WICKED PROBLEMS INSTITUTE

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BUILDING EQUITY DRIVEN PARENT COLLABORATION



Inform

Parents with Child(ren) "We will keep you informed, and you can become involved."

System Goal: Parents are provided information, resources, and volunteer opportunities.

Parents Experience:

Access to Newsletters. Brochures, Events/Fairs, Social Media, Presentations, Videos, Volunteering.

Parents Gain Opportunities: Learn from resources, increase knowledge, and provide support to other families.

Key Equity Driver: Do parents find it ACCESSIBLE and are **ECONOMIC BARRIERS REMOVED?**



Participate

Parents with Lived Experience "We care about your thinking and experience."

System Goal: Parents provide input support decision-making.

Parents Experience:

Involvement in Surveys, Focus Groups, Interviews.

Parents Gain Opportunities: Share experiences and insights for change.

Key Equity Driver: Do parents feel **SAFE** to share honest feedback?



Engage

Parent Leader "You are teaching us, and we are taking different actions."

System Goal: Parents identify strengths and challenges and are integrated into the process.

Parents Experience:

Membership on Authentic, Coempowered, Steering Committees and Advisory Boards.

Parent Gain Opportunities: Parents Gain Opportunities: experience

Example policies, programs, trusted relationships. and services that will meet family goals.

Key Equity Driver: Do parents understand the **PURPOSE** of the group and why their **VOICE** is **IMPORTANT?**

Partnership

"Your leadership and expertise are critical to how we address these issues."

System Goal: Parents are codesigners and support planning, decision-making, implementation and evaluation.

Parents Experience:

Presentation Delivery, Resource Design, Meeting Facilitation, Transparent Communications.

and Develop skills, knowledge,

Key Equity Driver: Do parents **TRUST** it is safe to **DISRUPT** the power flow?



Steer

"We need your expertise and positifonal power in

System Goal: Intersectional professionals with "dual expertise" drive planning, decision-making, implementation, and evaluation.

Intersectional **Professionals Experience:**

Roles within Initiatives or Organizations. Responsibilities, Accountability, and Authority to Influence change.

Intersectional

Professionals Gain

Opportunities: Combine lived experience, expertise, professional skills, and motivation to change systems.

Key Equity Driver: Do Intersectional Professionals **LEAD** or CO-LEAD as a

professional?



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Action Steps

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Key Equity Driver: Do parents feel it is **ACCESSIBLE** and are **ECONOMIC BARRIERS REMOVED?**

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Intersectional Professionals

Experience: Roles within Organizations or Initiatives, Responsibilities, Accountability, and Authority to Influence change.

Intersectional Professionals Gain Opportunities: Combine lived

experience, expertise, professional skills, and motivation to change systems.

Key Equity Driver: Do intersectional

parent professionals **LEAD or**

CO-LEAD

change efforts?



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Professionals

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EQUITY-DRIVEN
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COLLABORATION
IN ACTION

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System Goal: Parents identify strengths and challenges and are integrated into the process.

System Goal: Parent input supports decision-making.

Parents Experience: Involvement in Surveys, Focus

Parents Gain Opportunities: Share experiences

Key Equity Driver: Do parents feel SAFE to

Groups, Interviews.

and insights for change.

share honest feedback?

Parents Experience: Membership on Authentic and Engaged, Steering Committees, Advisory Boards, Work Groups.

Parents Gain Opportunities: Share lived experience and expertise, so policies, programs, and services meet family goals.

Key Equity Driver: Do parents understand the **PURPOSE** and why their **VOICE** is **IMPORTANT?**

System Goal: Parents are co-designers and support planning, decision-making, implementation, and evaluation.

Parents Experience: Transparent communications, Co-Empowered and Trusted Relationships, Decision-Making Power.

Parents Gain Opportunities: Develop and deliver presentations, design resources, and facilitate meetings.

Key Equity Driver: Do parents **TRUST** it is safe to **DISRUPT** the power flow?

Replication of product can be used by giving credit







OUR VALUES

We Believe in the Power of Connection

We Value Families and Their Cultural Wisdom

We Stand for Equity and Justice

We Champion Communities

We Believe a Healthier Future Begins with Thriving Children

We Believe Together We Create Change



FAMILY NETWORK COLLABORATIVE 75 PARENT VOICES-CHILDREN AGES 0-3 DEMOGRAPHICS

100% Parents/Foster Parents/Grandparents/Guardians

52% Poverty/Low-Income

NETWORK COMPOSITION

17% Immigrants

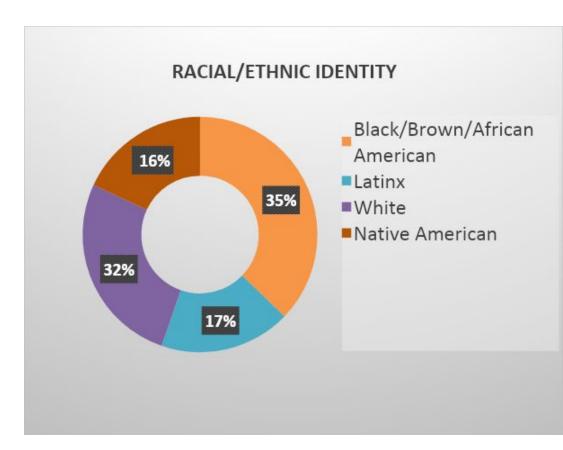
23% Father's/Dad's

16% Children with Special Health Needs/

Disabilities

US Geography (Urban/Rural/Suburban)

- 17% Fast
- 17% Midwest
- 17% South
- 17% West
- 17% Southwest
- 17% Northwest





VALUES INTO ACTION FAMILY NETWORK COLLABORATIVE

