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**Objective:** Strengthen The Relationship Between the Parent, Teacher and Student

I. Relationships & Discipline

II. Learning Environment Today

III. Blind Spots

- Counting on Blind Spots
- Leading with Blind Spots
- Perpetuating Blind Spots
- Overcoming Blind Spots

### **Exercise I: Identifying Blind Spots**

Examples of blind spots?

How did they come to exist?

What made blind spots hard to see?



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IV. Rules of Engagement for the Parent

V. Partnership: Caring and Learning

### **Exercise 2: Experiences**

What are some examples of expectations and consequences for your student?

Do you have an example of when you were able to solve a problem with your student working with the teacher?

Do you have an example of when you were not able to address a concern with the teacher? Why?

In each example, how would you describe the role of the parent, the student and the teacher?

VI. Teacher Survey Summary

- Parent Involvement with the Student
- Forming a United Front with the Teacher

### **Exercise 3: Taking Stock**

Based upon the content of this workshop, has your perspective about the relationship between you, your student and the teacher changed?

What if anything, will you do differently in the future?

What has been reaffirmed for you as the parent?