Six types of parent involvement for Parents

* Personal/Individual Involvement and Empowerment
	+ Attending Adult education or parenting classes
	+ Training programs – Becoming classroom aides, being part of Parent Advisory Committee to help make decisions about program
	+ Being part of classroom activities
	+ Borrowing books or other resources from lending libraries in classroom or child care center
* Home/Family Involvement and Empowerment
	+ Performances and play – attending child programs and becoming involved with them
	+ Participating in information hotlines
	+ Reading or helping create newsletter
	+ Help with lending library (books/ materials) for parents and children to use together at home
	+ Assisting teacher with small things you can do at home(cutting, stapling, sorting, etc. future classroom activities) – this helps teacher WAY MORE than you know! Ask teacher if they have anything you could help with
	+ Be involved in IEP’s for your children with special needs
	+ Check out class websites (or better yet, help run website)
* School-Based Involvement
	+ Welcoming committees – encourage families to get to know other families. Families that have children in the program prior may be the best parents to organize these types of activities.
	+ Tutoring time – assist with this
	+ Parent/teacher conferences
	+ Participation in workshops – introducing parents to policies and schools programs (in my program we call this our Parent Advisory Committee)
* Community-based involvement, empowerment and leadership
	+ Family nights – nights designed specifically for parents and children to have fun together and promote positive interactions
	+ Parent support groups
	+ Home visits - my current program requires two home visits per school year. At the beginning of the year, this is a great way to meet the children and parents in their comfort zone.
* Leadership and Decision Making/Advocacy
	+ School parent councils (Parent Advisory Committee) – have parents make decisions or be in charge of fundraisers, family nights, policies, website, etc.
* State and National Involvement
	+ Those parents can be involved in many local, regional, state and national organizations.

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