Breakout Group: Working with Families

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**NCGH OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Identifying vulnerable families further “upstream” from homelessness can prevent trauma for families and reduce program costs associated with stabilizing housing and family well-being.
- Providing the most comprehensive and appropriate suite of supports to families and children (e.g. student supports; mental health services) will enable NCGH to achieve student and family outcomes.
- Institutionalizing resident family role in NCGH Planning & Administration will ensure that all NCGH components are best positioned to work with families towards their success, over time.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Why does this opportunity matter for NCGH’s larger success? In a relative sense, how important is it and why?
2. What is needed to take advantage of this opportunity to make it a reality?
3. What could you and/or your organization provide (e.g. information, access, resources) to leverage this opportunity?
4. What else is needed? Are there other key stakeholders to reach?