



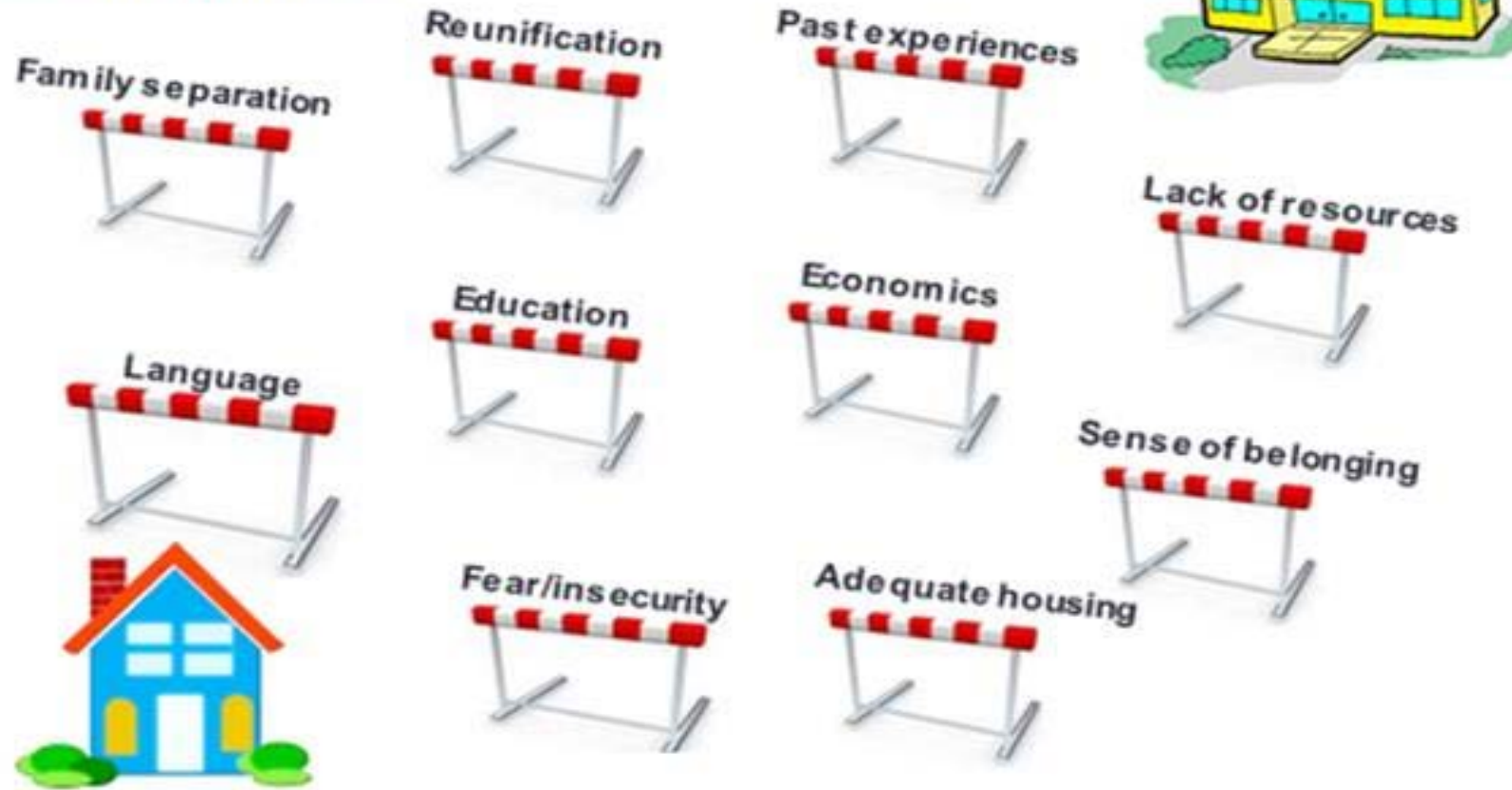
Transforming Families: Making Connections through Intergenerational Multi-media Arts Expression

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Risk Factors for Immigrant Students and Families





Experience has taught us....

School administrators must give time to their appointed employee to:

- Build relationships of trust within the community.
- Learn what the community needs.
- Understand the cultural norms and expectations of families that they serve.





Foundation of Successful Family Engagement

1. Build trusting relationships
2. Recognize talents
3. Empower





How do we empower parents?



1. Belonging
2. Skill sets
3. Confidence
4. Opportunity to practice skills



Step 1: You must know people in order to lead people.

1. How do your families socialize?
2. Where do your families feel comfortable?
3. What do families need in order to participate?
3. What situations elicit community-oriented behavior?
4. Who are the informal leaders within the community?
5. How do families get information?



Step 2: Assembling the Puzzle

- Identify museums, community centers, colleges, libraries, local artists, and businesses who would work with you and have a vested interest in your parent community.
- Identify your human resources and funding
- Identify one or two specific goals you want to accomplish with your parent community.





Step 3: Collaboration



- Establish an agreement with the selected partner.
- Determine the timeline (recommend four-five months).
- Determine the goals of the partnership.
- Determine the medium.
- Determine funding and logistical needs.





Step 4: The Workshop

1. Create a relaxed environment
2. Develop a theme that integrates predetermined goals and suits the chosen medium. (see chart)
3. Think carefully about needs regarding space and technology.
4. Create workshop itinerary.



The Workshop (Cont.)

5. Ensure logistical needs are met, refine goals and revise the itinerary as needed.
6. Collect the needed materials.
7. Finalize itinerary. Create an evaluation. Launch workshop!





Our Success Stories

- Today, I am Here <https://youtu.be/zoDp7jVe5RY>
- <http://my.si.edu/oaj/story-showcase/story/6575>
- Discovering Us
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/qptxvbjd7g0nv4z/AADfvpFrtVxBSe-i1tC8sdxca?dl=0>
- Becoming Dolores <http://npg.si.edu/blog/%C2%A1s%C3%AD-se-puede-dolores-huerta-family-day>
- “Illuminating the Self” Iluminándonos
<https://goo.gl/photos/BWh2gbj6K3tzRJtPA> on October 15, 2016 at the National Portrait Gallery’s Family Day.





Q&A and Evaluations





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