



CONEXIONES

The Summit School District, in connection with their local Family Intercultural Resource Center (FIRC), has created an outreach and home-visitation program called “Conexiones.” Conexiones is a kindergarten readiness program which aims to increase school connectedness, high school graduation rates, representation in advanced placement classes, enrollment in postsecondary institutions, and close the achievement gap. In the short term, Conexiones aims to increase the proficiency level of students in their academic achievement, increase the number of positive behavior referrals, increase administrative and teacher contact with families, and increase attendance rates.

Summit School District has identified family engagement as a key to the success of learners within the district at every age. As a result, the district actively connects with all parents, families, and community partners to build a network of support for every student’s academic success, character development, and social-emotional health.

GOING OUT TO BRING THEM IN

Several years ago, Summit Middle School leaders and staff began working with partners at the Family Intercultural Resource Center to launch a home visitation program called “Going Out to Bring Them In.” Summit Middle School believes that, while home visits are typically associated with early childhood programs, parents need supports across the kindergarten-to-twelfth-grade spectrum. Research has shown that the most critical parent involvement happens in the home, but parents may need specific information on how best to support their students and their academic success outside of school.

Going Out to Bring Them In begins to create strong relationships between families and the school for incoming sixth grade students. These relationships help ensure that students experience a positive transition between elementary and middle school.

Conexiones and Going Out to Bring Them In work together to build strong positive relationships between families, community partners, and the school. Summit School District recognizes that parents want the best for their children, but that they sometimes need specific instruction to help students achieve their fullest potential. Both programs work to educate families while increasing student successes.



**Going Out
To Bring
Them In!**