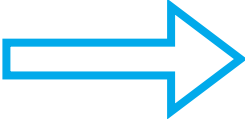
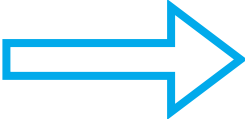
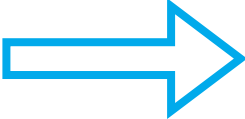
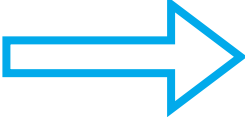




Changing Mindset Problem Focused vs. Partnership Focused

Problem Focused	to	Partnership Focused
Blaming the family		Contact Family to Build Relationships using an asset-based approach
Use letters and robo calls to communicate with families		Start with listening to families; Find out hopes, dreams, school experiences, assets, needs
Focused on what student and family don't do		Highlight strengths even amidst challenges
Giver expert advice about what to do		Collaborate with families and encourage practices that build upon their assets and priorities

These concepts were adapted from this blog by the Search Institute:
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