

Strategies that Facilitate Family Engagement

Addressing Procedural Barriers

- Identifying staff beliefs regarding the importance and role of family engagement
- Using strengths-based thinking
- Compensating and recognizing families for contributions
- Soliciting and using family input and perspectives on issues
- Using a data lens

Addressing Relational Barriers

- Co-creating family and staff norms and expectations
- Co-creating a welcoming space
- Using active listening
- Providing family-staff training
- Welcoming and including critical perspectives
- Ensuring that professionals use practices that support the culture and languages of families