

## Barriers for Family Participation in APTT Meetings

<b>If this...</b>	<b>Then try...</b>
I called families and reminded them about the meeting and they said they would come, but they didn't show up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduling and conducting a home visit focused on relationship-building with the "invite" being to attend the next APTT meeting</li> <li>• Making follow-up calls to families to say you missed them, to inquire about what prevented them from attending, and to invite them to the next APTT meeting (addressing any barriers)</li> <li>• Asking 1 or 2 families you know well if they would be willing to call these families to let them know what they got out of the meeting</li> <li>• Tying APTT meetings to student performances or incentives</li> </ul>
I couldn't even get in touch with families personally because I still don't have accurate contact information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking the student for accurate contact information</li> <li>• Asking to walk the student home and getting accurate contact information from the family when there</li> <li>• If the student has a sibling, asking the sibling's teacher what s/he has done to contact families.</li> <li>• Asking the school counselor for help getting contact information</li> <li>• Instituting a monthly "update your information!" system with families to know when and how to get in touch with them</li> </ul>
I never hear from certain families and don't really feel like I know them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduling and conducting a home visit focused on relationship-building with the "invite" being to attend the next APTT meeting</li> <li>• Asking to walk the student home and finding out when the family is available to answer the phone or text when there</li> <li>• Building in more time for personalized outreach (including positive phone calls, invitation calls, and reminder calls) as part of your APTT planning</li> </ul>
The timing of the meeting was hard for some families to attend.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sending out a survey with check-boxes for family's available days and times to meet before scheduling the next APTT meeting</li> <li>• Holding both a morning and evening session for the next APTT meeting</li> </ul>
Families had to stay home to take care of another child.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letting families know that they can keep their child in aftercare or that childcare will be provided to attend the meeting</li> </ul>
Families don't understand how attending an APTT meeting fits in with the other traditions of what they attend.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holding APTT meetings during high attendance events like back-to-school night and parent-teacher conference days</li> </ul>

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