



SAMPLE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

These sessions show how we help districts and organizations strengthen family and community engagement. Each one is **interactive, practical, and rooted in real-world implementation**. The examples are just starting points. Every engagement is tailored to your district's goals, aligned to your strategic priorities, and designed to reflect the cultural strengths and lived experiences of the communities you serve.

BUILDING TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS



What if we connected with families to build trust, not just to solve a problem or collect a signature? In this hands-on session, we will explore what research says about meaningful family engagement and how it shows up in everyday interactions. We will unpack what makes relationship-building conversations different from routine check-ins about grades or behavior. You will have time to reflect, plan, and practice so you leave ready to build stronger connections with every family in your classroom.

Participants will:

- Examine current family engagement research and discuss implications for practice.
- Plan for relationship building conversations with families.

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES



Culturally responsive family engagement honors the identities and lived experiences families bring to their child's learning. In this session, participants will examine their own beliefs and assumptions about families and explore how hidden biases can shape our points of view. We'll dig into practical strategies for engaging families in a culturally responsive way, emphasizing the art of truly listening to their stories.

Participants will:

- Reflect on their core beliefs about families and how their beliefs impact their approach to family engagement.
- Examine strategies for asset-based, culturally responsive family engagement.