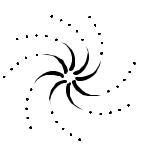
## GET PARENTS AND FAMILIES INVOLVED

Our parents aren't usually involved much anymore. They don't really know what's going on. They're like too busy or something.

Here are some ideas:

- ➤ Create places and programs where parents can learn more about basic parenting skills, how to work with youth on social competencies and life skills, how to work with special needs children, how to set boundaries, how to get involved with schools.
- ➤ Develop services and supports for single parents and for grandparents raising grandchildren.
- ➤ Develop comprehensive family centers; encourage youth and older adults to work at family centers as community service.
- > Encourage schools to create a more inviting and friendly place for parents to be involved.
- ➤ Promote parental involvement with detained and incarcerated youth, and with youth upon their release from these facilities.
- ➤ Develop and implement pre-parenting programs that teach adults to plan for the nurturing of their children before pregnancy.









## LINKS TO ACTION

Starting Out Right & What Young Children Need to Succeed – materials to help create a firm foundation for children.

Search Institute 877-240-7251 or www.search-institute.org

Parents Reaching Out – helping families statewide with children who

have unique needs 505-865-3700

**County Maternal & Child Health** – local/community-based collaborations that work to improve MCH outcomes 505-827-2451

**Strengthening Families Model Programs** – science-based, exemplary programs www.samhsa.gov/csap/modelprograms

**NM Parent Teacher Association** – statewide connection for parent involvement in the schools 505-881-0712