


Hong Kong Christian Service
 Centre for Harmony and Enhancement of Ethnic Minority Residents (CHEER)



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Skills in Engaging Ethnic Minority Parents

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Difficulties

- I don't know about the education
- I don't know Chinese
- Studying in Hong Kong is very stressful
- Can you tell me which schools is the best

Questions

- What do we want the parents to engage?
- What is parental involvement?
- Why is parental involvement important?
- How do EM parents involve?
- Why do EM parents involve/ Why don't?

Importance of Parent Involvement

- Insufficient involvement limits EM parents' ability to help children advance
- Ultimate Social Integration and Rights & Policy Advocacy

Involvement of EM Parents

- Ethnic minority parents' concern on children's education is the same as Chinese parents
- Cultural background and information deficiency may vary parents' involvement in ways and intensity of involvement

Ways of Parental Involvement

- Parenting
- Home Learning
- School Decision Making
- Communication with Schools
- Volunteering in Schools
- Collaborating with Community
- Policy Advocacy

Breakthrough 1

- "Children's education is not my prime responsibility"
- Sibling's responsibility,
Wife's responsibility,
Teacher's responsibility
Tutorial class's responsibility
- Parents have a irreplaceable role in children's study

Breakthrough 2

- "I don't know Chinese, I cannot support my children"
- Chinese:
communication with schools,
study assistance
- Create a learning atmosphere

Breakthrough 3

- “I have no time to help my children’s study”
- Priority Setting
- Community Resources
- It is a real challenge for parents to spare time for children’s study in such work condition, but it does not mean that parents have no way out

At School

- **Parent Workshop**
- Good at engaging a great numbers of parents
- Good at delivering education information
- **Parent Teacher Association**
- Active parents; long term engagement

At Community

- **Reaching Out**
- **Consultation**
- **Tutorial Class**

At Centre

- **Parents’ Concern Group**
- Issue based - School Application
- Self Initiate
- Exposure
- **Assistance to schools/School Work**
- Partner with Schools to help translation and interpretation
- Translate/ Interpret for EM parent

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Consultation Hotline

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Role Play