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ABSTRACT

This bibliography is a listing of resources which provide information about the involvement of parents and guardians in the process of the education of their children. The items listed are housed in the Library, Instructional Resources Unit, Manitoba Education and Training section of the provincial government. The bibliography is divided into two parts. The first section is comprised of book entries on parents' involvement in their children's education. The second part of the bibliography lists and describes 17 videos related to parent involvement. The videos cover a range of topics, including: an introduction to the ways in which parents and educators can work together to improve the quality of their children's education; parent conferences; how parents can help their children with homework and with school behavior; motivating students to learn; reading with young children; and innovations in schools.  
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**Partners in learning: the key to success**

[Winnipeg]: Manitoba Educational Television, Distance Education & Technology Branch, Manitoba Education and Training, 1991.

1 videorecording (20 min.)

**SUMMARY:** Discusses the importance of education for students in Northern Manitoba communities and emphasizes the partnership which must exist between community leaders, educators, parents and students. Students of Frontier School Division, who have gone on to careers in child and family services, social work, nursing and acting, talk about the value of education. Young people, who have recently graduated, discuss their futures. A grade ten student and her family share their thoughts on the role of the family in the educational process. Includes interviews with students who have dropped out of school and then returned to graduate.

Audience level: Grade 7 to Senior 4, Professional development

Availability: 2 bookable copies: #8300  
Dubbing rights: VT-1994

**Why do these kids like school?**

[United States]: Concemetric Media; Toronto: International Tele-Film [distributor], 1990.

1 videorecording (60 min.)

**SUMMARY:** Viewers visit eight American public schools, each of which represents a trend toward innovation in education. Considers each school's philosophy, programs and involvement of parents, teachers, students and principals in shaping the direction of that school. Emphasizes human values, communication, relevance, flexibility, service, leadership and cooperation based on mutual respect.

Audience level: Professional development

Availability: 1 bookable copy: #9675

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Morrow, Lesley Mandel, editor. *Family literacy: connections in schools and communities*. Newark, Del.: International Reading Assn., 1995. 302.2244 F34

Munn, Pamela, editor. *Parents and schools: customers, managers or partners?* London, [Eng.]; New York: Routledge, 1993. 370.19310941 P37

*Parent involvement and school boards: a partnership*. Ottawa: Canadian School Boards Association, 1995. 371.2 P37

Sarason, Seymour B. *Parental involvement and the political principle: why the existing governance structure of school should be abolished*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1995. 371.2 S27

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## Videos

### **Dorothy Rich's Families and schools: teaming for success**

Bloomington, Ind.: Agency for Instructional Technology; Langley, B.C.: Magic Lantern Communications [distributor], 1995.

1 videorecording (51 min.) + facilitator's guide  
 SUMMARY: Designed to introduce viewers to the ways in which parents and educators can work together to improve the quality of their children's education. Part one of this program explores the role of partnerships in education with reference to American funding and laws. Part two offers glimpses of three Kentucky schools—Maupin Elementary School, Iroquois Middle School and Iroquois High School—which have established successful programs involving teachers, families and communities. Emphasizes the positive value to students of close school-community cooperation and shows Dorothy Rich giving workshops to parents on building family-school partnerships. Includes comments of teachers, parents, students and administrators.

Audience level: Professional development

Availability: 1 bookable copy: #3118

### **Involving parents in education**

Alexandria, Va.: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1992.

1 videorecording (30 min.) + guide

SUMMARY: Designed to introduce viewers to the ways in which parents and educators can work together to improve the quality of their children's education. Examines Joyce Epstein's 5-point parental involvement



model and shows it at work in McAllen Independent School District, McAllen, Texas, and in Indianapolis Public Schools, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Audience level: Professional development  
 Availability: 5 bookable copies: #6792

**Learning in the early years: parents and teachers work together**

[Winnipeg]: Manitoba Educational Television, 1990.  
 1 videorecording (22 min.)

SUMMARY: Shows the efforts of parents and teachers as they work together with children in the primary grades in Northern Manitoba. Shows children participating in a number of activities, shows teachers and parents in conferences, and discusses the value of such initiatives to the child, the teacher and the community.

Audience level: Professional development  
 Availability: 1 bookable copy: #5894  
 Dubbing rights: VT-1897

**Lee Canter's Positive parent involvement series**

Santa Monica, Calif.: Lee Canter & Associates, 1990-1995.

6 videorecordings (listed below)

SERIES SUMMARY: This six program series is designed to assist teachers in establishing positive relationships with parents and to assist parents in helping their children to succeed in school.

Audience level: Professional development

**Confident parent conferences**

Santa Monica: Lee Canter & Associates, 1991.

1 videorecording (50 min.) + 2 books + leader's guide  
 SUMMARY: This program provides teachers with communication skills needed for them to be able to conduct successful parent conferences. Topics include the regularly scheduled conference, the problem-solving conference and the home-school contract. Emphasizes the importance of planning, and follow-up calls and visits. The books included are entitled: *Parents on your side* and *Lee Canter's Parents on your side. Resource materials workbook.*

Availability: 2 bookable copies: #3038

**Positive solutions to difficult situations with parents**

Santa Monica: Lee Canter & Associates, 1990.

1 videorecording (35 min.) + 2 books + leader's guide  
 SUMMARY: Presents teachers with strategies and techniques to use when dealing with difficult criticism, keeping a conference focused, contacting hard to reach parents, obtaining commitment from non-cooperative parents, and getting administrative support. The books included are the same as those listed above.

Availability: 2 bookable copies: #3046

**Skills for parents: how to help your child succeed with homework**

Santa Monica: Lee Canter & Associates, 1992.

1 videorecording (25 min.) + 6 books + leader's guide  
 SUMMARY: In this program, Lee Canter conducts a workshop for parents in which he explains the value of and necessity for homework, He then describes a 6-step method to assist children to successfully complete homework as well as ways in which parents can work with teachers to solve homework problems. The books included are entitled: *Assertive discipline for parents, Help!: it's home work time, Homework without tears, What to do when your child hates to read, What to do when your child needs to study* and *What to do when your child won't behave.*

Availability: 2 bookable copies: #3035

**Skills for parents: how to help improve your child's behavior in school**

Santa Monica: Lee Canter & Associates, 1992.

1 videorecording (25 min.) + 6 books + leader's guide  
 SUMMARY: In this program, Lee Canter conducts a workshop for parents in which he outlines a 5-step method to show parents ways to help their children assume responsibility for their behaviour as well as what to do when the school calls about a behaviour problem. Emphasizes the importance of parents being involved with their children's education and of forming a partnership with the teacher to deal with behaviour issues. The books included are the same as those listed above.

Availability: 2 bookable copies: #3036

**Teachers coaching parents regarding homework and discipline**

Santa Monica: Lee Canter & Associates, 1995

1 videorecording (35 min.) + 2 books + leader's guide  
 SUMMARY: This program considers how teachers can help parents deal with homework and discipline issues. Homework issues focus on children who don't do homework if the parents aren't present, children who take too long to complete assignments, and children who don't bring assignments home or say they have no homework. Disciplinary skills focus on a 4-step method to deal with classroom misbehaviour. The books included are entitled: *Parents on your side* and *Lee Canter's Parents on your side. Resource materials workbook.*

Availability: 2 bookable copies: #3048

**Turning parents into partners**

Santa Monica: Lee Canter & Associates, 1991.

1 videorecording (40 min.) + 2 books + leader's guide  
 SUMMARY: This program suggests ways in which teachers can establish cooperative relationships with parents from the beginning of the school year. Topics include contacting parents before school starts,

communicating the homework plan and discipline policy to parents, and motivating parents at back-to-school nights. Considers the establishment of positive communication strategies with parents and the steps to take at the first sign of an academic or behavioural problem. The books included are the same as those listed above.

Availability: 2 bookable copies: #3037

### Motivation to learn

Alexandria, Va.: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1990.

2 videorecordings (52 min.) + 1 book + leader's manual  
**SUMMARY:** This program is designed to introduce viewers to common problems of academically unmotivated students and suggest ways of helping them. In the first program, Aaron shows himself to be a bright, popular seventh-grader who is failing major subjects because of his unwillingness to do homework and his inability to apply himself in class. With help from his father and teacher, he finds a solution to his problem. The second program discusses eight guidelines for successful parent-teacher conferences and offers suggestions on how to conduct a conference on motivational concerns.

Audience level: Professional development

Availability: 1 bookable copy: #4896

**See Also:** The companion book on page 2 — Wlodkowski, Raymond J. *Eager to learn: helping children become motivated and love learning.*

### Parent involvement: reading with young children

[Winnipeg]: Manitoba Educational Television, Distance Education & Technology Branch, Manitoba Education and Training, 1991.

1 videorecording (16 min.)

**SUMMARY:** Describes the role of parent and community in a child's early learning and reading experiences. Shows how an early interest and love of books and illustration can help in the development of reading, writing, thinking and listening skills. Includes interviews with educators and shows parental and community involvement with children's early reading efforts.

Audience level: Professional development

Availability: 2 bookable copies: #8229

Dubbing rights: VT-1993

### Parental involvement

Bloomington, Ind.: Agency for Instructional Television; Phi Delta Kappa; Langley, B.C.: Magic Lantern Communications [distributor], 1993.

1 videorecording (28 min.) + facilitator's guide  
*(Schools of thought series ; II)*

**SUMMARY:** Series is designed to introduce viewers to

a number of current issues in American education. Considered in this program are the challenges which educators are facing as they deal with parental involvement in the schools. Viewers will consider answers to such questions as: Why involve parents? ; What is parent involvement? ; What is the vision for the future? and Who benefits? This program also points out the responsibilities of parents and teachers, emphasizing that parental involvement complements rather than duplicates the school's curriculum. Suggests that education is a community responsibility with the school serving as a catalyst.

Audience level: Professional development;  
 educational administration

Availability: 3 bookable copies: #3093

### Parents our partners: a look at parent involvement in Langley Schools

[Langley, B.C.]: Rogers Community 4 Langley NTV, 1995.

1 videorecording (12 min.) + workshop guide

**SUMMARY:** Designed to introduce viewers to the ways in which parents can work with teachers, administrators and support staff to improve the quality of their children's education. Looks at Joyce Epstein's framework for parent involvement and shows it at work in the Langley School District. Includes comments of Linda Moir, Chairperson of the Langley School Board, Derek Robinson, President of the Langley Principals and Vice-Principals' Association, Teri Sobo, President of the Langley Teachers' Association, Donna Weibelzahl, President of C.U.P.E. Local 1260 and Linda Kay, President of the Langley District Parent Advisory Council.

Audience level: Professional development

Availability: 10 bookable copies: #3265

### Parents, teachers and the community: building partnerships for the child

[Ithaca, N.Y.]: Cornell University, 1988.

1 videorecording (14 min.)

**SUMMARY:** Describes the impacts which the Co-operative Communication Between Home and School Program of Cornell University has had on parents, teachers and administrators. Workshop discussions and interviews cover topics such as relationships between parent and school, and the barriers which parents, teachers and administrators find in their roles. Describes ways to involve parents in the work of the school and the importance of planning and communication in the establishment of an effective partnership. Also considers how the school can adapt to the needs of the Hispanic community.

Audience level: Professional development

Availability: 1 bookable copy: #4898