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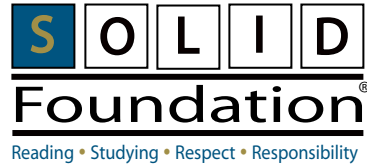
... their children's learning at home.



... parents of their children's schoolmates.



... their children's teachers and school.



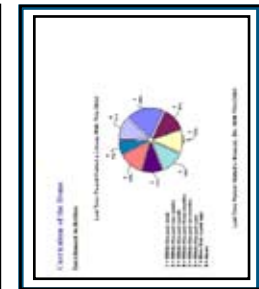
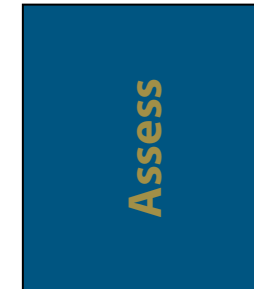
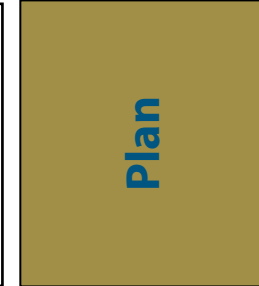
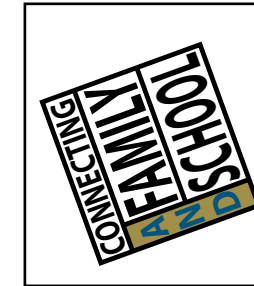
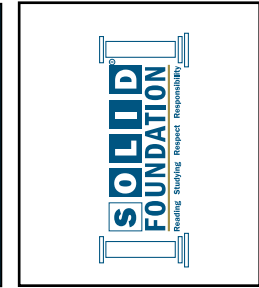
Strategies to fit your school's purpose and plan.

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Solid Foundation

A tool to strengthen parent
involvement in your school

www.families-schools.org

Assess Strengths and Challenges

Solid Foundation is a web-based tool to strengthen parent involvement.

Solid Foundation guides a school team through 10 efficient and effective steps to:

- **assess** strengths and areas for improvement,
- develop a 2-year **plan**, and
- **implement** the plan with abundant resources.

Solid Foundation is evidence-based and designed to:

- strengthen family-school connections,
- engage parents in children's learning, and
- improve student academic and social learning.

The process is directed by the principal and a school team (school improvement team or other school-based team that includes the principal, teacher representatives, parent representatives, and parent facilitator).

An external partner (from a partnering organization) assists the school team in the process. The partnering organization may be the school district, a Parent Information Resource Center, State Education Agency, or other organization. External partners are trained in the Solid Foundation process.

Create a Plan and Take Action

“Solid Foundation’s purpose is to help school communities draw conclusions about areas of successes and challenges and to aid them in creating an action plan to strengthen their community.”

“Solid Foundation goes into considerable depth comparing and contrasting how parents and staff view issues and identifying areas where more work is needed to generate effective partnering between parent and school.”

Engaging Parents in Education: Lessons From Five Parental Information and Resource Centers, U.S. Department of Education, 2007



The web-based Solid Foundation Resource Manual is full of research-based strategies, trainings, curriculum, forms, and tools that assist the school team in implementing its action plan.

Expect Results

“Solid Foundation helped us identify how parents can make an academic and social difference in their child’s life at home and school. I would recommend this tool to anyone who is interested in improving their school community. **Expect real results.**”

Tony Brooks, Principal

“The most essential outcome of Solid Foundation is to create or **regenerate school ownership** as a partnership between the role players in the school and the home.”

John Cunningham, Title 1 Director

“Parents want the best for their children, and schools want the best for their students. Solid Foundation helps parents and schools **work together** to achieve what is best for all children.”

Astrid Spraggins, Parent Education Specialist

Solid Foundation Can Help

- 1. Doing good things with parents and want them recognized?**
- 2. Is parental involvement the “weak area” in your school improvement plan?**
- 3. Want parents to play a stronger role in your school’s efforts to improve student learning?**
- 4. Do your parent activities seem unfocused?**
- 5. Running out of ideas for engaging parents?**