



Putting children at the centre: why do partnerships matter?

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Find someone who...



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To start the thinking...



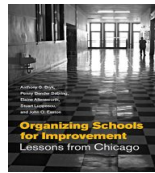
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What we know

- Research consistently correlates family engagement with children and young people's achievement
 - All ages and stages
 - Across all socio-economic groups

Framework of 5 essential supports

1. Leadership as a driver for change
2. **Parent community ties**
3. Professional capacity
4. Student-centred learning climate
5. Instructional guidance



Strengthening **each** of these 5 subsystems is essential work for individual school improvement.


"We found that a sustained, material weakness in any one of these subsystems undermined virtually all attempts at improving student learning."

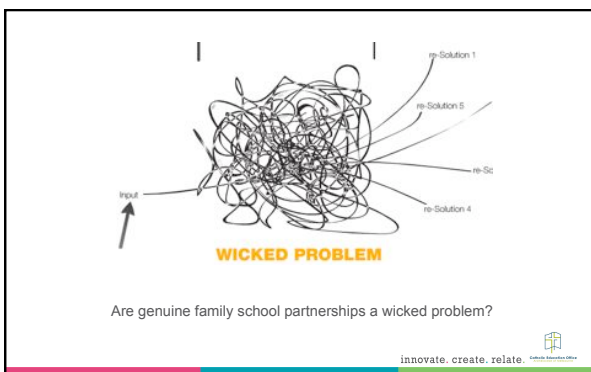




So what is a wicked problem?

- Social or cultural problems that are difficult to solve because:
 1. incomplete or contradictory knowledge; OR
 2. the number of people and opinions involved; OR
 3. large economic burden; OR
 4. interconnected nature of these problems with other problems

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The challenge:

- How do we bring together the collective knowledge of families, teachers and the community in a way that respects and honours one another's roles?

Strength or deficit base?

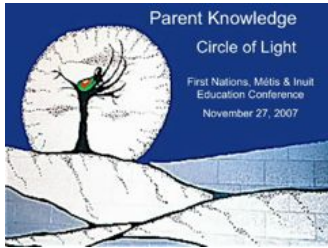
"We have become highly skilled at documenting despair and measuring misery."

Shawn Ginwright, AERA 2013



How are your families viewed?

Consider parent knowledge...



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Ordered sharing protocol

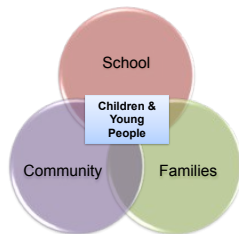
- Take 1 minute individually to consider question #1
- Appoint a time-keeper
- Go around the group – each person has 1 minute to speak (uninterrupted)
- When finished, consider all that has been heard and agree top 2-3 points to share
- Repeat with the next two questions



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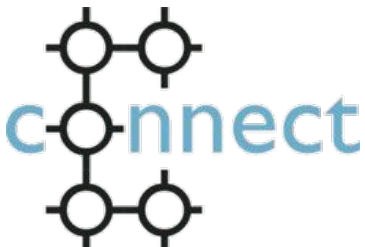
With children at the centre:


1. What do teachers know?
2. What do parents know?
3. What does the community know?



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How do we connect these?



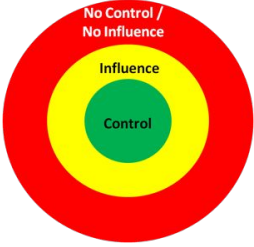
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Consider:

- What is currently in place – leverage
- What gets in the way - dismantle
- What is needed - build

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And now consider...




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One big goal...


- 3 small steps towards resolution




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Summing up...

- Top 3 priority issues
 - associated resolutions for action



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