



ONPS Coaches Kick Off | August 2025



**Ohio Statewide
Family Engagement Center**

What to Expect from Today



1. Recognize key successes and surface persistent challenges from the past school year
2. Align priorities of the State Support Team to the coaching role within the Ohio Network of Partnership Schools
3. Clarify grant funds available and allowable uses of funds
4. Leave with a yearlong calendar of Colleague Connects and professional development opportunities

AGENDA

Welcome!

Rooted in Purpose

Breakout Sessions

Lunch Break

New “Look” and Logo

Module Updates

Aligning Our Work

Center Resources

Closing



On a flower, write benefits to family engagement. Consider students, families, schools, and communities.

IDEA GARDEN:

Where ideas are planted and grow over time.





BREAKOUT ROOMS

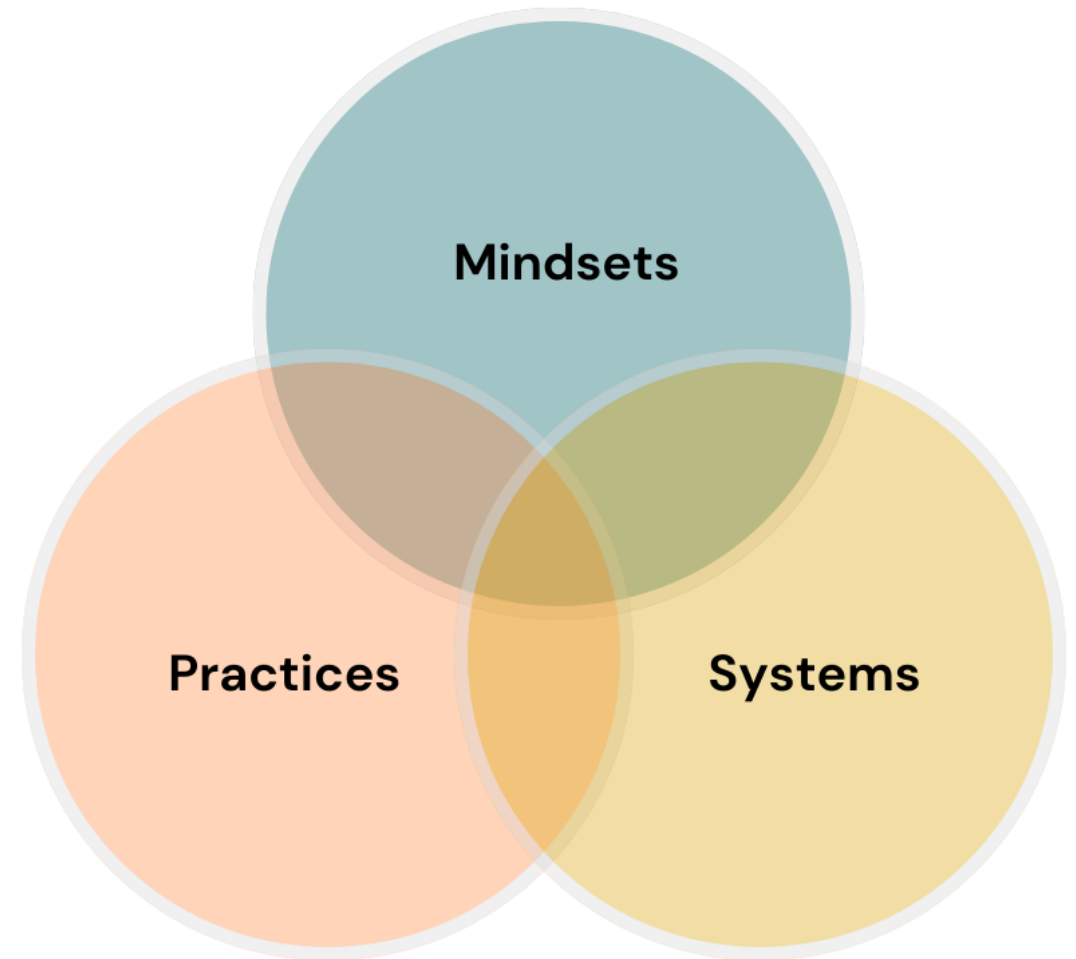
Mrs. Taylor

- Respected middle school principal
- Attends PD on family engagement
- Her superintendent takes a sudden temporary leave
- The school's focus on family engagement starts to fade



Mindsets, Practices, Systems

- **Adopt mindsets** that see all parents as equal partners and capable of supporting their child's education.
- **Implementing engagement practices** that are grounded in research and lead to outcomes for students, families, and staff.
- **Establish a data-driven, continuous improvement system** of leadership, teamwork, and planning district and school wide.



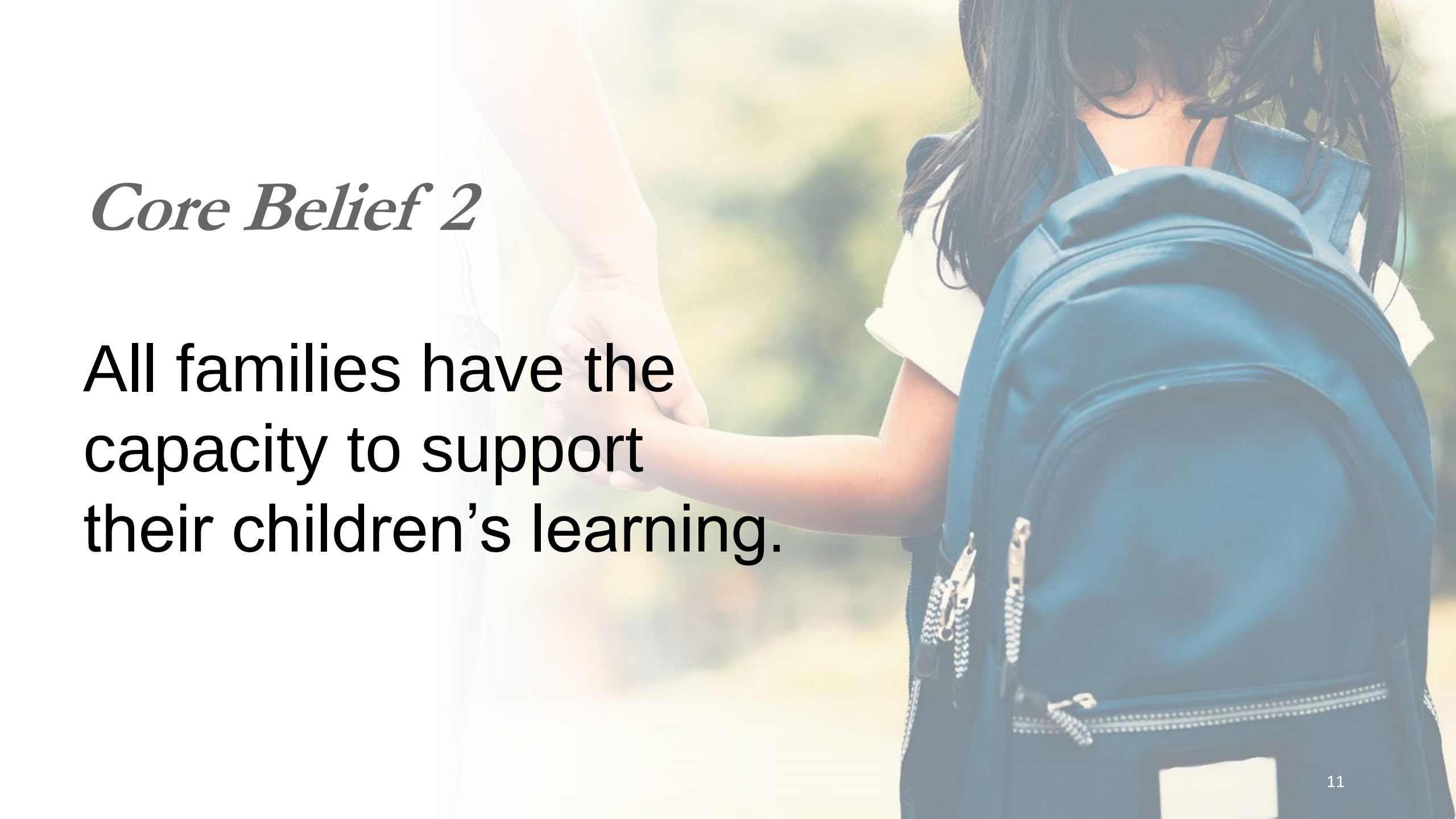


Core Belief Survey

**What are
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beliefs about
family-school
partnerships?**

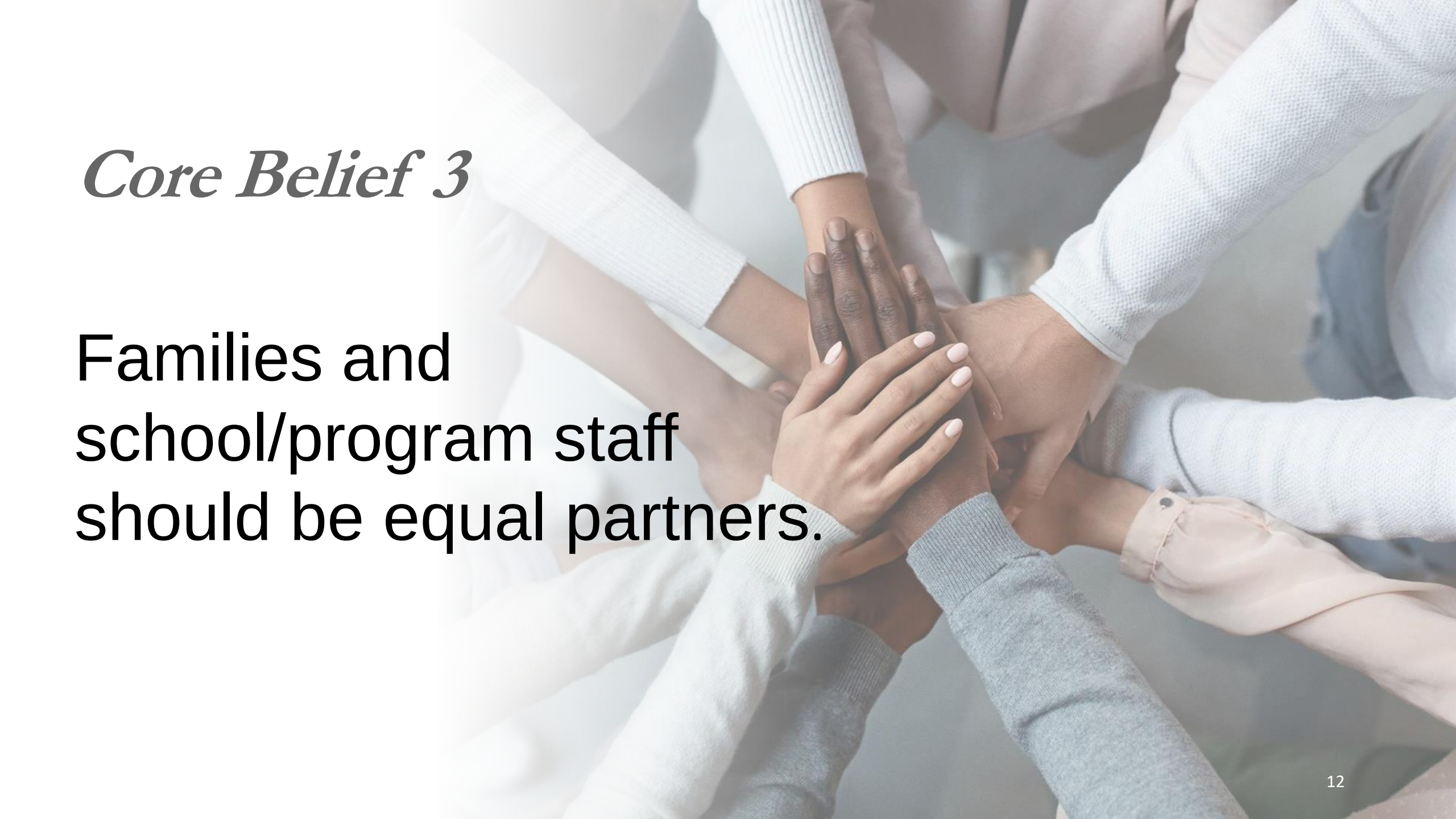
Core Belief 1

All families have hopes and dreams for their children and want the best for them.

A young girl with long dark hair, wearing a blue backpack, is holding the hand of an adult whose arm is visible on the left. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with greenery and a path.

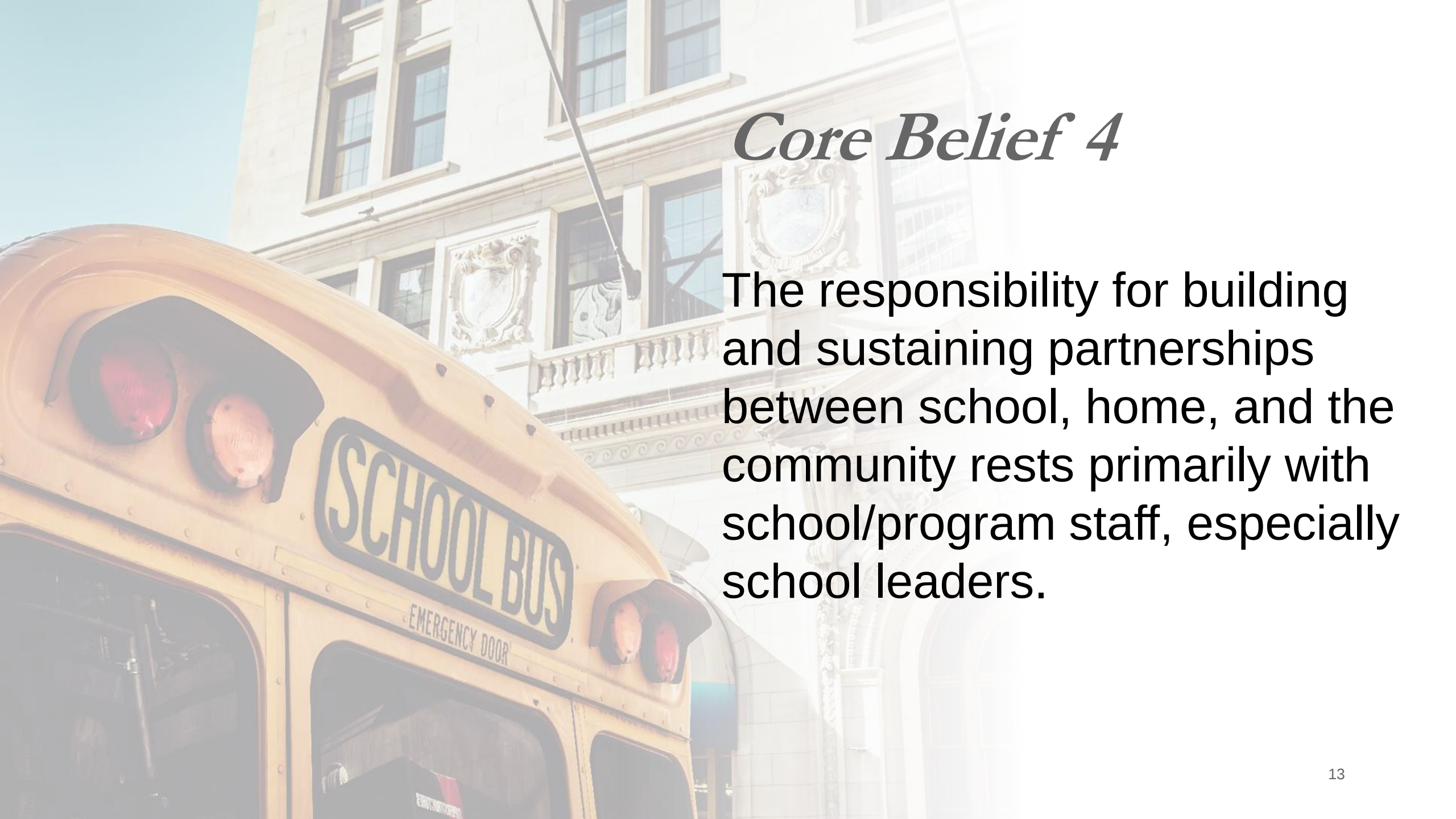
Core Belief 2

All families have the capacity to support their children's learning.



Core Belief 3

Families and
school/program staff
should be equal partners.

The background of the slide features a yellow school bus in the lower-left foreground, with the words "SCHOOL BUS" and "EMERGENCY DOOR" visible. Behind the bus is a large, multi-story building with classical architectural elements, including arched windows and decorative stonework. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent white filter.

Core Belief 4

The responsibility for building and sustaining partnerships between school, home, and the community rests primarily with school/program staff, especially school leaders.

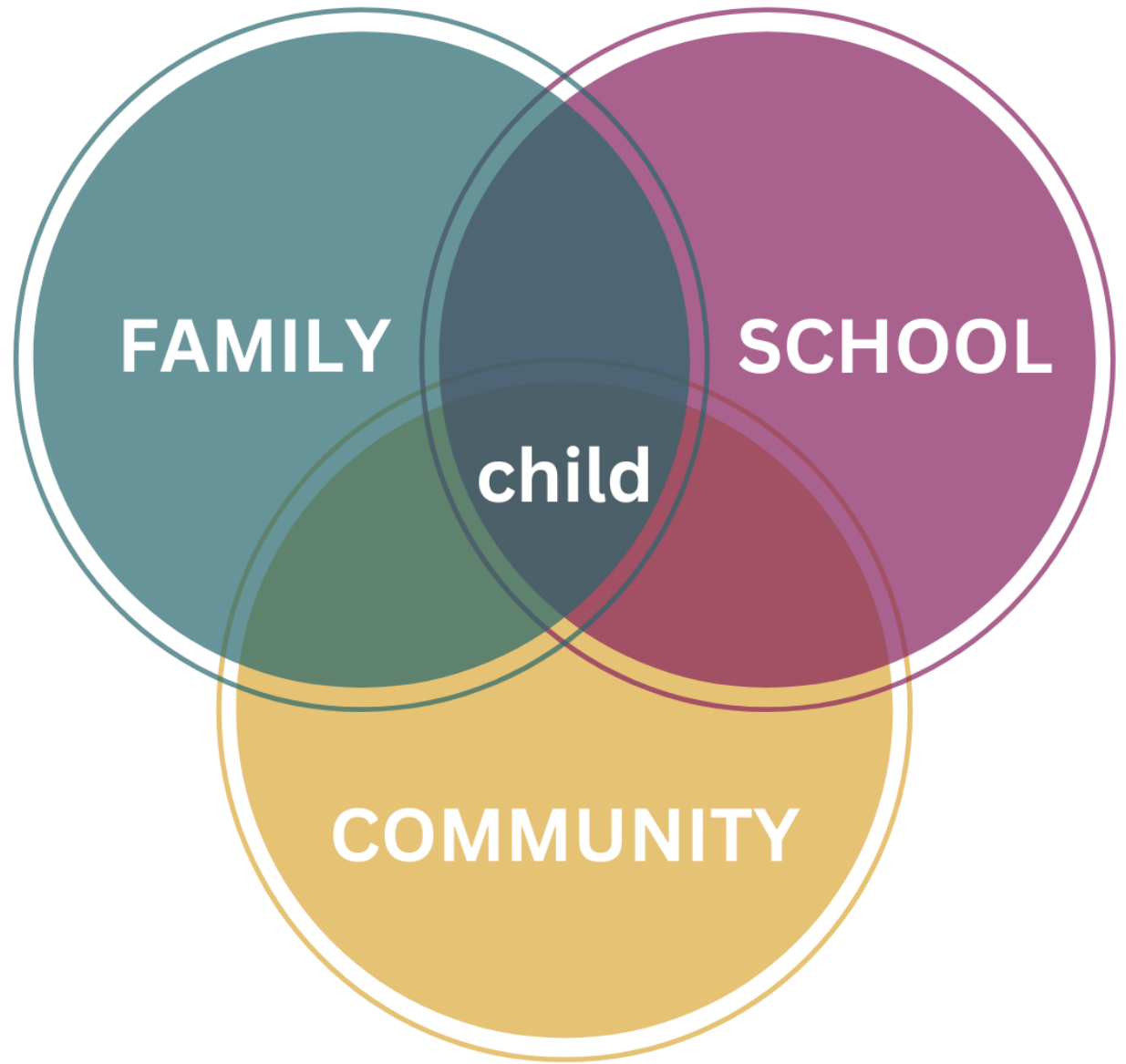
**Every family
engagement
partnership
program needs a
strong
foundation.**





Joyce Epstein

There are three main places where children learn and grow: **family**, **school**, and **community**.



Types of Partnership

Type 1: Parenting

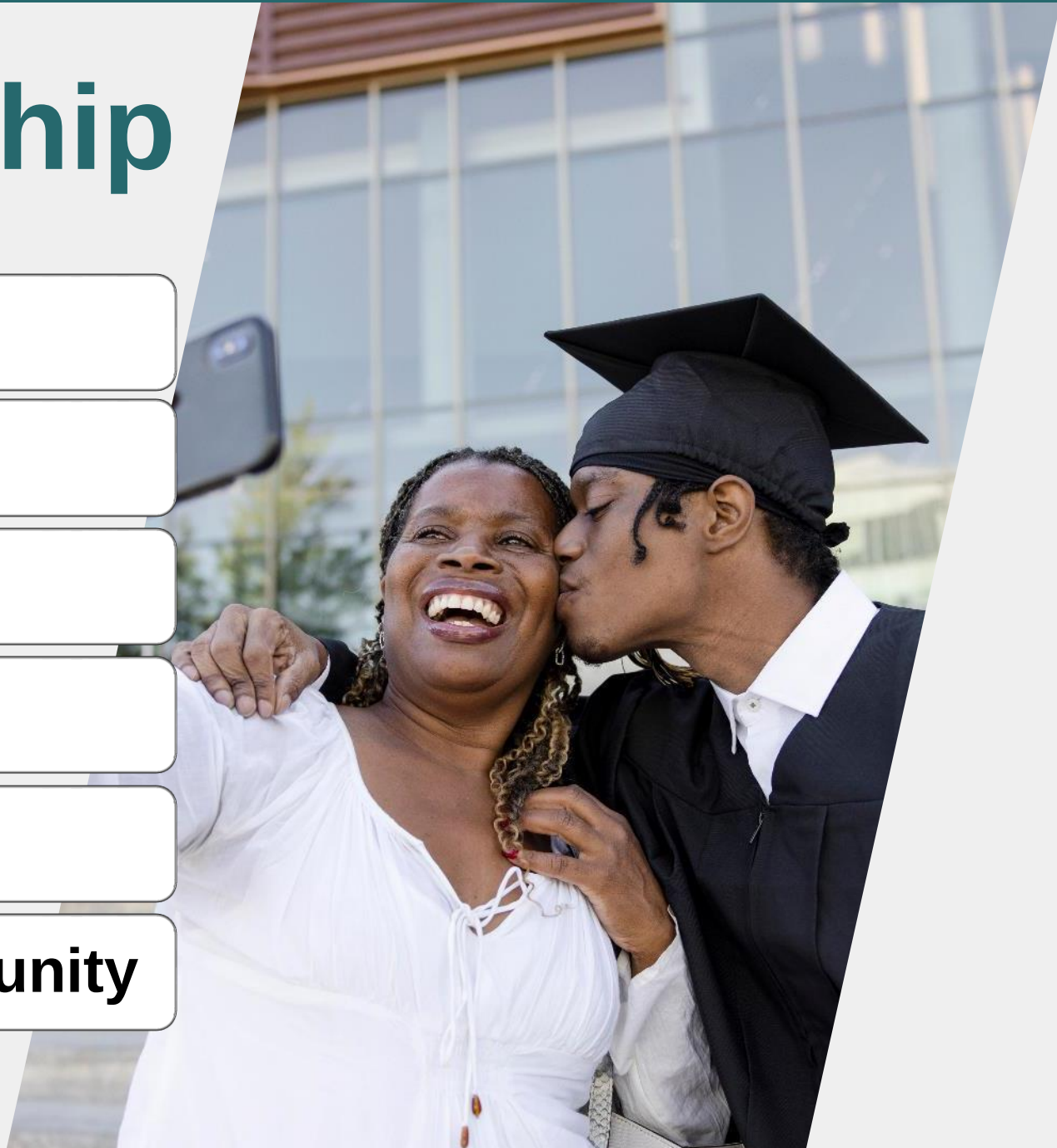
Type 2: Communicating

Type 3: Volunteering

Type 4: Learning at Home

Type 5: Decision-Making

Type 6: Collaborating with Community



SORT IT OUT!

Our high school action team organized a career fair and invited local organizations. Seniors and their parents had the chance to explore post-graduation opportunities, such as local job opportunities and community services.

The action team at our elementary school created magnets with important phone numbers and websites to report attendance and access students' grades and assignments.

Our action team successfully introduced a home visiting program in our district. This initiative emphasized the positive impact families can have on supporting children's learning at home.

The school established a new Advisory Council to involve parents in school-level decisions. Meetings are held regularly to discuss matters such as school policy, budget allocations, curriculum decisions, and other significant aspects of school life.

Quick break

What do Partnership Schools do?



The foundation of a systemic approach to family engagement includes:

1. District leader
2. Annual Leadership Plan for partnership
3. School Leader
4. School team
5. One Year Action Plan for Partnerships



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Try It Yourself!

1. Visit our website
2. Choose Networks
3. Select **Ohio Network of Partnership Schools**
4. Member password is not required
5. Explore the modules (and additional resources)
6. What do you find helpful? What questions do you have?



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Question and Answer / Dialogue



Mrs. Taylor

- Supported by her district
- Leads her school's Partnership Team
- Helps develop One-Year Action Plan for Partnerships
- Resourced by the Ohio Statewide Family Engagement Center
- Strengthens family-school partnerships





What is one action you will take to strengthen your regional team's readiness for ONPS?

Dishing Out **Our Favorite** Lunch Options:



Chop 5

<https://chop5.com/>

**1305 W. Lane Ave.
Columbus, OH 43221**

Yummy salads! - Sarah



1.6 miles away



brassica

<https://www.brassicas.com/>

**1442 W Lane Ave
Upper Arlington, OH 43221**

*Good Mediterranean food, can
sometimes have challenging parking
- Kristin*



1.4 miles away

DiBella's Subs

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<https://dibellas.com/>

**1539 Olentangy River Rd.
Columbus, OH 43212**

*Their bread is amazing!
- Whitney*



0.9 miles away

New Look!



NETWORK OF PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

Exploring

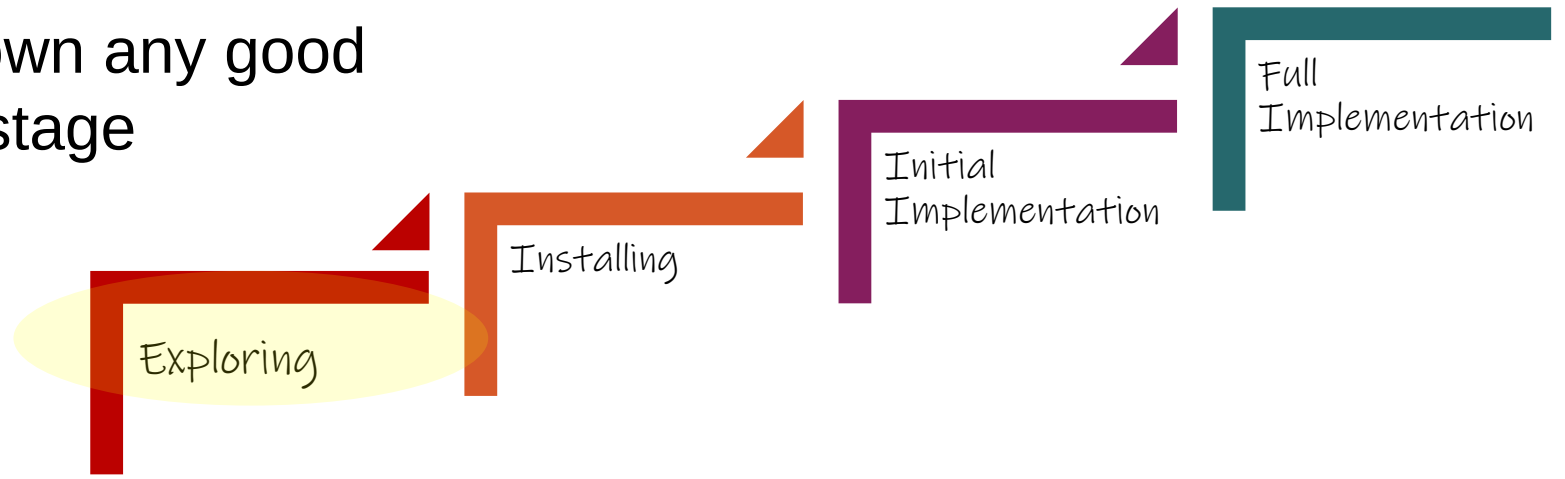
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Installing

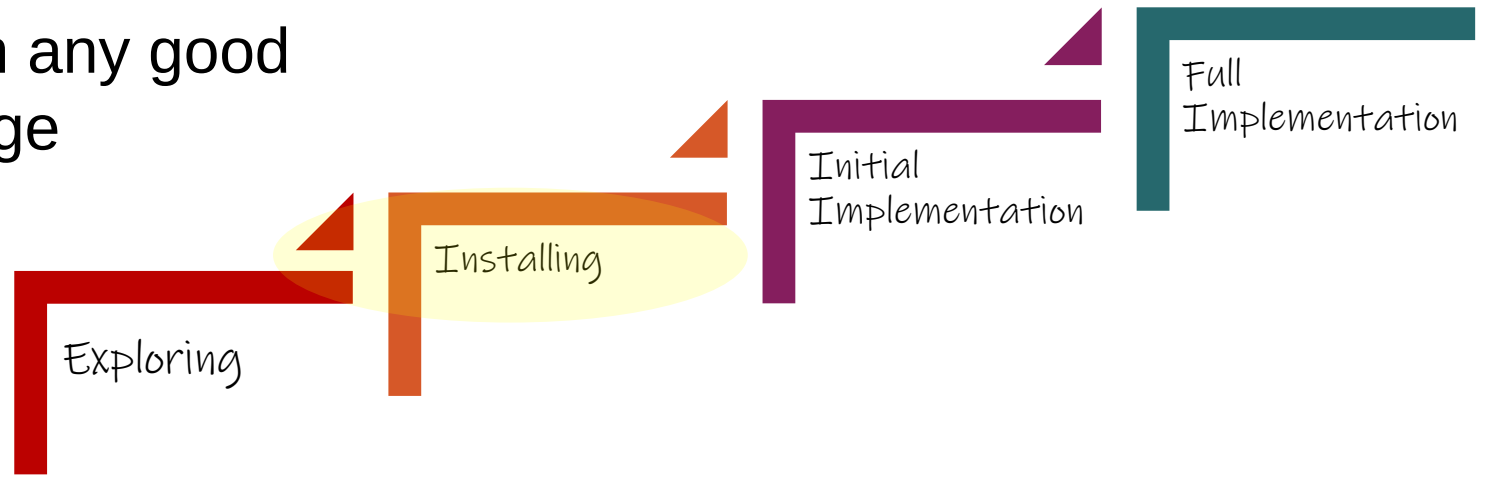
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Initial Implementation

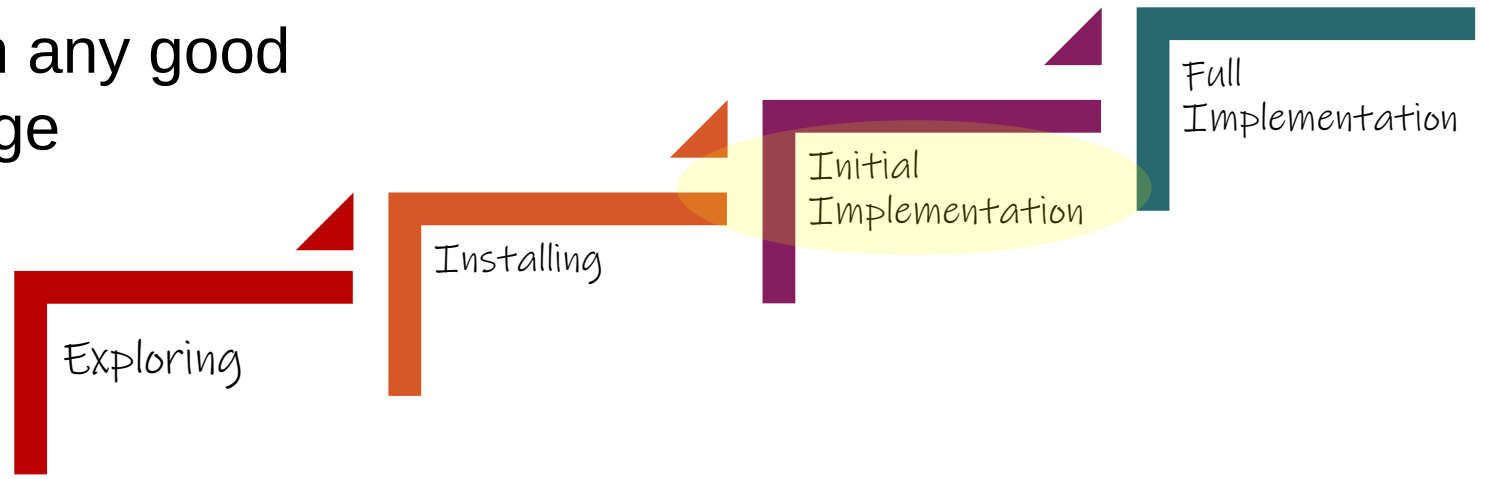
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Full Implementation

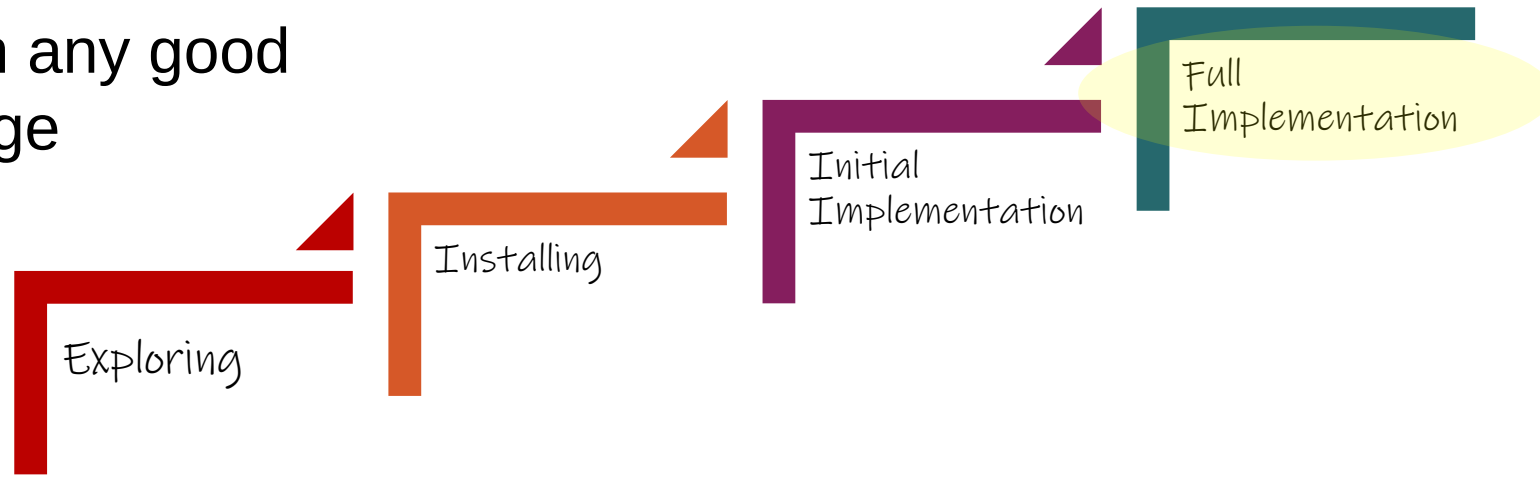
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All Regions, All Levels of Implementation

- **Promote** ONPS model and modules
- **Deploy** flexible coaching supports
- **Assist OSU** with gathering school plans, rosters, and survey data – and complete annual coach survey
- **Continue personal growth** in family and community engagement including:
 - Attend Advanced Topic PD (former Boosters)
 - Attend Colleague Connects and SST Coach meetings
 - Direct SFEC grant funding to support regional family engagement
 - Integrate family engagement and build awareness with SST team of the family engagement and the NNPS model

Refreshed Resources

Network Page – resources
Modules
Refresher Modules
Flyer
Promising Practices

Scan me!



ohiofamiliesengage.osu.edu/networks/

**AUG-
SEPT**

- Modules open
- Encourage schools to join
- Coach districts
- Attend Colleague Connect
- Attend Leadership Summit

**OCT-
NOV**

- Coach districts
- Fall survey
- Funding plans due
- Advanced Learning Session
- Colleague Connect
- Coaching log due

DEC-FEB

- Coach districts
- Mid-Year Coaches Meeting
- Advanced Learning Session
- Coaching log due

**MAR-
APR**

- Coach districts
- Spring survey

**MAY-
JULY**

- Coach districts
- Spring survey results
- Coaching log due
- Annual Recognition

*Year-Round
Coaching and
Additional
Opportunities*

Ohio Network of Partnership Schools School Year 2025-2026 Meeting Dates



FEBRUARY

19

Advanced Learning

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 935 6533 5255
Password: 425643

MARCH

Survey time!

19

Colleague Connect

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Meeting ID: 983 9542 3149
Password: 919219

APRIL

16

Colleague Connect

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Meeting ID: 944 7587 4326
Password: 166816

OCTOBER

30

Advanced Learning

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 973 2127 6861
Password: 773780

NOVEMBER

13

Colleague Connect

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Meeting ID: 996 4721 5689
Password: 130747

JANUARY

8

Mid- Year Coaches Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1900 Kenny Rd.
Columbus, OH 43210.

AUGUST

21

Annual Kick Off

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1900 Kenny Rd.
Columbus, OH 43210

SEPTEMBER

18-19

Family Leadership Summit

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(registration required)

25

Colleague Connect

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Meeting ID: 925 7044 3173
Password: 433316

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School Year Calendar

Members Page

Do **you** have any future dates or events that **our center** can attend?

At-A-Glance: Allowable Costs

SFEC Grant Funds

- SST staff time
- Travel
- Registration fees
- Family engagement speaker fees and professional learning
- Family engagement textbooks
- Substitute pay or supplemental pay to school staff to attend training/meetings required outside of contracted hours.
- Family engagement supplies

Questions?



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Coaching Logs

Quarterly: We will send reminders in November, February, June.

Purpose: Capture information about the stages of implementation and coaching activities across the state.

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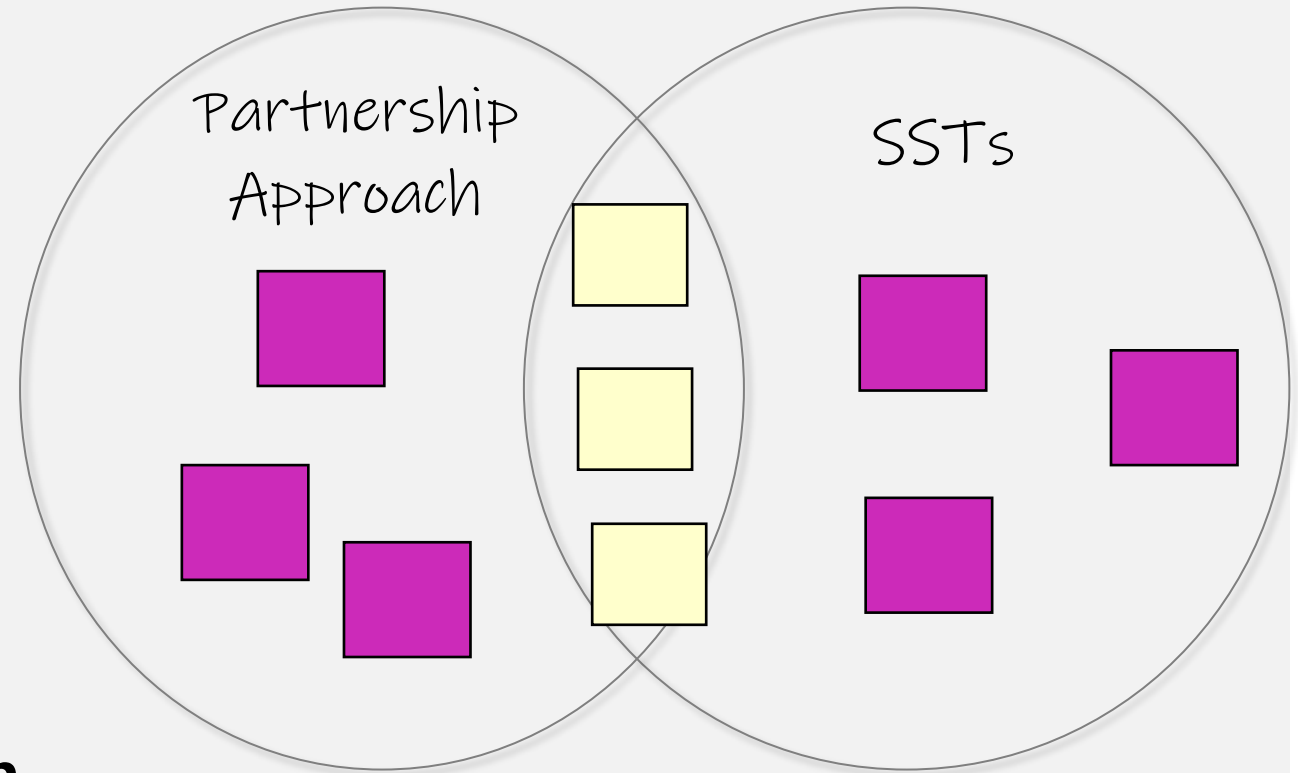
CHECK IN WITH OUR GARDEN:

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Appraisal of Family Engagement Practices

1. At your table assign a facilitator, timekeeper, and note taker
2. On one side list goals and activities of the Partnership approach
3. On another side, list goals and activities of the SST
4. In the middle, list ways the two overlap.
5. Discuss:
 - ✓ **How does work align?**
 - ≠ **Where does the work not align yet?**



Did we do what we said we would do?



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What is one thing you learned today? What will you take away?

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Engaging

Students

together.

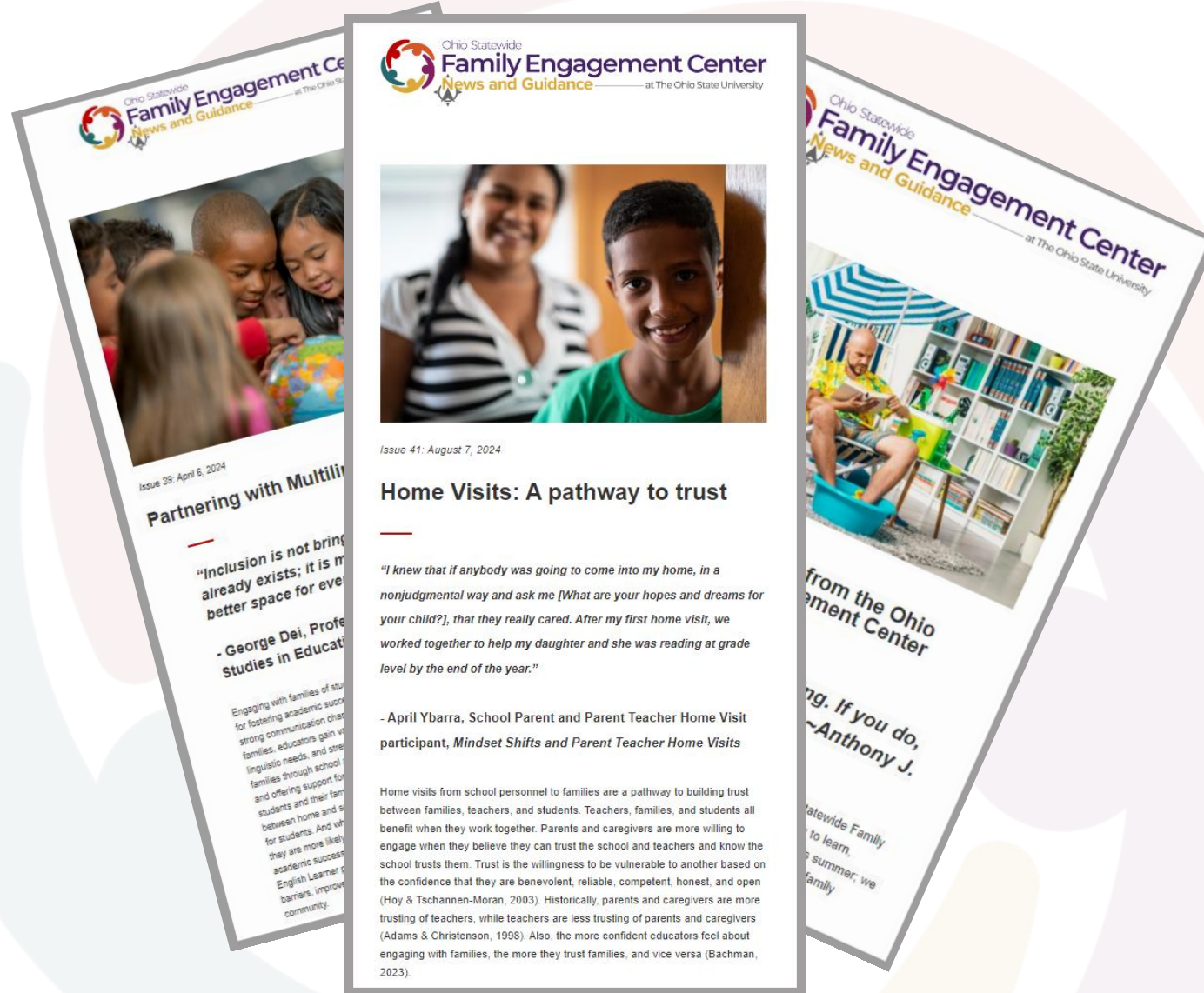


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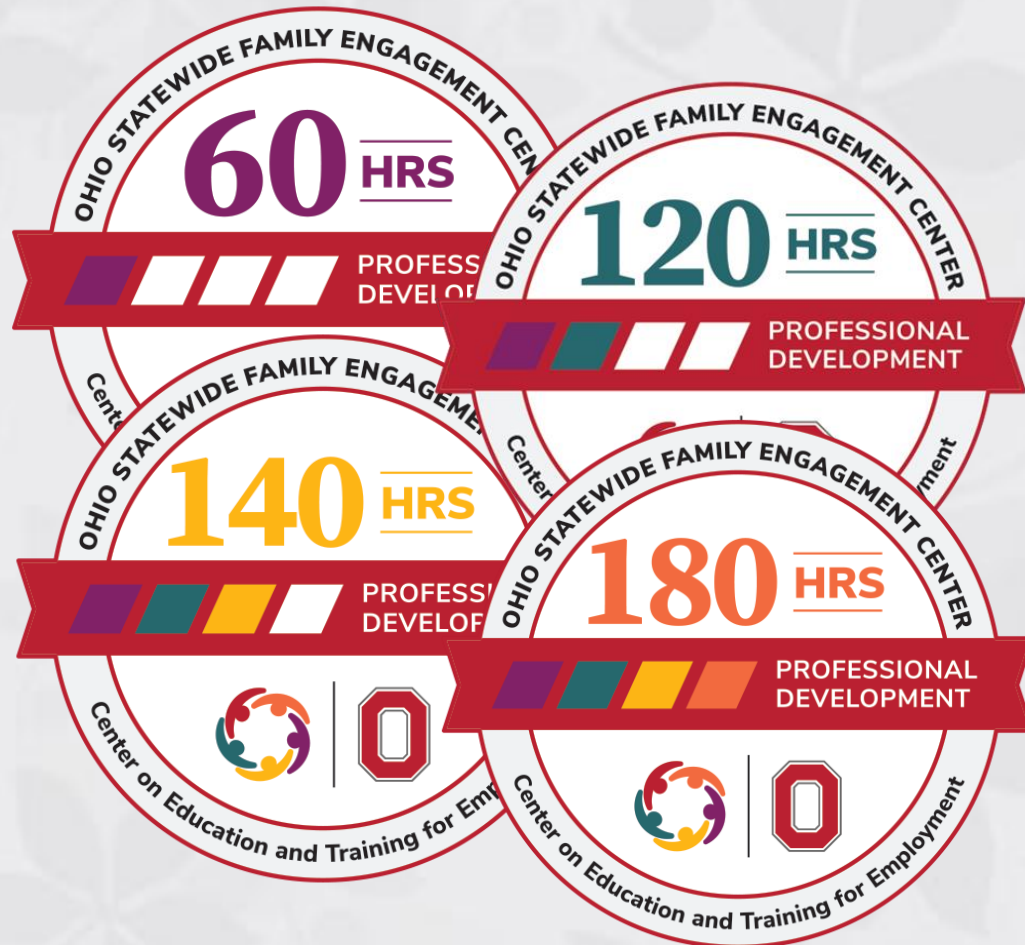


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SEMINAR CATALOG



UPCOMING SEMINAR

Foundations of Family Engagement

START DATE:
OCTOBER 31, 2025

Application open
August 1 - October 17



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Unlocking Early Literacy with Family-Teacher Collaboration

Application opens:
August 1-October 17, 2025

Seminar:
October 31-November 12,
2025



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