



*Building New Capacity:
Solid Foundation Start-up Stories
From Three States*

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Mission

The Academic Development Institute (ADI) works with families, schools, and communities so that all children may become self-directed learners, avid readers, and responsible citizens, respecting themselves and those around them.



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Research and Development

One of ADI's central purposes is to stand between researchers and practitioners, converting research into procedural knowledge so that schools and families will be served with sound, effective, research-based programs and practices.

Solid Foundation

What is Solid Foundation?

A structured parent engagement process within a web-based system to assess, plan, implement, and monitor parent involvement for continuous school improvement.

Why Solid Foundation?

Because it works...

in helping schools assess their needs and plan parent involvement targeted to student learning.

Solid Foundation: An evidence-based foundation

Solid Foundation is designed to:

- ❖ Strengthen family-school connections
- ❖ Engage parents in children's learning
- ❖ Improve student academic and social learning

Solid Foundation helps schools go beyond compliance in meeting parent involvement requirements of Title I and NCLB/ESEA:

- **School Compact**
- **Parent Involvement Policy**
- **Home-School Communication**
- **Parent Activities Linked to Learning**

Features of Solid Foundation

Quality Resources

Self-Sustaining Methods

Flexible Options

External Partner Support (PIRC)

Site-Based Decision Making (School Team)

Web-Based System

Step by Step Approach

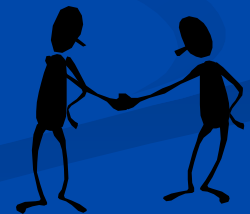
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Panel Discussion Topics

- Recruiting schools into Solid Foundation
- Gaining buy-in from school administrators
- Winning strategies for coaching school teams
- Connecting teams to quality resources

How To Recruit Schools

- Work with schools with whom you already have a relationship
- Work with your SEA
- Advertise/Promote Solid Foundation and other PIRC services for schools



How To Gain Buy-in From School Administrators

- School Readiness
- Present SF to faculty & parent groups
- Offer references from principals who's schools are using Solid Foundation
- Title I compliance support and resources
- Services are FREE through the PIRC
- Backed by Research

Strategies for Coaching School Teams

- Web-based Tools
- Personal Contact
- Facilitating Team Discussion
- Structured process tailored to the school's needs

Coaching
Comments are
sent to the school
and creates a
communication
log.

Monitor school
progress at a
glance

School Summary

[Back to Partner Summary](#)

To login to Solid Foundation as **Test School** use the School Login and Password.

School Login: **IL Test 08**
Password: **Path1**

Additional Coaching Comments recipients.

First Name	Last Name	Email Address
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Test School
Partner: [Rowen](#)
Enrolled: 2008/03/03

School Principal: **Jill Smith**
Phone: 217-123-9876
Fax:
Email: rowen@adi.org

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Step 1: Hold Orientation Meeting	01/08/2008
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Step 4: Complete Policy Analysis	02/04/2008
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Step 5: Complete School Community Survey	02/18/2008
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Step 6: Download Resource Manual	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Step 7: Complete Needs Assessment	03/21/2008
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Step 8: Create Action Plan	04/25/2008
<input type="checkbox"/>	Step 9: Implement Action Plan	
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Connecting Teams to Quality Resources

- Materials
- Getting other people involved to implement parent activities
- Ongoing access to External Partner as consultant

Quality Resources for the School

Resource Menu

with additional resources from:

Beyond the Bake Sale

Anne T. Henderson, Karen L. Mapp, Vivian R. Johnson, and Don Davies


Research

Parent Resources

School Resources

Beyond the Bake Sale


[How to use the Resource Menu](#)

 - Links with *Beyond the Bake Sale* resources

Building Block: Policies

- * District Parent Involvement Policy 
- * School Parent Involvement Policy 
- * School-Parent Compact
- * Homework Policy
- * Student Report Card
- * Classroom Visit Policy 

Building Block: Shared Leadership

- * The School Community Council
- * The Parent Teacher Organization
- * The School Improvement Team 




Additional Resources:

- * National PTA

Building Block: Communication

- * School Community Compact and Self Rating 
- * Homework Policy and Monitoring
- * Information Technology
- * Teacher to Parent Telephone Calls
- * Passing Notes
- * Newsletters 
- * Parent Bulletin Boards
- * More Communication Resources
- * Community Building Ideas

Building Block: Education - General

- * Learning Standards 
- * Parent Child Interaction 
Reading School Home Links
- * Parent Volunteers 
- * Family Resource Library

Building Block: Education - Parent Courses

- * Getting Started
- * Leadership Handbook for Group Leader

Training* Parent Courses

- Ready, Here I Come! (Pre-school)
- Reading at Home (Grades K-3)
- Raising Good Kids
- Studying at Home (Grades 4-12)

Special Education: Champions Together

- * Leadership Handbook for Parent Mentor

Training

- * Parent Courses:
My Child at Home
My Child at School

Building Block: Education - Parent Workshops

- * Storybooks and Storytelling
- * Family Reading Activities


Teacher Workshop

- * Parents and Learning
- * Power Point


Parent and Teacher Workshop

- * Working Together for Student Success
- * Power Point (English) (Spanish)
- * Workshop Materials (English) (Spanish)

Additional Education Resources:

- * More Education Resources
- * Community Building Ideas 

Building Block: Connection - School

- * Creating a Welcoming Place 

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