



**Resource 3**

# Fifteen Ways that Families Can Help Increase School-Community Collaboration

Use these tips to help increase school-community collaboration.

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| 1. Find out about and use information on community resources and organizations.                                       |
| 2. Help your school develop a directory of social and community services.   |
| 3. Make local agencies and businesses aware of what's happening at your school.                                       |
| 4. Help coordinate and participate in events that support community groups.   |
| 5. Talk with employers about holding parent meetings or parenting workshops on-site.                                  |
| 6. Encourage employers to adopt flexible work schedules and time off so that employees might attend school functions. |
| 7. Ask employers and local businesses to make donations and support school programs.                                  |
| 8. Help organize and/or participate in community health fairs.  |
| 9. Recruit community members (seniors, business people) to volunteer at school.                                       |
| 10. Become active in community groups such as YMCA and Boy and Girl Scouts.   |
| 11. Serve on local community advisory councils and committees.  |
| 12. Work with local authorities and public officials to sponsor community events.                                     |
| 13. Help organize and/or participate in a community "clean up" or "beautification" project.                           |
| 14. Encourage and help facilitate your child's participation in community service.                                    |
| 15. Be a role model; be active in community service yourself or together with your child.                             |

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