WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Family Empowerment is how we systematically center the voices of parents and families using a community organizing approach to set goals and develop solutions together. This includes integrating leadership development opportunities at every step and building advocacy skills to last a lifetime. This approach fosters a strong sense of community ownership and engagement and creates a transformational, intergenerational space for families and communities to grow stronger and more resilient.

LET'S PRACTICE

1. What are we learning from parents and how are parents leading our work?
2. Is there someone working on the ground, engaging with families to hear their stories and understand their needs?
3. How can we make meetings more welcoming & inclusive for parents to fully participate (in their own language)?
4. Are we supporting parents in setting the meeting agendas, facilitating conversations, and advocating directly with decision-makers? Do their kids get to see them in action?
5. When are we doing things for families when we could be co-creating solutions with families instead?
6. Are we working with families to navigate complex systems, and to address community-level issues through policy advocacy & institutional change?

WHAT IS ONE ACTION YOU CAN TAKE RIGHT NOW?