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PROJECT 2INSPIRE
Parent Leadership Development Program
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3. Engaging school staff to support and cultivate positive environments and build relationships with families that increase their capacity to support their children’s educational needs.

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**How do schools and families benefit?**

- Improve student achievement results in low-performing schools
- Reach diverse background, non-English speaking parents with materials in their own language
- Help parents guide their children’s school success at home and at school
- Equip school staff members to engage parents and boost academic achievement
- Strengthen families and the community through building Family, School and Community Partnerships

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**CONNECTING FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS**

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**COMMUNITY LEARNING THEORY (CLT) APPROACH - GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

1. CLT is a process/approach that builds among participants communities of mutual support and trust for collaboration.
2. CLT seeks to create group environments that promotes dialogue and reflection, and encourages positive action.
3. CLT creates environments that nurture parents' ability to transform their empathy and learning into action, i.e., developing trusting relationships, co-powering, and advancing positive changes for the home, school and community.
4. CLT values every person for who they are and their experiences in order to build meaningful relationships based on trust and respect, e.g., parent and parent, parent and teacher, parent and administrator, etc.
5. CLT fosters in every person and group a sense of self, place, purpose, direction, possibilities, and options and each person and group has the capacity for self-discovery, improvement, shared learning and action.
6. CLT validates the fact that every group of people has the potential of becoming a learning circle that shares wisdom, creates group knowledge, and fosters personal growth.