



*Service...Above and Beyond*

**QUICK FACT:**

- These WSPEI services are provided at **NO COST** to African American families, school districts serving African American families, and CESAs.



*"The reason two antelope walk together is so that one can blow the dust out of the eyes of the other"*

African Proverb



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## WSPEI Culturally Responsive Family Engagement

### Support/Assistance to Engage African American Families

The Department of Public Instruction's Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI) provides support for African American families who have children with special education needs. All services that WSPEI provides to families of students with special needs are equally accessible to African American families.

We recognize that students with involved families do better in school and we are here to help families get involved and build strong partnerships with schools. Guidance is provided on cultural responsiveness and diverse perspective in trainings and materials. We are here to help build strong partnerships between educators and African American families and to enhance the success of all students with special needs.

- **Partnerships:** Help build strong partnerships between educators and African American families and to enhance the success of students with special needs.
- **Accessibility:** Ensure that all the great services that WSPEI provides to families of students with special needs are equally accessible to African American families.
- **Cultural Responsiveness:** Provide guidance on culturally responsive family engagement and diverse perspective to trainings and materials.
- **Collaboration:** Improve collaborative partnerships and technical assistance between WSPEI and African American families.
- **Resources:** Collaborate with other WSPEI grant staff and other WDPI discretionary grant staff to develop technical assistance, resources, and trainings for families and educators statewide –Culturally Responsive Family Engagement module/ presentation is being developed and will be available to school districts and CESAs.

