

Building Blocks: Connections

Family Resource Centers Link Parents

A resource center provides a place that offers parents links with peer support from other parents. It is a place to associate classroom learning with home learning. It serves as a meeting place for parents and other family members. The center is a source of information and connection with community resources that can serve to meet family needs, provide service learning opportunities, and form partnerships that focus on student success.

Family Resource Center

Welcome center for families that enhances partnerships

- Serve as a gathering place
- Networking and drop-in place
- Information hub and resource library
- Community connections
- Engage families with children's education
- Materials to support student learning and success



- Workshops and trainings
- Coordinate family-school-community activities
- Meet with Solid Foundation team (parents, staff and community partners)
- Align team work with Title I parental involvement regulations
- Address school issues and community concerns



Reading • Studying • Respect • Responsibility

Solid Foundation is a school-based team process that helps:

- Strengthen family-school connections
- Engage parents in their children's learning
- Improve student, academic and social learning



Check out the Solid Foundation Resource Menu at <http://www.adi.org/inventory/ResourceMenu.aspx>.
Connection More Resources for a Welcoming Place (p.48)



Best Practices

Source: *Beyond the Bake Sale: The Essential Guide to Family-School Partnerships*. New York, NY: The New Press.

Author: Henderson, Anne T., Mapp, Karen L., Johnson, Vivian, R., & Davies, Don. (2007), pp. 7-72

Establish a Family Center

"A family center can give a school a whole new approach to engage and inform families."

"Family Centers are just as important in middle and high school as they are in elementary schools."

The Pennsylvania Parent Information and Resource Center (PA PIRC) is offering each Solid Foundation school-community team that completes a second plan process (based on the findings of a second survey) the opportunity to apply for up to \$500 to establish or strengthen a Family Resource Center in its school. PA PIRC will reimburse approved purchases made prior to August 31, 2011.

Please review the information at the PA PIRC website at www.Center-School.org/pirc-frc to determine if you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity for your school community.

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