

Mindful Engagement:

Strategies & Tools to Strengthen Family Partnerships

Mindful Engagement: Strategies & Tools to Strengthen Family Partnerships is an online professional development series created to support educators in identifying the essential elements for establishing and sustaining partnerships with families. This professional development consists of 10 modules addressing a variety of topics and is organized so that participants have the flexibility to view modules in any order.

Each module includes:

- webinar (approximately 30 minutes)
- power point
- listening guide with extension questions
- strategies, tools, and resources

Before accessing a module:

You will need to test your computer compatibility with the Adobe Connect Software PRIOR to launching the webinar. Depending on your computer capabilities, you may be prompted to install additional add-ins so that you can watch the webinar. Use the link below to test your computer:

http://connect.lsu.edu/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

Where to access the modules:

Visit <http://www.laspdg.org/content.cfm?id=429> in February 2015 to watch the entire series

About LaSPDG

The Louisiana State Personnel Development Grant (LaSPDG) is a Louisiana Department of Education grant (LDOE) funded by the Office of Special Education (OSEP) and executed by staff at Louisiana State University (LSU). The purpose of the grant is to develop a system of professional development and support based on state, district, and school needs to improve outcomes for students with disabilities. The SPDG four focus areas relate to the use and effectiveness of (1) Data Based Decision-Making, (2) Inclusive Practices, (3) Family Engagement, and (4) Culturally Responsive Practices. For more information regarding the grant, please visit

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Module #	Module Name	Module Contents
	Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rationale & research for family engagement
1	Creating a Welcoming Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The language and terminology• The physical environment• The personal attributes and attitudes
2	Recognizing Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The community• The respectful communication• The classroom and online environment
3	Ongoing Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ways to share information• Utilizing technology and social media• Establishing a communication plan
4	Preparing for Open House & Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open House• Conferences<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Parent Teacher-Student Led-Individualized Education Program (IEP)
5	Sharing Family Resources	Information shared regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework• Curriculum• Students with Disabilities• Family partners
6	Encouraging Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteering and participation opportunities• Parent-Teacher compacts
7	Acknowledging Family Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common types of families• Proactive strategies
8	Addressing Frequently Asked Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common questions asked by families• Strategies to address frequently asked questions
9	Obtaining Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methods of obtaining feedback• Utilizing feedback results
10	Additional Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Engagement Resources & Tools

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