

family

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Strategies to invite others in: ideas shared during Meg Sweeney's presentation: One in all in

- Find Occasions to get together: welcome people in (inviting friends and their families to birthday parties, invite friends over on a regular basis for a meal- opportunities to bring others in)
- Street party for Christmas
- Hang out (in the neighbourhood)
- Be in places where people get to know you
- Allow time for relationships to build
- Talk to Grandparents
- Give space for brothers and sisters to be together
- Take up opportunities and make it happen
- Join local activities
- Use Facebook or other online mediums
- Send birthday cards (value adding)
- Call people
- Have routines: same place, same time to meet people (Shopping at the grocery store the same time with the same check out)
- Unless you ask, how will you know?
- Smile- fake it until you make it
- Be spontaneous
- Model the openness you want to experience
- Get over stranger danger
- Gravitate to leadership (in ways you feel comfortable)
- Help with coaching
- Faith based activities if relevant
- Clean up environment or other positive community contributions
- Assist an older neighbour (cook them dinner)
- Host a swap night - jewellery , clothes etc