Enhancing Student Success: Parent and Family Are the Main Obstacle to Their Children's Success

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Abstract: Parent and family engagement plays a crucial role in supporting the success of students with special needs in educational settings. This paper explores the significance of parental involvement in special education, examining its impact on academic achievement, social-emotional development, and overall well-being. Drawing on a review of current literature and empirical research, the paper highlights the benefits of meaningful collaboration between educators, parents, and families in promoting positive outcomes for students with diverse learning needs. The abstract begins by establishing the importance of parent and family engagement in special education, emphasizing its multifaceted impact on student success. It then outlines the key components of effective parent and family involvement initiatives, including communication strategies, collaboration frameworks, and partnership-building approaches. Additionally, the abstract addresses common barriers to parental involvement and explores strategies for overcoming these challenges, such as cultural responsiveness, accessibility, and empowerment. Furthermore, the abstract discusses the implications of parent and family engagement for educational policy and practice, emphasizing the need for systemic support and resource allocation to facilitate meaningful partnerships between schools and families. It concludes by underscoring the importance of ongoing research and professional development efforts to enhance the effectiveness of parent and family engagement initiatives in special education and maximize the potential for student achievement and well-being. Overall, this paper contributes to the growing body of literature on parent and family engagement in special education, providing insights into best practices, challenges, and opportunities for fostering collaborative partnerships that support the diverse needs of students with disabilities.

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