

The Impact of Effective Family Engagement

How does family engagement impact youth program quality and youth outcomes?

The research is clear – regardless of household income, race or ethnicity, **family partnerships in OST programming lead to:**

- better student achievement and preparation for life (college, career and community readiness);
- **better social-emotional skills (positive attitudes and behaviors, improved relationships between parents and youth, improved OST programming);**
- more cultural competence;
- **increased resilience.**

Families are their youth's first and most important teachers. This is why a crucial part of improving program quality lies in strengthening our relationships with the families of the youth we serve, creating a partnership in ensuring successful outcomes for youth.

Our Family Engagement goal:

All Out-Of-School-Time (OST) organizations/staff intentionally build authentic, culturally agile partnerships with families that increase youth success through relationship building, year-round contact, and clear participation opportunities.