Family Engagement Key to Students’ Academic, Social Success

Family engagement is one of the most important factors in the academic and social success of a student. This is even more true during the more relaxed summer months. The greatest challenge of this time of year for many out-of-school time providers is finding innovative ways to engage families. Wading through the many options to connect to families and communities can be daunting, but it’s not impossible!

When students and families participate together, students are more likely to be excited about what they are learning. With youth eager to relax after completing the school year, bringing them back to learning is a priority. Involving families in the learning process and connecting with them through meaningful, holistic methods can be the deciding factor in a summer program that thrives (Ahmad, et. al, 2016).

As an out-of-school time provider planning for another summer of learning, remember to tap into the power of an effective family engagement strategy, (Ferlazzo & Hammond, 2009). This can mean the difference between a good summer program and a great one!