



A SEVEN PART LEADERSHIP SERIES FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

# SESSION #6

## TEAMS & COLLABORATION

*Participant Handout*

### **Session Goals**

- ✓ Define collaboration
- ✓ Identify strengths and challenges related to collaboration between parent leaders and systems
- ✓ Identify what is collaborative leadership and how parent leaders can utilize in their communities
- ✓ Understanding how to work together as a team through key characteristics and understanding the roles we all may play in within a team

### **Question #1**

*What is collaboration? How do you know when you, as a parent leader, feel you are part of an effective collaboration?*

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### **Question #2**

*What may be some benefits and challenges related to collaboration between parents and systems?*

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### **Question #3**

*Thinking about the characteristics of a strong team - **technical skills, problem solving/decision making skills, communication and synergy** - which element of a strong team resonates with you the most? Which element do you find may be challenging? Why?*

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**We all have a role in the team.**

We all have different styles in the ways and means we participate and engage in teams or a partnership. A team should also use each person's strengths to help lift up the goal or task at hand. Glenn M. Parker (2008), global organizational consultant and author of, "Team Players and Team Work – New Strategies for Developing Successful Collaboration", shares through his research and lived experience offers a unique look at personalities. In fact, he identifies *four styles* of team players critical to an effective, dynamic team.

**Question #4**

What role do you think play in the team - **contributor, collaborator, communicator or challenger**? Do you think, as parent leaders, we can play more than one role in a team? Why or why not?

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