

Title	Great Family-School Partnerships: <i>The Essential Elements</i>
Duration	120-360 minutes depending upon your needs
Recommended Audience	Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, Early Education Providers, Parent Leaders
Synopsis	<p>With the enormous financial pressures on federal, state and local budgets, the need for education organizations is only going to increase. Schools as well as Head Start and other Pre-K efforts will have to increase their effectiveness.</p> <p>Countless studies demonstrate that students with parents actively involved in their education at home and school are more likely to earn higher grades and test scores, enroll in higher-level programs, graduate from high school, and go on to post-secondary education. Parent engagement is critical to creating the measurable outcomes that will attract funding</p>
Learning Objectives	<p>By the end of this session, participants will be able to::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the Four Key Strategies of successful partnerships• State the Six Approaches to integrating parents into the school improvement process.• Develop three strategies they can take back to their efforts to increase parental engagement
Presenter Biography	<p>For the past 25 years Michael Brand has built effective nonprofit organizations in places as diverse as Montana, Florida, California as well as the Czech Republic and Australia. A resident of Bellefonte, Michael provides consultation and development services to a wide array of nonprofit organizations across the USA with a specialization in Good Governance, Fiscal Sustainability, and Performance Management. In addition to a private practice, Michael also serves as a Program Officer with the Erie Community Foundation running their organizational performance project.</p>
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