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**WORKING TOGETHER  
TO ACHIEVE STUDENT SUCCESS**

**Strategies for Including  
Families in the IEP Process**

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**Session Objectives**

- Session participants will be able to understand the rationale for involving families as collaborative partners in the IEP process.
- Session participants will be able to implement and embed the *five tips* for working with families within their setting.
- Session participants will be able to relate their past and present experiences with the *five tips* to improve collaborative relationships for future IEP meetings.

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**The Foundation**

TRUST  
COMMUNICATION  
INDIVIDUALIZATION

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## 5 Tips for Positively Involving Families in the IEP Process

1. Develop Collaborative Relationships
2. Practice Transparency
3. Active Learning Opportunities
4. Respect Culture, Beliefs, & Ideas
5. Integrate Ideas

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## Develop Collaborative Relationships

- Mutual TRUST
- Positive and Transparent COMMUNICATION
- Respect for family knowledge
- Meet family *where they are*
  - Knowledge
    - Special Education Process
    - Development

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## Practice Transparency

- Clear expectations

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## Active Learning Opportunities

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## Respect Culture, Beliefs, & Ideas

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## Integrate Ideas

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## Resources

- <http://eiexcellence.org>

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