

Bridging School & Ethnic Minority Parents

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1. A Brief Profile of NCS Parents

NCS Parents Generally ...

1. Have Less Education
2. Are Economically Less Privileged
3. Low Social Participation in Mainstream Culture
4. Have Bigger Families (or)
5. Less Informed on Family Planning Issues
6. Low Involvement in Their Children's Education

2. Challenges for Schools

1. Communication Problems
2. Low Parental Involvement
3. Academic Issues
4. Discipline Problems

3. Definitions

Parental Involvement

- Feeling part of their children's school life

2-Way Communication

- Notices read, signed and returned
- Meetings Attended
- Phone Calls Made or Answered

4. Parental Involvement Can be Achieved

1. Holding Talks for Parents
2. Subject-based Activities
3. Outdoor Activities
4. The Role of the PTA
5. Involving Social Service Sector

Holding Talks for Parents

What

- The Importance of Parental Involvement
- Practical Tips for Parents

Who

- (1) School (2) Religious or Community Leaders (3) NGOs

Subject-based Activities

1. English

Presentations on Family Activities

2. Maths – Doing sums based on real Shopping List

3. Arts

Cultural Arts

4. Moral Education

Cultural Moral Tales/Stories

Outdoor Activities

1. Picnics

2. Sports Days

3. Community Events

4. PTA Outings

Parents can be

involved through

simple activities such as 'The Best

Snapshots Contest'

The Role of the PTA

1. Parent Volunteer Groups

2. Get some Qualified Parents to Share Their Thoughts in Their Language with Other Parents – Verbally or Through Writing

3. Class Parent

Involving Social Service Sector

1. Open Houses With Community Events

2. Workshops on Parenting

3. Involvement in Other School-based Activities

5. Communication Can be Enhanced

1. Role of NCS TAs or Teachers

2. Translations

3. Newsletters with More Images

4. New Parents Nights/Meetings

5. The School Information Package

6. Psychology of Phone-based Communication

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