# Research on Family-School Partnerships:

## An Interdisciplinary Examination of State of the Science and Critical Needs

September 19-21, 2010 Omaha, Nebraska

#### Thematic Strands for Working Meeting

- Conceptualizing and Defining Family-School Partnerships for Research
- 2. Researching Salient Pathways and Contexts for Family-School Partnerships
- 3. Understanding Translation of Research to Practice



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## Big "Aha"

### Big Idea