

Parent Empowerment

Changing the Way We Do Business in the Village through Parent/Family Empowerment

The research on parental involvement is clear: when parents are more actively and meaningfully involved in their child's education, many successes are experienced by the child. The trouble is how can schools and parent groups encourage greater parent and caregiver involvement? *Changing the Way We Do Business in the Village through Parent/Family Empowerment* points to some ways schools and parent/child advocacy organizations can promote parent and family involvement. Any section of *Changing the Way We Do Business in the Village through Parent/Family Empowerment* can serve as a stand-alone presentation, or all sections can be used to create a series of trainings on parental and family involvement. Each module is ~90 minutes in length.

- **Self Esteem** - This session takes a look at how a child's self-esteem impacts his/her classroom achievement. Participants will also see how the self-esteem level of the parent determines school success.
- **Managing Behavior/Self-Discipline** - Practical, effective uses of discipline in the home can make all the difference in how well children perform academically and behaviorally in the classroom. Participants will see the correlation between home practices around discipline and school achievement.
- **Effective Parent/Teacher Conferences** - Parent/Teacher conferences do not have to be uncomfortable, series of negative exchanges between the parent and teacher. This necessary school-parent interaction can be handled through easy-to-use steps by parents interested in creating productive, useful conferences with their child's teachers.
- **Home Study Skills** – Participants will understand the parent's role in engaging their child in activities that help develop the skills needed to function successfully in a classroom. Learn how to develop organizational skills, time-management skills and active study strategies.
- **Language Development** - Participants will discover how influential the home is in preparing children to speak, write and use other forms of communicating thought. Language is not happenstance! It's developed!
- **Knowledge is Power** - Parents and families can be successful as partners with their child's school-given what they know about education matters. This session gives participants timely information about education policy and state and federal legislative mandates that impact all of North Carolina's children. This is a valuable session for parents, community leaders and schools who are trying to forge a meaningful partnership.