

November 2, 2016
Community Conversation
Reach Out Lakota

Challenges

The language barrier makes people “feel impotent” in serving their kids

Lack of services for IEP

- Often denied
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- Is this language barrier?
 - Lack of “aggressive” parent”?

No translator in parent group meetings

Teachers and administrators need to be more proactive in meeting these needs
They’re asked with no response

Bus problem (Still for high school) – Pick up and drop off is a challenge

→ Mentioned by almost every group and parent

Spanish parents didn’t know about reduced fees for sports

► 90 Languages

Not poor enough to be in free program, but not enough income to always have lunch money

A gap group

Nutrition challenges

- Not eating at home
- If not already on program, cash flow hurts entry at school

Busing challenges again

- An older grandfather got in an accident
- Father now changed work shift and misses time with kids

District needs to work with Reach Out Lakota so serve these kids

Reach Out is very well received – “Food Wars” were great

Summer food needs are critical

Passion to give back to peers among staff and students

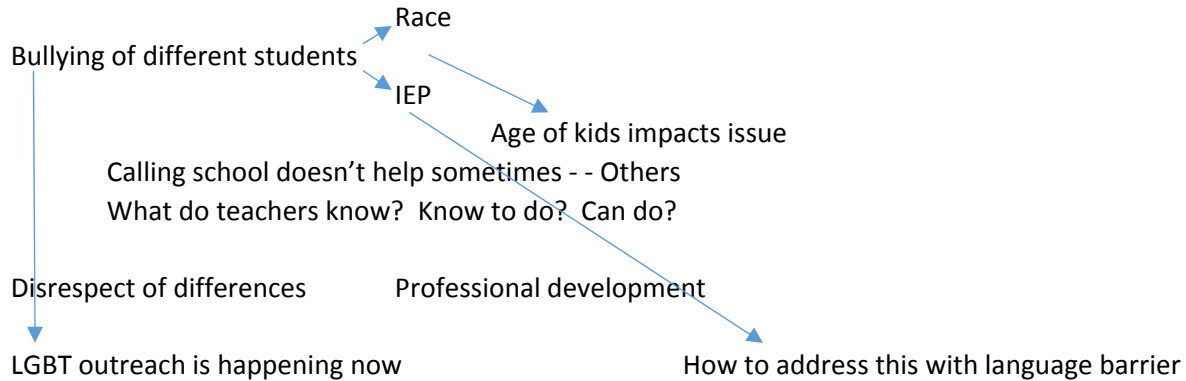
Having more advocates at school to connect to services like Reach Out

Challenges to getting info without a computer and without translator
Text is great

Requests

Don't jump to conclusion about why parents don't do x, y and z
Maybe they had to work on parent-teacher conference night
So dig deeper into the lives of people different from you

- Provide better communication options – Proactively
- Provide alternatives to meet different circumstances
- Connect people to services proactively



Middle school is a tough age for disrespect
Elementary really focuses on respect

Diversity is landing on a traditional community
And different focus growing pains

Hispanic parents - - One didn't feel welcomed
- The rest (4) feel good

More translation
Website is translated but many parents don't have computers or no time/transportation to go to library
Need individual help

Diversity
Media
And awareness of options (chicken and egg)

Add month of May canned food drive to stock up for summer

Reach Out gets 78% of donations from Lakota district

More opportunities and awareness for volunteering for non-student families

Increase corporate sponsors

Hard to find stuff on the website
▶ Easier to give feedback