



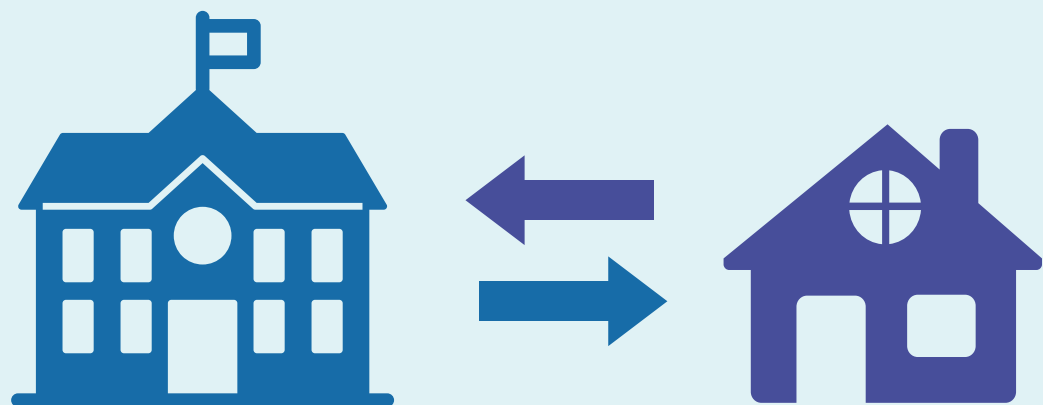
Empowering SLIFE: Enhancing Schooling through Family Engagement



Who are SLIFE?¹

- Multilingual learners
- Enter U.S. after grade 2
- Have gaps in their education
- Are at least 2 years below grade level

What is family engagement?



- **Ongoing** interactions between schools & families
- **Two-way** communication
- **Purposeful focus** on supporting student learning

Why is it important to engage with SLIFE families and communities?²

- Improves student outcomes
- Diminishes language, cultural, and social barriers
- Acknowledges SLIFE families' assets and the unseen ways they're engaged
- Builds the capacity of both families and educators

How can we partner with SLIFE families and expand community collaboration in support of students?

1 Create a welcoming environment for families.³

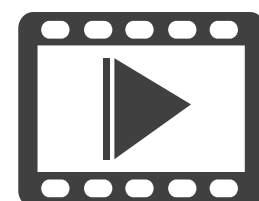
Families see themselves represented and have tools to communicate with school staff.



Free Tool: Welcoming Environment Checklist

2 Build relationships with families.⁴

Schools take an assets-based approach to building relationships with SLIFE families by spending time in their communities and being flexible when scheduling events.



Free Tool: Building Relationships video

3 Overcome barriers to family engagement.⁵

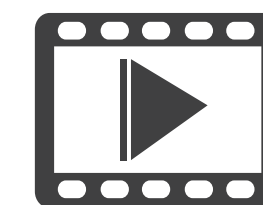
Schools identify creative solutions to address barriers that may hinder SLIFE family engagement, including factors like event timing, language barriers, comfort levels, transportation, and childcare.



Free Tool: Possible Barriers to ML Family Engagement and Solutions Guide

4 Empower families using a scaffolded approach.⁶

A scaffolded approach to advocacy can support families in becoming familiar with the U.S. educational system and increase their engagement in volunteer opportunities and advisory committees.



Free Tool: Partnering with Multilingual Families video

5 Collaborate in support of families.

Districts identify the needs and goals of their SLIFE families to determine community organizations to partner with in support of SLIFE families.



Free Tool: Determining ML Family Engagement Scale



Kicking it to you!

What are your priorities for strengthening SLIFE family and community engagement in your context? Go online and visit

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to let us know and access our corresponding tools that pair with this infographic!

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