

# Value parent and community expertise and networks

A suggestion for implementing the strategy  
'Build community networks' from the Guide:  
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## Connect parents with each other

Parent, Sharon Beattie shares her knowledge and experiences of what helped her to support her son with low vision in his learning.



Video hosted on Youtube [http://youtu.be/41ZZ3\\_3pXIU](http://youtu.be/41ZZ3_3pXIU)

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## Pasifika Autism Support Group



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## Accessible youth space



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# Understand diverse perspectives

Where parent and family values, and expectations, differ from those of your school, create opportunities to listen and learn from each other.

- ✓ Create opportunities to connect Pacific parents with other Pacific parents and community leaders to talk about ways to support their children's learning.
- ✓ Invite parents and families to see inclusive practices in action at your school. Offer opportunities to discuss what they have seen in their first languages.
- ✓ Invite back to school, Pacific students who have left, to share their experiences of what kinds of things supported them in their learning.

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