Restraining Force: Lack of parental involvement in High Schools.

Brainstorm some strategies to help people make the shift in Mindset for your Restraining Force…

Parents naturally “disconnect” in high school and no matter what we do, that won’t change.

Parents:

* Don’t reach out to school
* Don’t attend activities such as college night workshops
* Don’t think their child needs them

Teachers/staff:

* Don’t reach out to parents
* Don’t hold events parents can/will attend
* Don’t think parent involvement is necessary for student success

Drawbacks associated with this Mindset

Parents:

* Read materials from school
* Attend activities such as college night workshops
* Reach out/respond to teachers
* Are partners in the educational process

Teachers/staff:

* Reach out to parents through multiple means
* Design academic and career activities that include families
* Consider parents as partners

Benefits associated to this Mindset

Parents naturally disconnect in high school; however, teachers can develop relationships with parents to build the connection to involve parents in the educational process.

Focus on establishing Family-Teacher/school relationships

Improve school culture to make parents/families feel accepted and valuable

Create ways for parents to contribute and feel that their contributions to the school community are valued

Establish meaningful two-way communication

Growth Mindset

Fixed Mindset