Sample Statement of Need

Identify strengths/weaknesses with this Statement of Need.

Parent involvement in their children's education at home and in-school is directly associated with better educational and social-emotional outcomes for children. However, in families with lower incomes and educational attainment, barriers exist that limit parent participation in school activities. These barriers include:

- **Time** – parents don't have time to attend school meetings.
- **Knowledge of School Culture, negative attitudes about school** – parents who have not had success in school often do not know how to navigate systems of support for their children or harbor negative attitudes about schools. This has a negative impact on their ability and willingness to partner with the school.
- **Lack of resources such as transportation or access to the internet** can hinder a parents' ability to attend school events or access important information about their children's education.
- **Language barriers** can hurt a parent's ability to work collaboratively with school's to support their child's education.

Parents' participation in their children's education suffers as a result of these barriers. They can't attend PTA meetings and since many didn't finish high school, they don't like school anyway.

A child's success depends upon a partnership between parents and schools. When the partnership doesn't happen it has a devastating impact upon children's education. Fortunately, we are here to help parents become actively involved in their children's education and improve their future success.

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