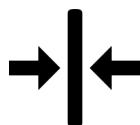


Research-Based Strategies for Strong STATE Leadership on Partnerships¹



CREATE AWARENESS

Promote state, district, and school programs of family and community engagement to key stakeholders.



ALIGN PROGRAM & POLICY

Integrate partnership plans and practices with official policies, strategic plans, and goals for student success. Help districts guide schools to implement state policy.



GUIDE LEARNING & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Organize, conduct, and/or support professional development and on-going technical assistance to help district leaders and school teams strengthen their partnership plans and practices over time.



SHARE KNOWLEDGE

Communicate with colleagues to increase knowledge about effective programs of school, family, and community partnerships, and share best practices.



CELEBRATE MILESTONES

Recognize progress and excellence on partnerships at the state, district, and school levels.



DOCUMENT PROGRESS & EVALUATE OUTCOMES

Conduct annual evaluations of the quality and progress of state, district, and school programs of family and community engagement. Use results to improve programs from year to year.

¹ Epstein, J. L., et al., 2019. *School, Family, and Community Partnerships, Fourth Edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.

ABOUT NNPS

National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) at Johns Hopkins University

was established in 1996 by Dr. Joyce Epstein and colleagues after many years of basic research on family and community engagement.

A pioneer in research and program development on school, family, and community partnerships, NNPS guides educators to strengthen programs and practices to promote positive results for students.

NNPS Professional Development.

The mission of NNPS is to “grow leaders” for partnerships in states, districts, and schools across the country. NNPS professional development is based on research on the structures and processes that promote a welcoming school climate and student learning and development.

Active Members. NNPS includes over 500 schools, districts, organizations, and state depts. of education in the U.S., and partners in other countries. NNPS’s approaches will engage more and different families, and help reduce pervasive achievement and opportunity gaps among diverse groups of students. Your state will become part of this exciting network.

Schools. Schools in NNPS use the research-based framework of six types of involvement, an action team approach, and written plans to implement, evaluate, and continually improve family and community engagement.

Districts. In NNPS, district leaders for partnerships organize their work and guide schools to strengthen teamwork and engage all families in goal-linked partnership programs at all grade levels.

States. States in NNPS organize their work and guide district leaders to facilitate school teams that conduct programs to fulfill policy requirements for family and community engagement for student success in school.



Working Together for Student Success

YOU ARE INVITED . . .

Join other states in NNPS that are working to help districts and schools conduct systemic, research-based approaches for effective and equitable programs of family and community engagement.

Ensure that districts and schools in your state implement official policies on partnerships in ways that engage all families and contribute to student success.

WHY NOW?

The time is right to strengthen district leadership and school-based partnership programs.

The time is right to ensure that *all* families feel welcome at the preschool, elementary, middle, and high school levels.

The time is right to engage families and community partners in goal-linked ways that support students’ academic achievement, attendance, health, postsecondary plans, and other important outcomes.

Everyone wants strong and sustainable programs of family and community engagement. NNPS will help you reach this goal.

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NNPS MEMBER BENEFITS

- **Comprehensive *Handbook for Action*** for each member-site to guide partnership program development
- **On-call technical assistance** by phone, e-mail, and website
- **Monthly *E-Briefs*** to communicate news, information, and opportunities
- **Free webinars** for district, organization, and state leaders and for school teams
- ***Blog*** on new research and advances in practice
- Invitation to share successful activities in the annual **NNPS book of *Promising Partnership Practices***
- **NNPS Partnership Awards** to recognize excellent programs
- **Outstanding website** with program guidelines, research results, best practices, and more. Visit www.partnershipschools.org
- **Certificate of membership** and **posters of six types of involvement** in English and Spanish
- **Annual Program Evaluation**
NNPS conducts annual evaluations of the quality and progress of all members' programs of family and community engagement.

PLUS: If your state has at least 40 schools in NNPS that **complete *UPDATE***, you receive a **customized summary of your schools' data**. You may use these reports in your own evaluations of family and community engagement.

ALL BENEFITS ARE INCLUDED IN THE NNPS MEMBERSHIP FEE and RENEWAL.

JOIN NNPS STATE Membership Levels

Level 1. MEMBER

- ☐ **State office for partnerships.**
\$500. All member benefits.

Level 2. PARTNER

- ☐ **State and at least 5 districts that will each work with at least 8 schools' ATPs**
\$500 per school

**FREE state membership.
FREE district memberships.**

JOIN NNPS. All membership forms are at www.partnershipschools.org.

START-UP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NNPS 3-part sequence of Professional Development for state leaders, district leaders and school teams

Select the one that works for your state.

- ☐ **A. On Site. Contractual agreement for workshops and travel.**
- ☐ **B. NNPS Leadership Institute in Baltimore or online, Fall or Spring. Registration required.**

**Contact NNPS for details:
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NEXT STEPS

Be a National Leader on Partnerships!

- Identify a state-level leader or leadership team for **School, Family, and Community Partnerships** (Key Contacts to NNPS).
- Select your state's **Membership Level** (see Join NNPS).
- Participate in a **new-member interview** with an NNPS facilitator to plan next steps. Receive monthly communications from NNPS.
- Choose your state's **Start Up Professional Development with NNPS:** On site, in Baltimore, or online

NNPS will send you a *new member packet* with the *Handbook*, posters, book of *Promising Partnership Practices*, and other materials.

On-Going Leadership . . .

Identify district leaders for partnerships in your state to strengthen district and school partnership programs for student success in school.

Evaluate progress on partnerships at the end of each school year. Use the NNPS benefit to receive customized reports on the quality and progress of partnership programs in your districts and schools.

Develop your STATE NETWORK of Partnership Schools. NNPS provides resources for you to connect districts and schools as a **state network** to strengthen and sustain programs of family and community engagement.