



# PARENTS PLUS

*Because Lifelong Learning is a Community Effort*

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Dear Friend,

The Parents Plus e-newsletter is a resource for professionals and parents who share in the mission of Parents Plus and our partner agencies. If you would like to learn more about our mission to strengthen Wisconsin families, please follow the link below.

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## Welcome to the Discussion!

As a recipient of our new e-newsletter, about once a month you'll receive an email with

- Tips
- Best practices
- Interesting links

All of which are designed to support daily practice, whether you are a parent or professional in the field of early childhood and education.

Submissions and suggestions for discussion topics are welcome *and* encouraged. Please contact [c.olle@parentspluswi.org](mailto:c.olle@parentspluswi.org) with your wonderful ideas. If the newsletter is useful to you, then please pass it on. If you would rather not receive our resource, feel free to click the link at the bottom at any time.





## Tips on Talking to Parents!

### What Parents Want Teachers to Know

1. I care about my child.
2. I have a great deal of trust in what teachers *do*.
3. I want my child to succeed.
4. In structuring school/parent involvement activities, please consider the life I live.
5. I like to hear from you when things go well, not only when my child has done something wrong.
6. My child is an individual.

### Be Prepared to Answer These Important Questions:

1. How do I know that my child is safe?
2. What is my child expected to know and accomplish?
3. How is learning measured?
4. What will the school do to help if my child is left behind?
5. What can I do to help?



## Teachers make house calls in new school program

Carla Roccapriore - *Reno Gazette Journal*

"Dozens of teachers from some of Washoe County's at-risk secondary schools learned this month about a new program that includes visiting students and their families at home.

The Parent/Teacher Home Visit Project is in its inaugural year locally and is being federally funded..." [Read full story](#)



## Research tells schools to empower parents

Melissa Walker - *Des Moines Register*

"Families new to an Iowa City elementary school received an extra welcome this year: A video tour of the building, complete with tips on homework and how to resolve conflicts.

The videos are part of Lemme Elementary School's work in a parental involvement program that is in its second year in Iowa schools." [Read full story](#)



## Plotting a new road map for mother-daughter relationships

Susan Reimer - *Baltimore Sun*

"They say that the work of a parent is never done. It just changes.

It is a truism that carries a lot of baggage for those of us who came of age in the era of professional motherhood, when their report card might as well have been our report card. When we were only as happy as our most unhappy child." [Read full column](#)



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