



Family Panel
July 25, 2014

Session Aims & Agenda



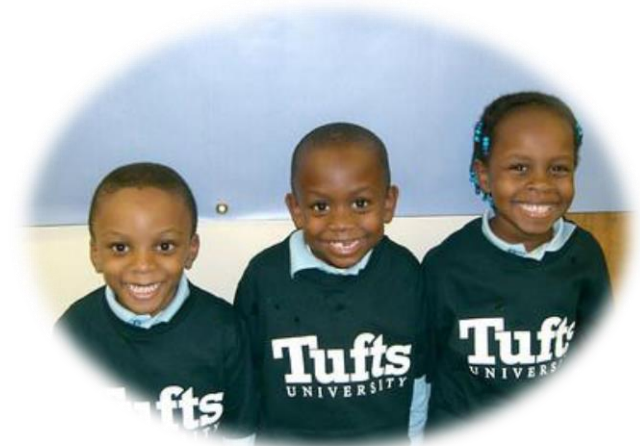
AIMS

By the end of this session, as a new hire, we will be able to:

- identify actions that can shape the direction (positive or negative) of family engagement
- develop a vision for building relationships with families and be able to take initial steps towards that vision

Agenda

- Opening/Framing
- Family Panel
- Q&A
- Action Planning
- Announcements & Closing





- ✓ Building relationships with parents is a fundamental responsibility for teachers and bolsters scholar achievement over the course of their academic career
- ✓ The family-teacher relationship is a partnership; the balance of power and expertise does not weigh more heavily on one or the other
- ✓ The family-teacher relationship is most powerful when it is a solutions-based partnership when defensiveness or blame are absent
- ✓ Our previous experiences or biases shape the perspectives we have about family engagement and can lead to assumptions about what parents care about or believe in, particularly families of color or from low socio-economic backgrounds

Remember:





- ✓ Parent representatives; while they share an experience with all of our AF families, we do have over 9,000 scholars and no one person's experiences should be used to represent that of all our families
- ✓ use this opportunity to learn but not to form a “one size fits all idea of our families”.

Reflect and Action Plan



ACTION PLAN			
WHO	WHAT	WHEN	HOW