

# How do you define parent partnership in advancing health equity?

reciprocity

Intentionality

bringing "the table" to them versus bringing them to the table

Parents are safe to contribute and challenge

Is a necessity

shared commitments/goals

Making it a shared vision and value

Equal ability to share and be heard regarding the needs of their families.

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Parent value = Educator value

Advocating for your child

understanding experiences

Priority given to parents experiences and ideas

transparent and relationship focused

getting parent feedback on what questions to ask identifying current situations and current barriers

creating systems with families. Engaging, Listening, Learning from, advocating for changes based on what is needed to support people.

Sharing ideas



# How do you define parent partnership in advancing health equity?

Understanding that all people are different and have their own needs

Engagement

amplifying voices of lived experiences

Parents always being included in the information sharing and health decisions for their children and themselves.

Involving them in decisions about healthcare service delivery in their communities

Respectful and intentional partnership that involves compensation for time and effort. In a way that recognizes the value of parent perspective.

Better communication between parents and their supports to obtain them the support they need.

I believe parent partnership in advancing health equity means asking for parent's input on their needs for health and wellness.

# How do you define parent partnership in advancing health equity?

Communication

inclusion, fully informed consent to feel empowered along the journey

Value them as the expert on their kids





# What lessons have you learned in partnering with parents and families to advance equity?

About different Cultures

It is important to listen to the entire story not take just a piece of the story or idea.

It's not easy but can have a big impact

Going to appointments with families can be powerful ways to support them.

There is an increased level of expertise in navigating situations and supporting families involved

Building and increasing connection with children.

reflective and/or clinical support is so important

Because it's such a valuable resource, the system needs to figure out an approach to best utilize and not overstress partners

# What lessons have you learned in partnering with parents and families to advance equity?

You have to allow parents to lead and be the experts on their care.

That they are the experts

Empowerment through safety

Need to have sustainable funding/plan can't be ad-hoc if you want a trusted relationship

Parents want community, but some have had their trust violated so it's difficult for them to be open to new experiences that could be helpful.

Families are dealing with harm; some systems do not want to change and sometimes trying to partner with families means that you no longer have the standing as a partner. And its still worth it.

Parents are the secret ingredient for successful advocacy - listen to them.