Exploring the Myth of Hard-to-Reach Families:

Maximizing Family Partnership Through Intentional Communication

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# Resource List

1. The Journey Website
   * A series of brief webinars spotlighting transition planning tools and resources https://ohioemploymentfirst.org/view.php?nav\_id=484

1. The Ohio State University – Statewide Family Engagement Center Resources
   * School Surveys. This is a list of family surveys and checklists that schools can use to measure family perceptions of the school. It is organized into a table, with example surveys below the table. https://ohiofamiliesengage.osu.edu/2019/08/15/family-surveys-for-schools-touse/
   * District Surveys. Here you will find two examples of surveys that districts have sent to all families.

https://ohiofamiliesengage.osu.edu/2020/03/31/communication-examplecheck-in-survey-to-send-all-families-in-a-district/

* Handbook of School-Family Partnerships. A classic read for shifting towards modern family engagement practice. While the field has continued to evolve beyond this text, it provides a strong foundation for current concepts and practice.

https://www.amazon.com/Handbook-School-Family-Partnerships-Sandra-

Christenson/dp/0415963761

1. Why Do Parents Become Involved in Their Children’s Education?

Implications for School Counselors. Don’t let the School Counselor part fool you. This article is a practical read for any family engagement practitioner looking for some opportunities to apply the Hoover-Dempsy Sandler Model for Family Engagement.

https://ohiofamiliesengage.osu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Why-do-Parents-

Become-Involved.pdf

1. Building Trust with Families Through Attendance Letters. Again, don’t be fooled by the topic. The tool inside of this resource can be applied to any communication you are sending home to families. Like we explored today, use that tool to ensure that your communications are family-friendly. <https://ohiofamiliesengage.osu.edu/2021/08/27/build-trust-with-families-throughattendance-letters/>
2. MTSS and Family Engagement Resources. Here you will find copies of the note catcher we used today and further information about how a multi-tiered system of support framework can be applied to your family engagement practice. https://ohiofamiliesengage.osu.edu/multi-tiered-approach-to-family-engagement/