

For Common Ground Common Purpose



Purpose: Use at the beginning of a meeting for participants to find commonalities with each other and commonalities within the topic at hand.

Time: 5-10 min

Role: Participants, Timekeeper, Notetaker

Procedure:

1. In pairs, go around and each give a 60-second introduction answering the following questions:
 - Who are you? (Your name, school/organization, role, interests, etc.)
 - Why are you here today?
 - What has your experience been collaborating with families?
 - What does equitable collaboration mean to you?
 - How has equitable collaboration with families on teams been for you?
2. Make a list of as many things as possible that you have in common. Have the notetaker write down your list.
3. When we return to the whole group, be prepared to share your commonalities!