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Bridge Foundation Family Engagement Institute supports children within the context of families and families in the context of communities. Parents participating in Read to Rise will receive support and mentorship through the program. While we know that early introduction to reading makes a difference and we also know that reading with parent reinforcement works and influences the child's reading experience.

Quick Facts:

Family Engagement is

- is twice as predictive of student's academic success as family socio-economic status

- leads to higher grades, test scores and graduation rates

- motivates students to attend school regularly

- increases motivation and improves students' self-esteem

- leads to parents discovering their assets and gaining a deeper understanding of themselves as vital resources for themselves, their children and others

- helps parents assuming leadership roles that improve their skills that are later used beyond the school walls

- supports parents to form networks and social supports that form pathways for empowerment

Through the Family Engagement Institute parents will link and access new and pertinent information that serves as building blocks for advocacy on behalf of their children.

- Children learn to read when they are ready to in the comfort of loving relationships and people

- Quality early learning environments are what count for all children

- Teachers who are qualified and are treated with respect in the system are more apt to teach willingly and the child is more apt to listen to a happy teacher

- Parents who are part of their child's learning experience help to change their children's self-perception and what they think they can achieve

- Parents who are informed are able to help their children positively experience education

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