



# Arkansas Consolidated High School-AJATC Family Engagement Plan

**School Name:**

Arkansas Consolidated High School – AJATC  
(an Arkansas Department of Youth Services Program operated by Rite of Passage)

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**Coordinator Name:**

Martha Wall-Whitfield

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**Committee Members:**

Martha Wall-Whitfield, Principal  
Sarah Gober, Lead Teacher  
Elizabeth Weikel, SPED Coordinator  
Jamie Joyner, School Counselor  
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## *1. Jointly Developed Expectations and Objectives*

The Family Engagement Committee will support the district in creating opportunities for academic and personal success to ensure all students are future ready.

The Family Engagement Plan will be submitted to ADE and posted on the district website by October 1 of each year and will additionally be posted on the Arkansas Juvenile Assessment and Treatment Center website. The plan will outline how Arkansas Consolidated High School – AJATC will engage with families and promote family involvement in the child’s education. Specifically:

- The committee will schedule two family conferences per school year.
- The school counselor will provide educational resources for students and their parents upon discharge.
- The Family Engagement Committee will work with the Therapeutic Team to provide educational feedback for aftercare plans. A representative from the committee will participate in the initial treatment planning meeting as well as all transitional planning meetings.
- The Family Engagement Committee will use the School Improvement Plan and the Family Engagement Plan to ensure the needs of our students are being addressed and supported.

## *2. Building Staff Capacity through Training and Technical Assistance*

Arkansas Consolidated High School – AJATC, in collaboration with the group living and therapeutic teams, will develop systems and resources that support how parents, staff, and the student share the responsibility for improving the student’s academic achievement. The school will also define the means by which the school and the parents will develop a partnership to help the child achieve at their highest potential and the state's high standards. This includes the use of Multi-Disciplinary Treatment teams, student success plans, and regular communication with families.

ROP will provide professional development for all teachers, including special education teachers, designed to enhance their understanding of effective parental involvement strategies. These trainings will include information that addresses the differences in family dynamics for various subpopulation groups.

Handbooks are provided to every student upon intake. Handbooks include rules and policies, as well as information on communicating with teachers and school administration. Handbooks are located on the district website along with links to Parent and Family Engagement Plans.

Monitoring will be done through agendas, sign in sheets, observations, and scheduling.

### *3. Building Parent Capacity*

Arkansas Consolidated High School - AJATC will hold two family conferences per year. At these events, parents will be provided a description and explanation of the curriculum used in the school, the types of assessment, proficiency levels, and information about goals. Parents will meet with their child's teachers and take a tour of the school building and site and have an opportunity to review some of the recent projects and assignments their child has completed.

The therapeutic team also holds regular family therapy and treatment sessions with each student and their family. Any relevant information from these sessions will be shared with the school.

Parents and guardians may schedule conferences with their child's teacher(s) at any time by request.

Parents and families are also invited to attend graduation and recognition ceremonies, holiday events and open houses.

### *4. Reservation and Evaluation*

Parent participation in both student success plan updates and IEP meetings will be documented through signatures and a record of the data shared. Documentation of family sessions can be found in the student's treatment files.

### *5. Coordination*

Parents and families are encouraged to actively participate in their child's treatment and education at Arkansas Consolidated High School – AJATC.

For Family Conferences, flyers are distributed at weekly visitation and posted around site. In addition, the therapeutic team discusses the event during weekly family calls.

Family involvement in the development of the Student Success Plan is documented and updated quarterly.

Parents are encouraged to call/email the school at any time for more information about their child. The school will meet with custodial parents or guardians to discuss the student and his/her academic success.

## *6. Contacts*

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