

## **HOW TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS:**

- 1. Allow members of the school team to visit with you in your home, or in another neutral place, in order to allow you more comfort and privacy in discussing issues. Establish yourself as an active member of the school team.**
- 2. Provide the school, perhaps specific personnel, with any documentation, written or verbal, which will increase their sensitivity towards and understanding of your family and to your child.**
- 3. Gather additional information regarding your child to give to the school, such as previous school records, psychological and medical assessments, community agency records, and pertinent behavioral information from the home environment. This information will be extremely helpful to the school in order to problem-solve and to develop appropriate programs.**
- 4. Offer a list of individuals that the school may contact, who might have additional positive information regarding your child to share with the school, such as ministers, youth counselors, therapists, coaches, employers, neighbors, etc...**
- 5. Participate in the construction of point sheet programs, note-home communication systems, other communication systems, reinforcement programs, IEP and behavior plan goals and objectives, data collection methods, curriculums, etc.... Your input is extremely valuable, and should be routinely offered to the school.**
- 6. Determine, with the school, a routine schedule of communication and interaction with your family.**
- 7. Find a school team member, or outside agency person, who can help you accomplish these tasks, and who can be your advocate in developing plans and interventions for your child.**