

# Takeover

Partnering with parents is one of the most powerful aspects of student ministry.

**To have a Partnering Mindset is to remember:** Parents are the primary spiritual influencers, and your role is to **support, not replace** them. Your role is to **support, not replace** them. When you **honor** their role and **invite** them into what God is doing in their student's life, you gain trust and multiply impact. Here's a practical breakdown of **how to partner with parents** in a way that's relational, consistent, and impactful.

## 1. Build Trusting Relationships

### Learn Names & Be Visible

- Greet them at drop-off/pick-up. Introduce yourself and remember their names.

### Celebrate Their Student

- Send a quick "just because" encouragement text

### Create Margin for Parent Conversations

- Be approachable and accessible, not rushed or detached.
- Arrive early and stay after small groups for quick chats.

## 2. Communicate Regularly & Clearly

### Weekly Parent Emails or Texts

- What Takeover is teaching
- Communicate with a "Continue the Conversation" question from your lesson to
- Include upcoming events

### Parent Group or Messaging App

- Use platforms like Remind, GroupMe, to send updates and reminders.
- Always communicate with a student and their parent together

## 3. Keep Parents in the Loop for Behavior & Growth

### Proactive Communication

- Don't wait for a crisis. Let parents know if a student is struggling emotionally or spiritually — **or doing exceptionally well**