



# FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Studies show that families' involvement in their children's education increases their child's achievement in school. The more involved families are, the more benefits the child receives!

## SCHOOL TALK

### How will my child benefit by my participation in their education?

#### The benefits to your child are:

- More positive attitudes towards school
- Higher achievement in school
- Improved school attendance
- Higher graduation rates and greater enrollment in post secondary education
- Decrease in anti-social behaviors such as violence and drug and alcohol abuse

### How will I benefit from participating in my child's education?

#### The benefits to parents are:

- Receive ideas and information on how to help your child with school
- Learn more about programs offered at the school
- Become more supportive of your children
- Become more confident about ways to help your children learn
- Improve relationships with your child's teachers
- Improved self concept as a result of the important contribution you are making in your child's life

### How can The Family Involvement Network help me get involved in my child's education?

- By providing updates on school issues
- By providing workshops and trainings, fact sheets, and educational forums
- With peer support through the Community-wide Parents' Association
- By recognizing your participating in your child's education
- By holding special events for you and your child to attend

### How can I get involved in my child's education?

- Attend parent meetings regularly
- Discuss your child's school day
- Volunteer at school
- Read to/with your child
- Get to know your child's teachers
- Meet your child's Principal

Source: Iowa Department of Education. Parent Involvement in Education: A Resources for Parents and Educators and Community. Available on-line <http://npin.org/library/pre1998/n00321>.

