



COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DUNEDIN)
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Consultations Unpacked Engaging Parents in the Education of their Children

Council of Social Services Dunedin & Dunedin Community Law Centre invite you to discuss the Parliamentary Inquiry into Engaging Parents in the Education of their Children and assist with formulating possible submissions.

12 -1:30 Wednesday 30 October 2013

*Dunedin Community House, 301 Moray Place, Dunedin 9106
Bring your Lunch, Tea & Coffee provided*

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We've prepared a quick guide to the inquiry and some pointers to information to help us get a handle on the topic.

The key points...

The topic for this session is the Parliamentary Inquiry into Engaging Parents in the Education of their Children

The terms of reference for the Inquiry are to investigate the elements of an effective strategy:

1. for engaging parents, families, whānau, aiga, and communities in education;
2. to identify the best practice examples of approaches, locally and internationally, that support parents and communities to encourage their children's learning;
3. and to identify ways to leverage the strength of communities to lift the educational achievement of children and young people in their community.

As an outcome of this discussion we hope to make a submission. Submissions close 7 November 2013

Some starter Questions...

- What, if any, barriers exist to engaging parents, parents, families, whānau, aiga, and communities in education?
- Are you aware of any examples internationally or locally that succeed in supporting parents and communities to encourage children's learning?
- how do you think we can harness the strength of communities to lift the educational achievement of children and young people in their community?

Some background reading from around the world...

Aotearoa New Zealand

Ministry of Education information, research and toolkits for engaging parents, whānau, and community:

nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Middle-schooling/Engaging-parents-whanau-and-community

NZ research on engaging parents funded by the Teaching & Learning Research Initiative (TLRI), a body established by the government in 2004 to forge links between educational research and teaching practice:

Active Adult Participation in Early Childhood Education: Enhancing Child Learning and Community Wellness a report prepared by Judith Duncan et al.:

www.tlri.org.nz/sites/default/files/projects/9279_summaryreport.pdf

Australia

Sustaining Community Engagement, Blog – links and information on the Australian context:

sustainingcommunity.wordpress.com/2013/04/05/welcoming-parents-in-schools/

Information on the New South Wales School Learning Support Programme which is supported by The New South Wales Department of Education and Training:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/studentsupport/programs/schoollearning/rf6engage.pdf

Victoria Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Resources for engaging parents in children's education:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/pages/drugeduengage.aspx

United Kingdom

Principles for engaging with families: A framework for local authorities and national organisations to evaluate and improve engagement with families, a publication by the UK based Early Learning Partnership Parental Engagement Group (ELPPEG).

www.ncb.org.uk/media/236258/engaging_with_families.pdf

Research on parents involved in their children's learning from the UK-based organisation The Centre for Excellence and Outcomes in Children and Young People's Services:

www.c4eo.org.uk/themes/families/vlpdetails.aspx?lpeid=414

USA

Engaging Parents in School: Blog – includes links to articles on engaging parents:

engagingparentsinschool.edublogs.org

In 1995 the United States Department of Education created Parent Information Resource Centres (PIRCs) with the objective to provide parents, schools and organizations working with families with training and information on what they need to achieve at school. The Iowa PIRC has a high profile in this field:

www.iowaparents.org

www.iowaparents.org/files/toolkit/Engaging_Parents_as_Partners_in_Their_Childrens_Education.pdf

www.councilofsocialservices.org.nz

www.dclc.org.nz