INTRODUCTION
Parents and families play a critical role in promoting the physical, intellectual, and social-emotional development of their children. This contributes to their children’s academic achievement and social engagement in school.

COMMITMENT
The NYS-MEP will:

- Consult with parents and families on the education of their children;
- Support parents and families as primary educators and advocates for their children; and
- Reduce barriers that prevent parent and family participation in NYS-MEP activities.
CONSULT WITH PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**LOCAL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC):** The local METS program centers encourage and support parents to join the local Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The METS consult with parents and families on the planning, operation, and evaluation of local migrant programs and services. This helps the METS to better understand how to address the needs of eligible students and their families.

**STATEWIDE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (State PAC):** The NYS-MEP encourages and supports local PAC Parents to join State PAC. The Statewide Support Team consults with the State PAC on the planning, operation, and evaluation of statewide migrant programs and services. The State PAC is an important part of the process to identify the needs of students and improve the delivery of services.

REDUCE BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

The NYS-MEP strives to reduce language and other barriers in order to make it easier for parents and families to participate and engage in all NYS-MEP activities to support their children’s education.

SUPPORT PARENTS AND FAMILIES AS PRIMARY EDUCATORS AND ADVOCATES FOR THEIR CHILDREN

**PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES:** In addition to the local and statewide PAC meetings, the local METS program centers provide parents and families with information and learning opportunities based on their needs and concerns. These group and individual activities include, but are not limited to,

- Providing strategies to support children at home to help them succeed in school;
- Connecting parents and families with the school to improve school-home communications;
- Connecting parents and families with community resources and to build support networks; and
- Creating opportunities for social connection with other parents and families.

NYS-MEP Parent & Family Library

[https://www.nysmigrant.org/resources/familylibrary](https://www.nysmigrant.org/resources/familylibrary)

Find resources to support parents and families.