



## Step Two: USE DATA TO CREATE MULTI-TIERED FSCP ACTION PLANS (More About How)

### Information

#### **Annotated List: Slide Presentation with Notes, Articles, and Data Sources**

These materials are intended to provide a shared base of partnering understanding and information, both from the research and the field. The documents purposely include different formats so as to provide the information in various ways to meet a continuum of needs in diverse sites or situations. They are intended to be practical, useable, and shareable. Some are summaries or handouts, some articles, and some can be considered specific tools or measures. Articles or summary documents are listed in alphabetical order by title, with citations listed below annotation. Tools or data sources are categorized by use and/or primary support tier.

#### **Slide Presentation with Notes**

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Includes slides and notes ready to be shared with others; can be abbreviated or adapted for a specific site or situation; presents an overview and is referenced.

#### **Articles**

- A Conversation with Meghan Dunne, Kindergarten Teacher at Anne Beers Elementary School  
  
Summarizes a teacher's field-based data about what families need to support students' learning at home and demonstrates how to adjust practices according to data.  
  
Flamboyant Foundation. (2013) *A conversation with meghan dunne, kindergarten teacher at anne beers elementary school*. Washington D.C.: Author. Retrieved from <http://flamboyantfoundation.org/2013/05/08/a-conversation-with-meghan-dunne-kindergarten-teacher-at-anne-beers-elementary-school/>
- Casual But Regular Teacher-Parent, Teacher-Student Communication Can Increase Both Engagement and Performance  
  
Reports on recent research study findings supporting the value of teacher, family, and student two-way communication in increasing homework completion and positive behavior.  
  
Boynton, C.W. (2013). *Casual but regular teacher-parent, teacher-student communications can increase both engagement and performance*. Storrs, CT: University of Connecticut, Neag School of Education. Retrieved from <http://spotlight.education.uconn.edu/2013/casual-but-regular-teacher-parent-teacher-student-communications-can-increase-both-engagement-and-performance/>



- Differentiating Family Supports

Highlights the importance of individualizing family partnerships in order to be successful, similarly to the differentiation of instruction to meet student needs; aligns with multi-tiered partnering or layers of support.

Edwards, P.A. (2011). *Differentiating family supports*. In Redding, S., Murphy, M. & Sheley, P. (Eds.) *Handbook on family and community engagement* (pp. 113-116). Lincoln, IL: Academic Development Institute/Center on Innovation and Improvement. Retrieved from <http://www.schoolcommunitynetwork.org/downloads/FACEHandbook.pdf>

- Measuring What Matters: Using Data to Support Family Progress

Describes a cyclical framework for using data to continually improve partnering. Highlights important components of effective data collection and use, stressing sensitivity to families.

National Center on Parents, Family, and Community Engagement (n.d.). *Measuring what matters: Using data to support family progress*. Retrieved from <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/family/docs/measuring-what-matters.pdf>

- Self-Efficacy: Up to the Challenge

Shares research about how teachers and family members must feel confident and valued for partnerships to be effective; focuses on the feelings and thoughts influencing adult behaviors as they work together for students and why it is important to systematically seek related data in planning effective partnering work.

Hoover-Dempsey, K. (2011). Self-efficacy: Up to the challenge. In Redding, S., Murphy, M. & Sheley, P. (Eds.) *Handbook on family and community engagement* (pp. 61-17). Lincoln, IL: Academic Development Institute. Retrieved from <http://www.schoolcommunitynetwork.org/downloads/FACEHandbook.pdf>

## Research Brief

- Step Two Research to Practice Brief: USE DATA TO CREATE MULTI-TIERED FSCP ACTION PLANS (More About How)

Summarizes information from the literature on how to apply data-based problem solving to family, school, and community partnering as a component of system reform; includes information on the importance of identifying “hurdles” or challenges.

Colorado Department of Education. (2011). *Effective family-school partnering for students with disabilities: Research review*. Denver, CO: Author.



## Data Sources

Stakeholders can use these data tools to assess current family, school and community partnering efforts and to continually guide action planning, improvement. The intent is that they can be reviewed briefly to see which ones might be of most relevance for a site or situation, then further study and application can ensue for those thought to be most helpful. The first three, under **Key Measures**, are suggested as possibly being helpful to help create a multi-faceted snapshot of various aspects of partnering in any site or situation - individual beliefs, practices, and needs; multi-tiered supports in practice; and identified challenges with suggested solutions. Each of these measures can be used for individual or group action planning. They can be tabulated and disaggregated so as to guide specific analyses and goal setting. The remaining **Additional Instruments** are organized by tiers and purpose, so as to be easily accessed to best serve a site or situation's need for certain kinds of data.

## Key Measures

- Challenges and Solutions

Compares identifying challenges and solutions to a hurdler planning a successful race; asks for prioritization of issues for families and educators, in conjunction with possible solutions.

- Partnering Beliefs, Practices, and Needs Assessment

Provides questions for family members, educators, and community collaborators about their personal beliefs, practices, and needs as relates to family, school, and community partnering; allows for practice-belief comparisons and identifying possible needs for training and support.

- Multi-Tiered Family, School, and Community Partnering (FSCP) Supports Checklist

Integrates observable actions identified in the research, National Standards for Family-School Partnerships, and the Dual Capacity-Building framework into tiers to help identify areas of focus and the most effective allocation of resources, training, and support.

## Additional Instruments

### Universal Tier (School and Classroom)

- **Feedback and Surveys**

- Colorado Department of Education Parent and Teacher Surveys  
[http://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/school\\_family\\_community\\_partnership\\_survey](http://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/school_family_community_partnership_survey)

Incorporates the National Standards for Family-School Partnership Goals and Indicators into questions for teachers and families to assess



partnership efforts; developed by the Colorado Department of Education with expert and stakeholder input.

- Event Feedback

Includes specific queries about the effectiveness of a school event such as a conference; is designed to be adaptable to various events and more site or situation-specific questions can be inserted.

- Guest Response Card

Asks some concrete questions about school or classroom visits; could be adapted to website or other venues; hopes to emphasize that families are consumers and that their input is valued.

- MTSS Parent Survey (Spanish)

Taps various components of partnering practices within an MTSS or RtI framework, including both academic and behavior learning; designed for family feedback and to help identify strengths and concerns.

- Student Viewpoint

Attempts to access the students' perspective in how they see their home and school working together.

- **Planning and Tracking**

- Disaggregated Participation Percentages

Allows for analyzing partnership data by different groups in order to assess effectiveness and identify possible needs for outreach or encouragement.

- Document Checklist

Organizes a way to systematically assess documents, communication, and websites for inclusion of partnering language; suggests that family members or community resources review for clarity and helpfulness.

- National Standards for Family-School Partnerships: Tiered Reflection and Planning Tool

Seeks to help respondents identify and prioritize implementation of the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships across tiers; can be used by individuals (I) or groups (we) and is open-ended to allow specific application for sites or situations.



- Partnering Continuum
  - Applies a metric to the partnering continuum and allows comparison of educator, family, community and individual perspectives; can be used to measure changes.
  
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Benchmarks of Quality - Family Partnering Additions
  - Outlines and assesses specific action, which describe family benchmarks of “strategies to share key features of PBIS program with families/communities are developed and implemented” and “plans to involve families/communities are developed and implemented”.
  
- Staff Self- Reflection Tool
  - Provides self-assessment guidance in the implementation of evidence-based practices for staff reaching out to partner with families.
  
- Strength and Resource Map
  - Provides a way to assess possible partnering resources in a school or classroom community.
  
- Team Data Tracker
  - Describes how to assess if established school teams, groups, departments, and organizations are including partnering with families and community resources in their work.
  
- Two-Way Communication Check Points
  - Allows stakeholders to track two-way communication with partners over time.

### **Targeted and Intensive Tiers**

- Planning Team Feedback
  - Provides a simple, brief feedback measure for planning team participants; can be shared electronically.
  
- Teaming Roles and Responsibilities Checklists
  - Helps define educator and family “jobs” in teaming for student success: allows for discussion and attempts to guide effective collaborative work.