Partnering with Families to Plan for a Positive Future

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Dream Big
Partnering with Families to Plan for a Positive Future
A collection of compassionate and positive strategies for meeting families where they are at the beginning of their journey and empowering them to dream big for their child.
DEC
RECOMMENDED
PRACTICES

Family

Knowing Families, Tailoring Practices, Building Capacity
FAMILY CAPACITY BUILDING PRACTICES

Practices that include the participatory opportunities and experiences afforded to families to strengthen existing parenting knowledge and skills and promote the development of new parenting abilities that enhance parenting self-efficacy beliefs and practices.
FAMILY CENTERED PRACTICES

Practices that treat families with dignity and respect; are individualized, flexible and responsive to each family’s unique circumstances; provide family members complete and unbiased information to make informed decisions; involve family members in acting on choices to strengthen child, parent and family functioning.

TIES Family Empowerment Program
Family and Professional Collaboration

Practices that build relationships between families and professionals who work together to achieve mutually agreed upon outcomes and goals that promote family competencies and support the development of the child.
The Beginning
Deb & Gabe’s Story
HOPE
HOW

✓ Partnership Practices
✓ TIES
✓ PATH
Seven Principles of Partnership

Respect
Professional Competence
Commitment
Advocacy
Communication
Equality
Trust

TURNBULL ET AL., 2006
TIES

Family Empowerment Program

✓ Training
✓ Information
✓ Empowerment
✓ Support
TIES PROGRAM TOPICS

- Strategies to Support Your Child at Home
- Information & Resources
- Support & Well Being: Connecting Parents to Parents
KFFN

KID FREE FRIDAY NIGHT
Dear Connections Families,
We would like to provide you with an early holiday gift of a KFFN or "Kid Free Friday Night!"

**WHEN:** Friday November 30, 2018 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Drop off and pick up in the Connections Classroom.

**WHO:** Your children will be watched and engaged by Towson University special education students and supervised by Dr. Kay Holman and Mrs. Liz Cole Kohn, faculty from the Department of Special Education.

**WHY:** Because you deserve a night out—to connect, to rest, to go out to eat, to shop, to do whatever you need to do knowing your child will be in good hands and having a good time.

Please RSVP by 11/26/18 to Dr. Kay Holman at kholman@towson.edu (please put KFFN in subject line) or call 410-735-3068

KFFN
"The program is exceptional. Perhaps the most important aspect of the program is its ability to teach families how to be successful in the long term journey of autism. The professionals worked tirelessly to meet us where we were and we now leave the program with a sense of empowerment that was not present at the start of the program."

- dad from TIES program
Dream Big: Intentional Resources for a Positive & Purposeful Life

By: Holman, Soliday, Walton, Zimmerman

Resources shared from our Honestly Autism Day 2018 Conference Presentation. Holman, Soliday, Walton and Zimmerman
PATH
PATH is a tool, a process, a journey. It is a wonderful, marvelous, creative colorful tool—one of many tools that can help individuals and families move into a more positive and possible future. PATH is a tool to strengthen the concepts of Inclusion, Diversity and Democracy. It is a process to solve messy situations to get people unstuck from ruts.
THE PATH INCLUDES 8 STEPS:
✓ Touching the DREAM
✓ Sensing the GOAL
✓ Grounding in the NOW
✓ Identifying people to ENROLL
✓ Recognizing ways to BUILD STRENGTH
✓ Charting action for the NEXT FEW MONTHS
✓ Planning the NEXT MONTH’s work
✓ Committing to the FIRST STEP
PATH Process
Together We Are More

There are rooms
and corners, still,
where neighbors gather
in the restless pull of oneness,
the resilience of love.
We come together humbled,
astonished, curious, alive,
& looking for the good.
Some are weary,
others are overflowing,
and still, there is kindness,
a quiet belonging,
listening, pardon, warmth...
work that must be done.
Let us each bring what we need.

-Ingrid Goff-Maidoff