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LATINO PARENT LIAISON
Urbana School District #116

Personal Goal: To serve as a bridge of communication between Districts's schools and Latino families. Assists district personnel in areas relevant of communication as well as providing reciprocal information to increase cross cultural knowledge and understanding.

Responsibilities

- Serve as a connection between school, home, and related community agencies.
- Make phone calls and/or home visits to build reciprocal communication between Latino parents and the schools.
- Provide assistance and information to school personnel to improve relationship between parents-teacher, cross cultural understanding, and to improve the involvement of Latino parents and families.
- Serve as the emergency contact person in the district for Latino families
- Serve as advocate for parents informing them of their rights, roles, and ways on which they can contribute to the school.
- Provides direct support for families during critical school periods such as district registration and parent teacher conferences.
- Works with principals and staff to modify communication-contact procedures at each building.
- Works with schools and the special education department to ensure that appropriate support and effective interpretation are provided for Latino parents and families at special education meetings and conferences.
- Facilitate partnerships between schools and community organizations for the purpose of providing programs that improve student learning and to keep parents better informed.

Partnerships:

1)U of I and La Casa Cultural Latina

Latino Youth Conference

Exposure to College life as well as information on many different topics such as: College application, financial aid, resources for students who do not qualify for financial aid, grants information, etc. The information is presented to them by College students (many of them Latino) who had gone through the same process and probably encounter the same difficulties.

Proyecto CHE (Children for Higher Education) Saturday cultural program for Middle School Latino students.

- Pen Pal program for 5th grade Latino students.
2. U of I Extension Office. Program 4-H. Technology program for Middle School Latino students (08)
 3. Latino Partnership of Champaign County. Networking with all member agencies.

08-09 School year projects:

Spanish Newsletter- includes information about the following areas:

- a) Student activities and especial events happening at Leal, UMS, and UHS.
- b) Information about the District programs and the Educational system. Some of the topics covered this year included information about ISAT, ideas to take advantage of Parent Teacher Conferences, and services provided at the School Based Health Center.
- c) Information about community events that provide learning opportunities for the whole family such as Parkland's Family Day for Latino families, Read across America, The Disability Expo, or cultural events at Krannert Center.
- d) Educational opportunities for parents. Including information about Urbana Adult Education classes, Even Start, Padre a Padre Program, ESL or GED classes at Parkland, etc.

09-10 School year projects:

- Monthly Parent Workshops
- Parent Room at Leal Elementary

USD Spanish Speaking Parent Workshops 09-10 School Year

Topic	What? <i>What do we want parents to learn?</i>	Target Audience	Who? <i>Presenter (individual or organization)</i>	When?	Where? <i>School Building</i>	Needs?	How are parents leaning about it?	Costs
Welcome to the New School Year	Presenting Joe Wiemelt as the New ESL/Bilingual Coordinator. Get to know the bilingual personnel in the District. Learn how to get involve –PTA, volunteering, etc	K-12	Joe Wiemelt Bilingual/ ESL/Spanish teachers. Deborah Poblano Teresa Bray Joyce Bezdicek Principals Lucia M.	Wednesday, September 9 th	Leal School	Snacks Child care room volunteers	During registration, flyers, phone calls, teachers newsletters	Snacks
* Resource Fair	Become aware of community resources.	All levels	Latino Partnership of Champaign County and USD	Saturday Sept. 26 th and Sunday Sept 27 th .	UMS Gym		Flyers, announcements in Spanish radio station,	Water bottles for organization representatives?
Technology	How to obtain an email account Internet use and parental control Skyward Video conf. (to connect with family in other countries)	K-5 th	USD Technology department - Christopher Fuller	Wednesday, October 14 th And	Leal Computer Lab	Child Care rooms-Art to Go (Krannert Center) Volunteers	Promotion during buildings Open House and Orientation Flyers and phone calls	Presenter's fee for both sessions Snacks for childcare room
		UMS and UHS	USD Technology department - Christopher Fuller	Wednesday, October 21 st	UHS Computer Lab			
Special Education	Become aware of Special Education procedures. Understanding an IEP and Annual Review meeting.	K-5 th Parents of children in Special Education	Teresa Bray Ria Merriman	TBD	TBD	Child Care rooms-Art to Go (Krannert Center) Volunteers	Invitation will be mailed to target parents followed by a phone call to confirm attendance but the workshop will be open for any parent who wish to attend	Presenter's fee Snacks

Latino College Night	Engage parents and students in 'college knowledge' activities: application process, financial assistance, requirements for graduation from HS.	UMS and UHS	La Casa Cultural Latina, U of I, and Parkland College.	Thursday November 19 th .	UHS Commons	TBD	Meeting with UMS, and UHS students. Letter from parkland and U of I will be mail to parents. Phone calls.	Food, door prizes
Stress and depression.	How to manage adult stress and depression, children's discipline, and how to improve children's self stem.	All levels	Deborah Poblano and Mental Health Center	Wednesday December 9 th	Leal School	Child Care room-Art to Go (Krannert Center) Volunteers	Flyers, phone calls, teachers/school newsletters.	Presenter's fee Snacks
Reading!!	Understanding the benefits of reading and learn techniques to help children improve their reading levels. How to make reading fun!!	K-5 th	Urbana Public Library Title 1 bilingual teacher?	Wednesday January 13 th 2010	Leal School	Child Care room-Art to Go (Krannert Center) Volunteers	Flyers, phone calls, teachers/school newsletters.	Presenter's fee Books Snacks
ACCESS and ISAT	Increase parent understanding of ACCESS and ISAT testing.	K-8 th	Joseph Wiemelt	Wednesday February 10 th 2010	UMS Room 1520	Child Care rooms-Art to Go (Krannert Center) Volunteers	Flyers, phone calls, teachers/school newsletters	TBD
The Road to College	Increase parent understanding on College admission process, financing College and how to motivate students to follow the Road to College.	5 th – 12 th	Latino student panel Parkland College University of Illinois	TBD (March)	UHS	Child Care rooms-Art to Go (Krannert Center) Volunteers	Flyers, phone calls, teachers/school newsletters. School's daily announcements.	Snacks, door prizes
Latino Youth Conference	Expose students to a College life and increase their knowledge about different careers and areas of interest.	UHS students	La Casa Cultural Latina, U or I, and Parkland College	TBD April	University of Illinois	Transportation	By invitation only. Letters will be mailed to parents and students along with a permission slip.	
Health Fair For Latino Women	Increase knowledge on health issues Registration for free health programs and testing through the Illinois breast and cervical cancer program.	Female students 15 years old and adults	Champaign Urbana Public Health District	TBD May	UMS Room 1520	Child Care rooms-Art to Go (Krannert Center) Volunteers	Invitation will be mailed to parents	Food, door prizes
Transitions	Increase understanding on transitions from	Elementary, UMS, and	Incoming UMS sixth grade counselor,	Wednesday May 5th	Leal School	Child Care rooms	Invitation will be mailed to parents	Food, door prizes

	Elementary to UMS and from UMS to UHS.	UHS	UHS counselor			Volunteers		

* Resource Fair agencies and service providers:

- USD
- School Based Health Center
- Urbana Schools Before and After School Child Care Program
- Urbana Adult Education
- Even Start Program
- Childcare Resource Service
- Parkland College
- U of I, La Casa Cultural Latina
- Urbana Public Library
- CUPHD
- Programa Familias Sanas / Padre a Padre
- Latino Partnership of Champaign County, NFP
- Mexican Consulate
- Krannert Center
- Orpheum Children's Museum
- Crisis Nursery
- Mental Health Center
- Habitat for Humanity
- Refugee Center
- Urbana Park District
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts

PARENT AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Overview of Services To Students and Parents

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Parent and Community Outreach Liasion**

I. PARENT CONNECTIONS

- A. Education Advocacy and Support*
- B. Community Linkage and Referral*
- C. Parent to Parent Group Opportunities*

II. STUDENT CONNECTIONS

- A. Individual Educational and Behavioral Interventions (daily!!!!)*
- B. Group Supports*
- C. Home and School Interventions*

III. DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY MONITOR

- A. Work With Building Outreach Workers*
- B. Report to Regional Office Of Education*
- C. Report to Champaign County State Attorney's Office*

IV. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

A. URBANA SANKOFA PROJECT

- 1. Sankofa Transitions (8am -12noon / M-Th)**
(6th Grade Transition / Summer – 30-40 students)
- 2. Sankofa Exposures (8am -4:30pm M-Th)**
(3rd - 8th grade / Summer -40-50 students)
 - a. Mentorball (Summer basketball camp) – 6pm - 8pm / WFS
 - b. Urbana Dance Camp – 6pm – 8pm /WFS
- 3. Sankofa Connections (6th -8th grade / Oct. – May – 30-35 students)**
- 4. M.A.L.E.(Math And Literacy Enrichments) Initiative (UMS / 7th grade AA males 9 students)**
- 5. UMS Dance Team (7th & 8th grade females)**

V. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A. Local Area Network 24

B. Champaign County Child and Family Assistance Team

C. United Way of Champaign County Executive Leadership Committee

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

A. United Way Grants (\$20,000 +)

B. City Of Urbana Grant (\$2,500 / \$3.500 pending)

C. Local Area Network 24 (\$10,000 +)

VII. VISION / FUTURE PLANNING

A. Partnerhip With Housing Authority of Champaign County

1. Summer Teen Center (6pm – 9:30pm Th, Fri, Sat)

1401 Main Street (U) – Former Harley Motorcycle Building

*** Partnership with Housing Authority of Champaign County**

2. Urbana Child and Family Service Center

a. Afterschool Study/Tutoring

b. Parent Meeting Center

c. Child and Family Counseling Services

d. Daily Living Resources: food, clothing etc...

B. Partnerships For Urbana School and Neighborhoods

1. Parent/Family Partners

2. District Staff Partners

3. Faith-Based Partners

PARTNERSHIPS FOR URBANA SCHOOLS & NEIGHBORHOODS



"YOURS, MINE & OURS"

Partnerships for Urbana Schools and Neighborhoods



MISSION

The mission of Partnerships for Urbana Schools and Neighborhoods is embraced in the efforts of empowering children and their families with the knowledge and skills that will allow them to maximize educational opportunities while strengthening their social and spiritual development. To serve as a motivational channel through which our community will make an investment in preparing our children to become successful independently functioning adults.

African Proverb: *“It Takes A Whole Village To Raise A Child”*.



PHILOSOPHY



The philosophy of Partnerships for Urbana Schools and Neighborhoods is based on embracing the *Spirit of the Sankofa Bird*; which reminds us that we must reach back to go forward successfully; for it is only in knowing our past that we can plot our course in the future. The community realizes that when looking at the history of academic deficits of many of our African American and low-income children; we must move forward to gain control and progress in the education of our children and accountability of self to our community. Therefore, parents along with the greater Urbana community must step up to the challenge; be courageous and take leadership in the educational, social and spiritual development of our children’s transition from early childhood to a productive and independent adulthood.



VISION

Year after year, Partnerships for Urbana Schools and Neighborhoods will be recognized as a *“premier leader in the area of productive Family and Community Involvement”* and established as the number one *“provider of choice”* for children and families in Urbana School District and the greater Urbana community.

GOALS and OBJECTIVES



- ❖ To develop programs and to conduct events that will encourage total family participation in the educational, social and spiritual development of our children.
- ❖ To create experiences through which children will access additional academic learning enhancements along with exposure to cultural, social and intellectual enrichment activities.
- ❖ To provide a vehicle for business, civic and social organizations to support and develop links with underserved and unrepresented children and families.



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