

## How Does It Work?

Teachers share strategies, lessons, ideas and behavior policies.

Schools share with other schools successful program ideas.

Community agencies share resources with schools, such as counselors, after school activities, classroom aides and more.

Parents and teachers communicate regularly about student expectations and progress.

Students engage in their own learning by contributing ideas.

Parents work at home to strengthen school lessons.

Formal Training sessions for teachers, parents and students on learning strategies.



## What Are the Benefits?



- Time and Resource Management
  - Team Building
  - Reduction in Teacher or Parent “Burn-Out”
  - Improved Academic Outcomes
  - Improved Mental Health Outcomes
  - Rapport and Trust Among all Members of Learning Community
  - Common Goals
- I am a parent and feel intimidated?
  - *Start Small. Offer to help at a school event, such as a dance or a bake sale.*
  - I am a parent who works full time?
  - *Offer to do something home-based, such as typing a newsletter or making phone calls on your own time.*
  - I am a parent who doesn't speak English?
  - *Ask your school for a translator, and reach out to your community for other parents to help you connect.*
  - I am a teacher who is overwhelmed?
  - *Try one intervention at a time. Need help reaching parents? Ask for just one parent to help with this goal.*
  - I am a teacher who is burned out?
  - *Its never too late to try new strategies! Ask other teachers for ideas to freshen up lessons.*



## What is Collaboration?

Working together- parents, students, counselors, school psychologists, teachers, and staff towards the best possible outcomes for students.

## Why Should We Collaborate?

When we collaborate, we use one another's strengths to approach a problem with various points of view. When there is a common goal, different people with different resources can make problem solving easier and more effective.

## Who can collaborate?

- Parents
- Teachers
- Students
- School Psychologists
- Administration
- Schools
- Community Resources



## Get Involved!

- Serve on PTA/PTO
- Serve on School Site Council
- Produce a newsletter
- Volunteer in classroom, security, lunch, student store, office
- Volunteer to be a translator for newsletters and emails
- [www.Education.com](http://www.Education.com)
- Various articles on how to get involved in your child' school
- [www.teachervision.fen.com/education-and-parents/](http://www.teachervision.fen.com/education-and-parents/)
- Collaboration ideas, printables, plans, organized by grade and subject
- **HOSTS program**- Helping One Student To Succeed. A community involvement reading program in which adults volunteer 1-2 hours per week to read one-on-one with students

# Practicing Collaboration



Students,  
Families,  
Teachers and  
Community