HW 5.3: Examining Assumptions about Immigrant Families

Uncovering Deficit Theory in My Perceptions of Families

### Instructions

1. Study the chart at the top of ‘Assumptions About Family Engagement’. Click on the following link: [Assumptions About Family Engagement Worksheet](#).

2. The topics in the first column are: role, resources, starting point, diversity, decision-making, accountability, and contributing. Notice the middle column, Traditional Assumptions, and the last column, Better Alternatives.

3. Think about where your thinking falls in relation to the second and third columns. Are your thinking and actions more traditional? Can you identify things you might do to improve your practice with students and families?

4. Now answer the five questions following the table. Bring this form with you to session 6.