

Table 1.1 Overcoming barriers to family involvement

Barriers to family involvement	Strategies to overcome barriers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of transportation and childcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide transportation and a crèche
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of parenting skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide parenting skills workshops and support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of sufficient resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information about services and make any necessary referrals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language difficulties and new arrivals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide translators and information in the family's first language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social or long working hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise breakfast meetings, evening meetings, or meet at family workplace or other neutral venue in the community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feelings of alienation towards education, the school or teachers due to their own previous negative experience of schooling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an intermediary such as a Family Champion, a Family Ambassador or Family Liaison worker and meet off-site



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