



1964 Civil Rights Act:

President London Johnson's "War on Poverty," Great Society" Program
The genesis of parent involvement language in Title 1 Elementary and Secondary
Education Act (ESEA)

- **Head Start/Follow Through** (two education-related initiatives) "the poor should participate in planning/carrying out programs designed for their benefit."

1994 President Bill Clinton signed into law the
"Improving America's School Act"

The law introduced a set-aside that required **Title 1** schools to spend
at least 1 percent of their Title 1 funds on parental involvement.

It stated that:

"The participation of parents in regular, two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities including ensuring that:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their children's learning
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their children's education at school
- Parents are full partners in their children's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of the child."

Parent involvement is one of the weakest areas of Title 1 compliance.

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