

# The Six Types of Family Involvement



When families are involved, students are more likely to succeed.

According to Dr. Joyce Epstein, Johns Hopkins University, there are six different ways of supporting and engaging families to enhance student success.



## Parenting

Help families establish home environments that support readiness for learning: promote exercise opportunities & information about nutrition, bedtime routines, discipline strategies etc.



## Communicating

Find effective ways of maintaining communication between home and school: school conferences, home visits, regularly scheduled memos, translation assistance etc.



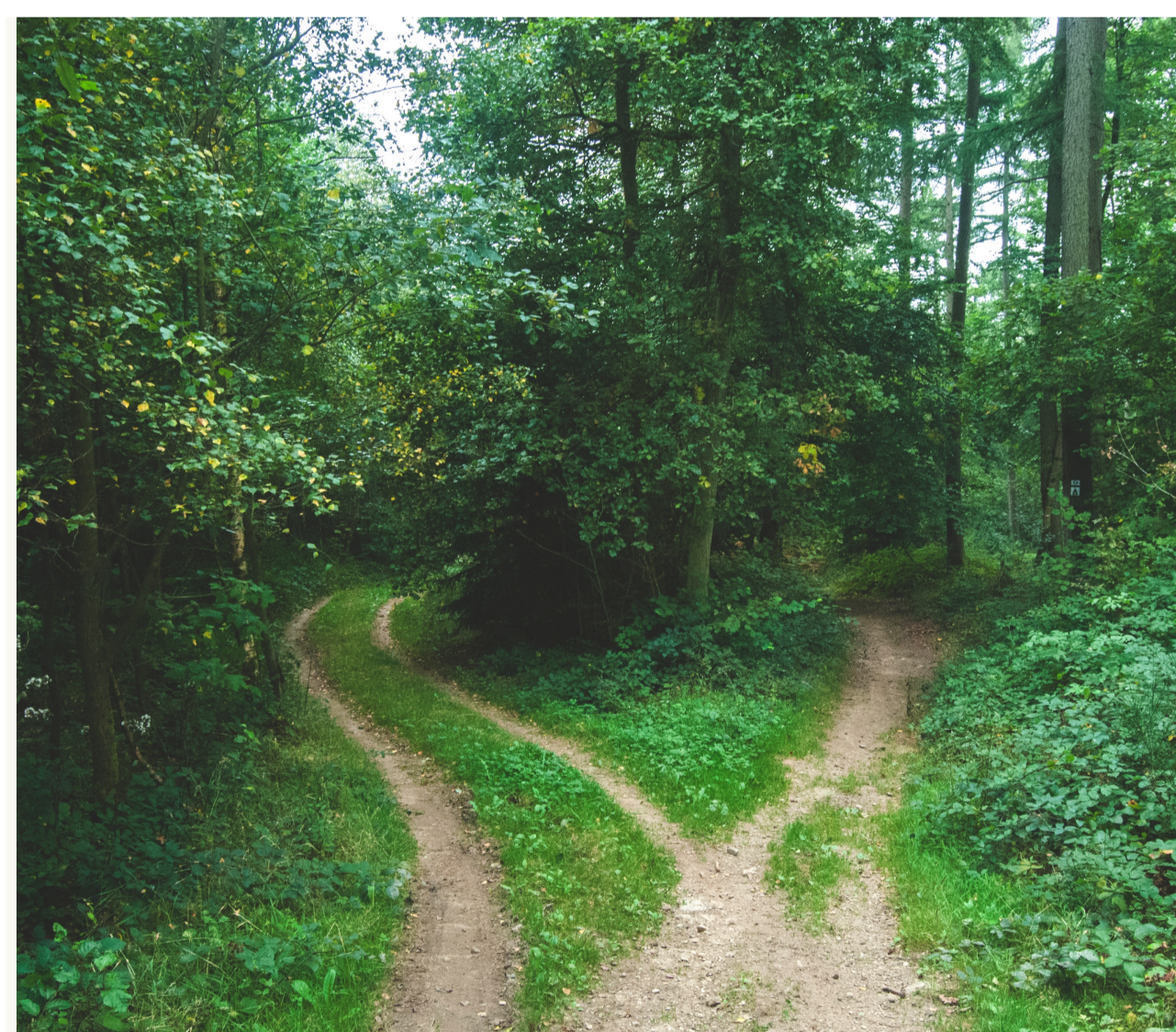
## Volunteering

Recruit and organize opportunities for parents to support the school inside and outside of the classroom. Consider making an inventory of parents' talents & availabilities.



## Learning at Home

Provide information and ideas to about how family members can support students with homework, responsible decision-making, and plan for the future. Share learning goals.



## Decision-Making

Provide opportunities for families to help make decisions about school life. Encourage, develop and empower parents to act as leaders: PPOs, governing boards etc.



## Collaborating with Community

Help families leverage resources and services from the community. Create opportunities for families to provide a community service.