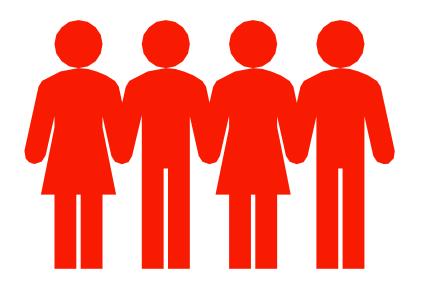
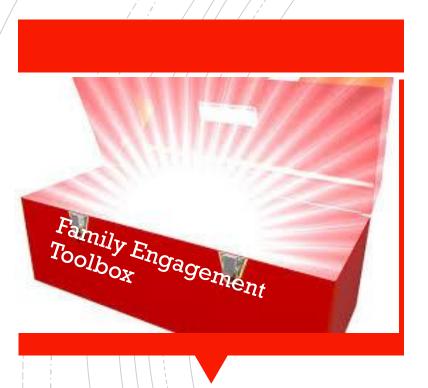
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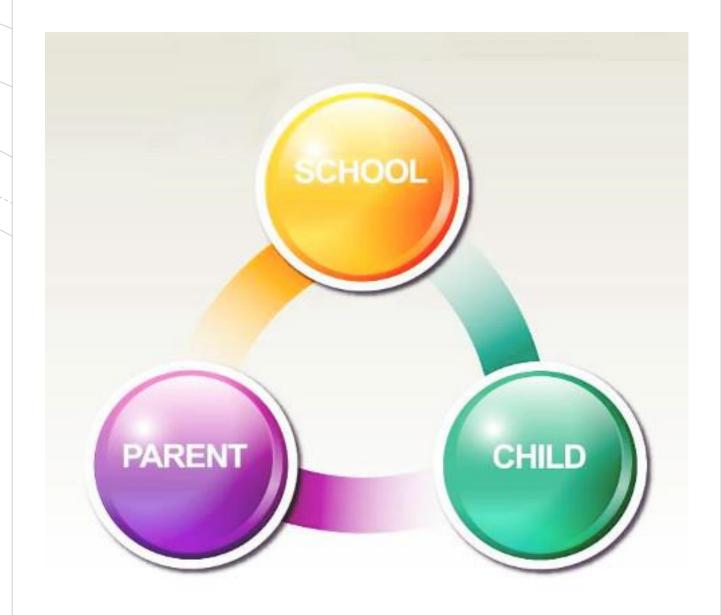
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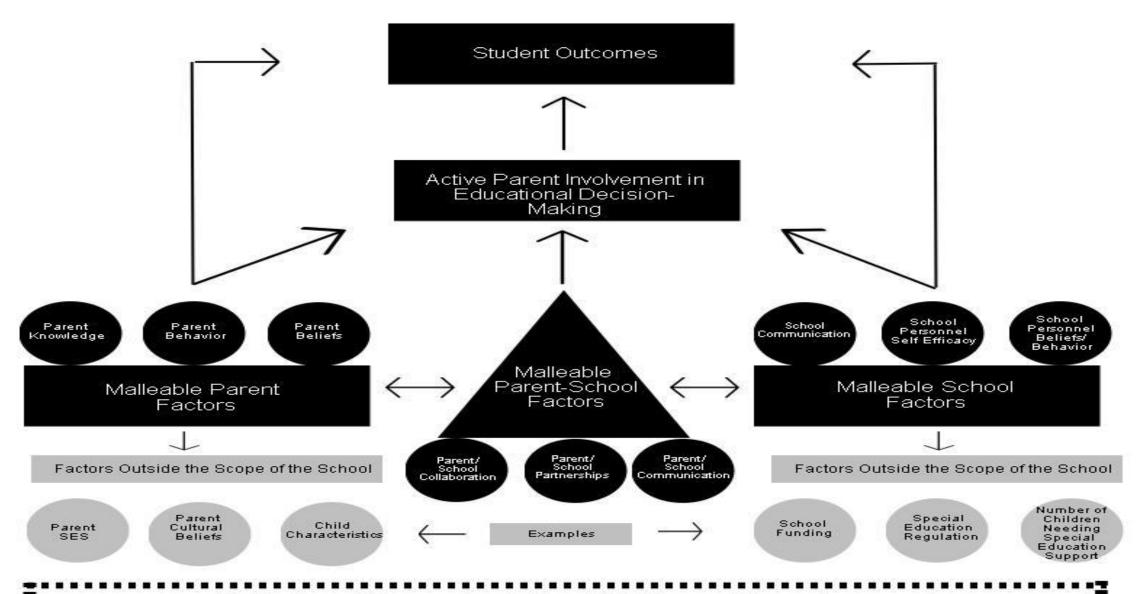
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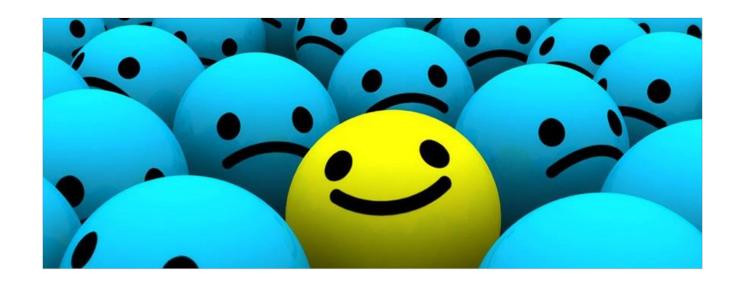
- To understand how families enter into relationships with schools/community agencies, we need to appreciate
 - how each parent takes in information,
 - what and who are their trusted resources, and
 - ultimately what factors most impact their decision-making

Parent As Active Decision Makers with Schools



Defining Characteristics Of Parent Involvement

Things We Can Change (Parent)



Knowledge

Behaviors

Beliefs

Things We Can Change (School/Agency)



Teacher confidence

Behaviors

School communication

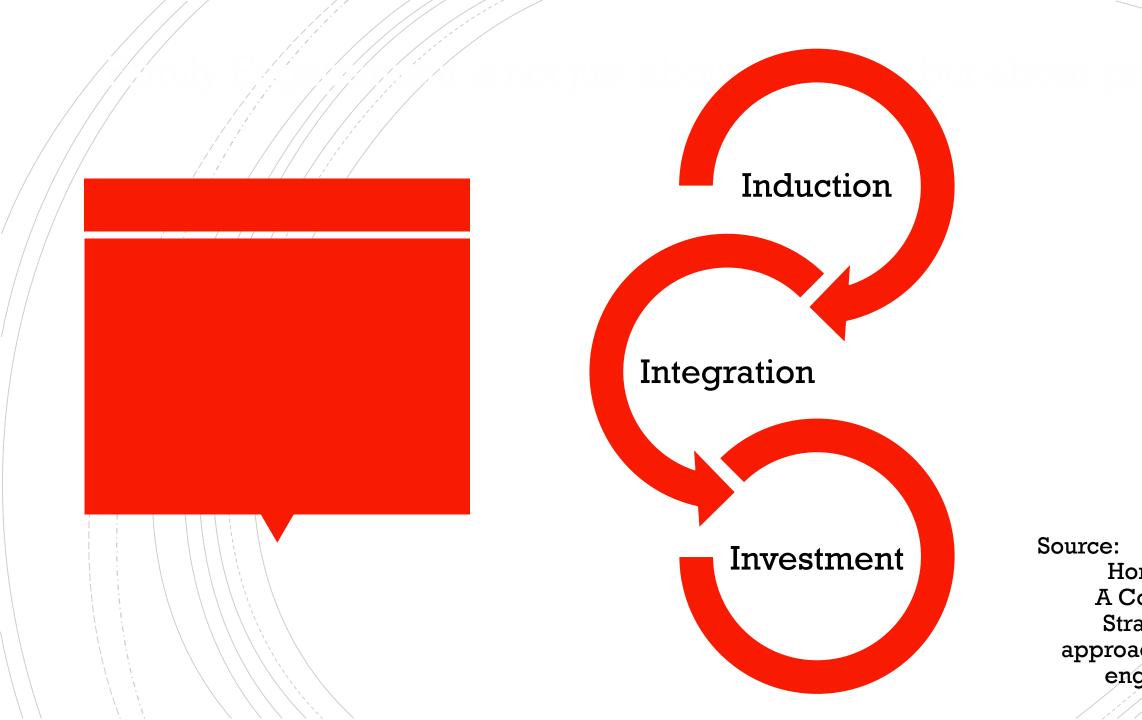
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Collaboration

Communication

Partnering



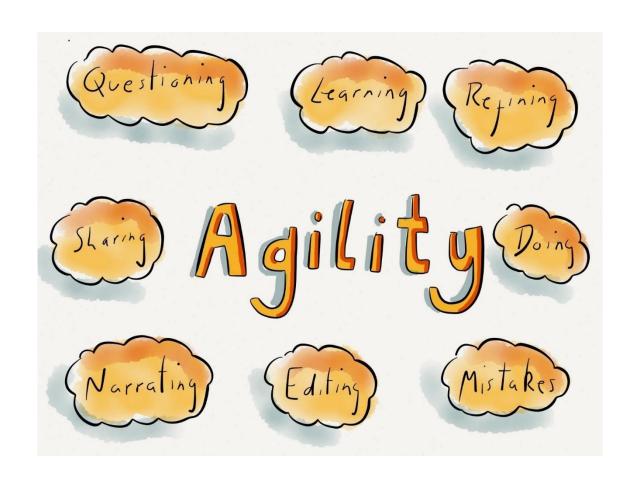
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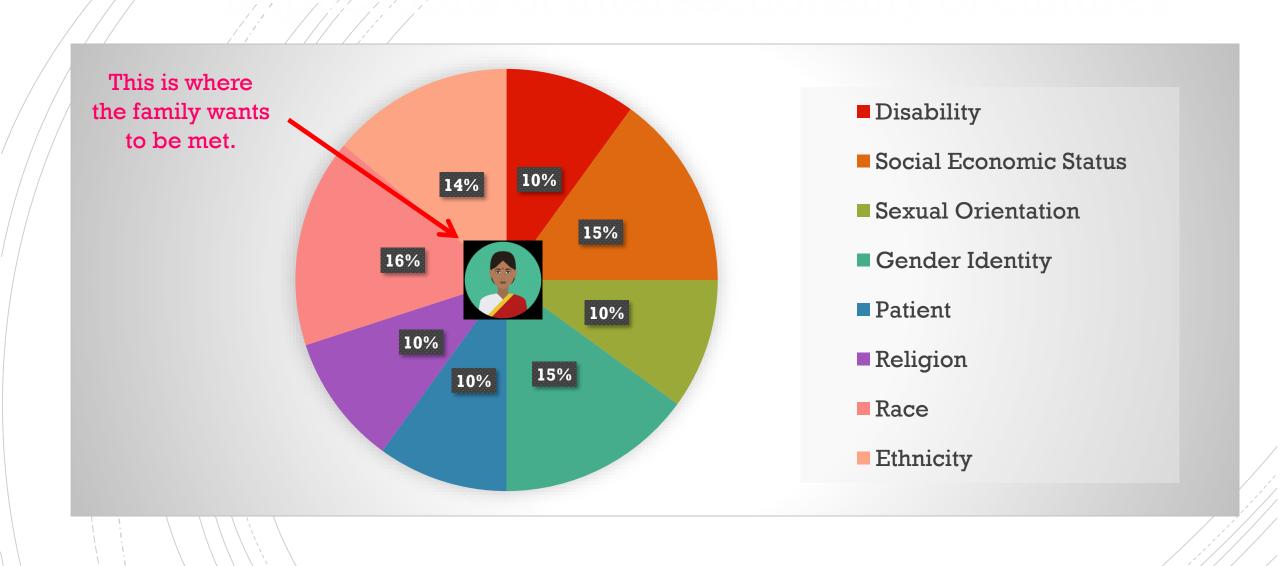
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Agility





Being culturally agile is about giving careful consideration to **your own assumptions and beliefs** that are embedded in your goals for the student/family.

Rather than learning to identify and respond to sets of culturally specific traits (stereotyping), a culturally agile person 'interviews' the family and explores similarities and differences between his/her own and the family's priorities, goals, capacities and approaches.

Cultural Agility

Cultural Agility Requires

Lifelong commitment to selfevaluation and self-critique

Fixing power imbalances

CCEAN

Developing partnerships with people and groups who advocate for others

CCEAR

Trusting Relationships

A relationship without trust is like a car without gas you can stay in it all you want, but it won't go anywhere.

Co-Powering

POWERING POSSIBILITIES

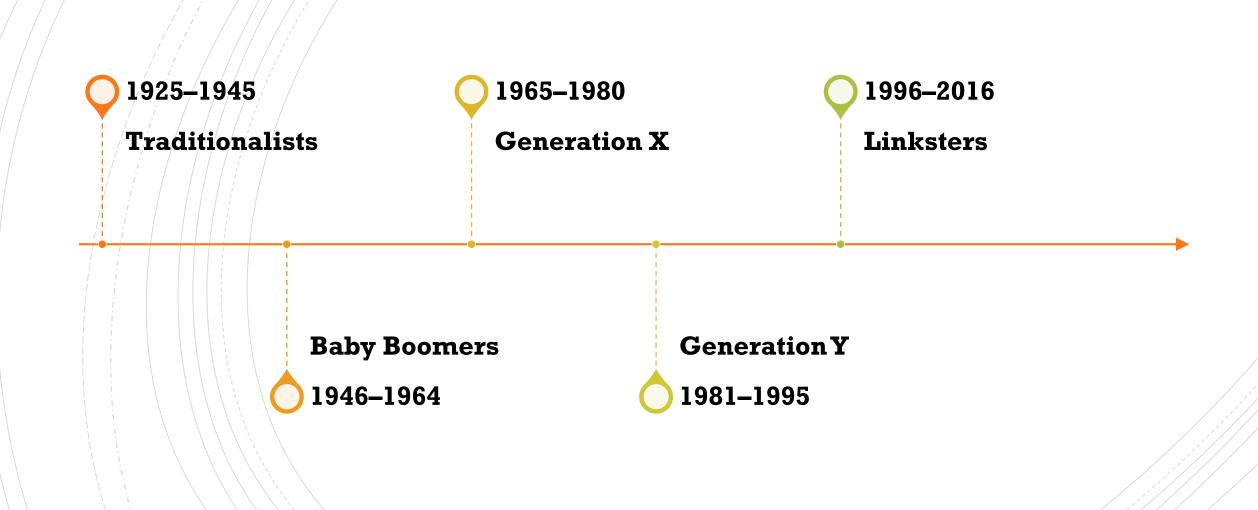
- Co-powering seeks to lift the confidence and energy of another person, yourself and the relationship
- The better we become at co-powering, the more we grow deeper relationships that develop our power to create positive personal, family and community change

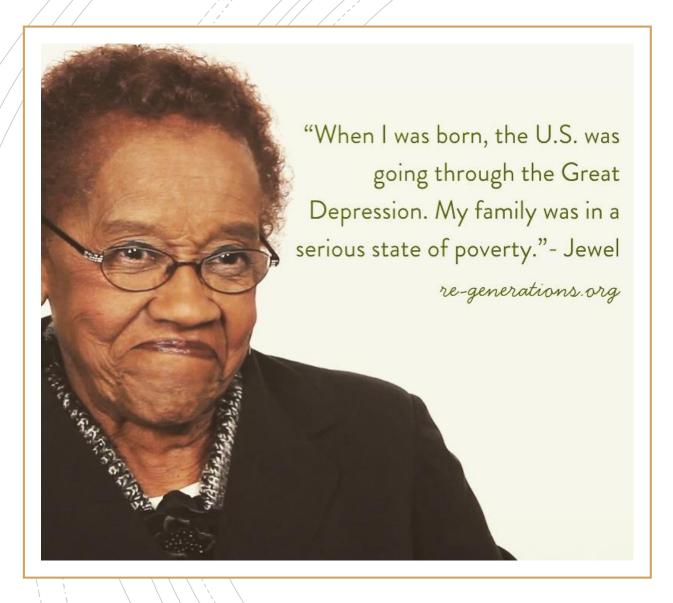
Communication





Generations defined





Signposts: Traditionalists

- Lindbergh Flies Atlantic
- Stock Market Crash of 1929
- Great Depression
- President Roosevelt's New Deal
- Social Security Act
- Hindenburg Explosion
- Pearl Harbor Attack
- D Day and Atom Bomb (WWII ends)
- Polio Vaccine

Signposts: Baby Boomers

- GI Bill
- Korean War
- Dr Spock's *Baby and Child Care Book*
- John F Kennedy Elected and Assassinated
- Civil Rights Act Passed
- Martin Luther King Assassinated
- Robert Kennedy Assassinated
- Woodstock
- Janis Joplin & Jimmy Hendrix Die
- Watergate and Nixon Resignation
- Iran Hostages
- The Feminine Mystique = National Organization for Women



Signposts: Generation X

- Vietnam War
- Rosemary's Baby, the Exorcist, the Omen, Carrie and Halloween
- lst Walk on the Moon
- Sesame Street
- Jonestown Mass Suicides
- Space Shuttle Challenger Explosion
- Black Monday Stock Market Crash
- Gulf War
- Rodney King Beating
- Dot.Com Boom and Bust

Signposts: Generation Y

- lst Laptop
- Baby Jessica
- Exxon Valdez Oil Spill
- Berlin Wall Down
- Oklahoma City Bombing
- OJ Simpson Trial
- AOL Chat room 1st social media platform followed by classmates.com
- 6 Degrees of Separation
- Curt Cobain Dies



Humility

true humility is staying teachable, regardless of how much you already know

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Having Difficult Conversations

Create a culture of safe climates for conversations

- B boundaries
- R reliability
- A accountability
- V vault
- I integrity
- N non-judgmental
- G generosity



Reactance Theory

Resistance is a normal or expected response to a lost or threatened personal freedom





