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linguistic and cultural reasons</li> <li>• Economic background</li> <li>• Negative perception schools may have about parents or vice versa</li> </ul> <p>Unfamiliarity with parent engagement in the school</p>	<p>Phone: 202-785-1670  Email: info@unidosus.org  Address: 1126 16th St. NW Suite 600 Washington, DC 20036</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Sheryl Ellsworth  Utah State Board of Education  Family/Community Engagement Specialist  250 E 500 S   PO BOX 144200  SLC, UT 84114-4200  sheryl.ellsworth@schools.utah.gov  o: 801-538-7733</p>
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**Anecdotal Success Story:**

“It [Padres Comprometidos] is a great program that centers parents’/families’ experiences in the training modules. It is a great start to understanding how the school system works. The training is good. Parents felt more informed after the class. I think it is the best thing out there for the cost. However even after a training, results always depended on good implementation, the people teaching the class, and their capacity to build a community of parents.” Jenny Mayer-Glenn, Director of University Neighborhood Partners and former Family/Community Engagement Director, Salt Lake City School District

**Guiding Questions:**

What family engagement strategies are working at your school? What new strategies or models would you be willing to implement? What strategies are not having the intended or desired impacts that you could revisit or discontinue?