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PARENTS' PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Department of Parent and Family Engagement

Who we are and what we do

Everyone benefits when parents and families are involved in their children's education. Not only do students do better in school, but parents feel more connected, as well. The Department of Parent and Family Engagement offers programs and services for students to improve their academic achievement. We offer classes and trainings for parents and families to help them become academic partners with their children and to become more self-sufficient. We offer opportunities for the community to share their voice and partner to create stronger schools.

Our work aligns with [DeKalb's Strategic Plan](#) goals:

- **Goal Area I: Student Success with Equity and Access**
- **Goal Area II: Stakeholder Engagement and Communication**
- **Goal Area III: Staff Effectiveness**
- **Goal Area IV: Culture and Climate**
- **Goal Area V: Organizational Excellence**

To achieve these goals we plan to:

- Provide professional development opportunities to our teachers and other school staff to more effectively support families in increasing student achievement and social/emotional well-being
- Collaborate with our schools and centers to construct systems of support to create welcoming environments, build trusting and respectful relationships, and develop the leadership capacity of their families
- Develop a system to recognize families for volunteering, class and workshop completion and attainment of GED and career enhancement certificates (PASSPORT to success)

We are relentless in our quest to engage every family and IMPACT student achievement.





STRONGER TOGETHER

Our mission is to promote high impact student achievement through cutting edge Parental Involvement and Family Engagement Practices. With these innovative programs, families are empowered to become authentic partners with the school district; while receiving wrap around support that benefits the whole child.

Our vision is a transformed school district that recognizes parents as partners and fully embraces the involvement and engagement of these parents as an essential element in students' ability to realize their full academic potential.

Core Values

- The engagement of our families with compassion and respect.
- The development of our families ' members as leaders and agents of change.
- The collaboration of our district with community partners for the empowerment of all DCSD families.

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Student Academic Support

- Liaison with School-Based & Regional FE Champions
- APTT Initiative
- Parent Health Ambassador Program
- I.M.P.A.C.T. Hub Management

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- PALs (Parents As Leaders)
- Active Parenting
- EngageMEnt Now Programming
- Impact Huddles

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Family Friendly Schools Initiative & Volunterism

- Parent Volunteer Plan & Policy
- Family Friendly Schools Initiative
- Family Engagement Advisory Council
- Mobile Bus

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Parent & Family Wrap Around Services

- C.A.R.E. Project
- Families Against Bully - FAB
- Regroup: Social and Emotional Wellness
- Community Collaborations

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Parents' Personal & Professional Growth & Development

- Adult Education & GED Support Program
- Post Secondary Opportunities & Supports
- Workforce Advancement
- Parent Empowerment Conferences

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THE FACES OF PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Our team provides high quality services using culturally competent practices. We provide services to families, schools, and community members who need assistance accessing school and district resources, addressing concerns, and building skills to be strong partners in their students' education. We have Spanish-speaking staff and have access to multilingual interpretation services. We are dedicated to developing educated, engaged, and empowered parents and staff who are partners in creating great schools in every region.



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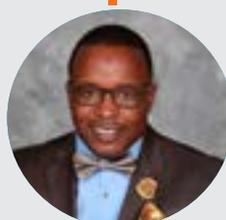
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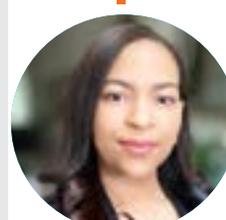
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According to Grace Chen's Public School Review: Parental Involvement is Key to Student Success. April 30, 2018. Research shows that students' Academic Achievement increases when parents and caregivers are involved in their children's education. The more intensively involved the parents and caregivers are, the greater the positive impact on academic achievement. Research also shows that parental involvement not only enhances academic performance, but it also has a positive influence on student attitude and behavior. A parent's interest and encouragement in a child's education can affect the child's attitude toward school, classroom conduct, self-esteem, absenteeism, and motivation.



We are committed to supporting our parents and caregivers through trainings and collaborations so that they can meaningfully impact their students' academic success.

ACADEMIC PARENT-TEACHER TEAMS PROGRAM (APTT)

Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT) is a model of family engagement that is grounded in the notion that schools can thrive when families and teachers work together, as genuine partners, to maximize student learning inside and outside of school. The model is research-based and aligns grade-level learning concepts, student performance data, and family-teacher communication and collaboration. One major benefit of this program is to create a team-based approach to parent teacher conferences. The team will consist of parents and teachers using a group conference platform. During the parent-teacher conference teachers will model various activities to assist with students learning at home. APTT focuses on foundational grade-level skills, which must be achieved by the end of the school year. Parents and teachers collectively meet three times per year to discuss students' progress and acquire new skills.

The Parent & Family Engagement Department will be piloting this program for the 2020-2021 school year.

To learn more about the APTT Program click [here](#) for additional information

PARENT HEALTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Parent Health Ambassador Program (PHAP) is a mutual partnership between the DeKalb County Board of Health and the DeKalb County School District. The PHAP program educates parents on the health and well-being policies on selected afterschool programs within DeKalb County School District. Parents will receive tools, resources, and information that promote a healthy lifestyle in afterschool programs. Students are encouraged to develop healthy eating behavior while attending afterschool programs.

Benefits:

- Creating healthy lifestyles to combat childhood obesity
- Access to volunteer hours through PHAP
- Incentives for participation

Participation requirements

- Participate in online training
- Assess snacks currently served in afterschool programs
- Collaborate with DCSD Parent & Family Engagement Department, Peer Master Trainers, and Afterschool Program Leaders.

Participating Schools: E.L. Bouie Elementary School, McNair Discovery Learning Elementary School, Narvie J. Harris Elementary School and Wynbrooke Elementary School.



VIRTUAL IMPACT HUB PARENT RESOURCES

Connections Academy

If you're new to distance learning and trying to support your child's education while also working from home, you've probably had questions and hit a few bumps along the way. You're not alone [Connections Academy](#) can help. Explore this curated list of resources and advice for parents, written and compiled by online school experts. You're sure to find some good advice for keeping your children engaged in learning at home.

All Grades

Motivational Tip	This document provides tips and ideas to motivate your student.
Student Struggle While Learning Can Have Positive Results	This document explains the value of productive struggle and how to incorporate it into your student's day.
Succeeding with a Growth Mindset	This document explains the meaning of developing a growth mindset and how to encourage it with your student.

Elementary

Productive Struggle for Elementary Students	This short video explains the value of productive struggle and how to incorporate it into your elementary student's day.
Growth Mindset for Elementary Students	This short video explains the meaning of developing a growth mindset and how to encourage it with your elementary student.
Coach for Active Learning: Elementary	This document explains how to engage your elementary grade student in active learning.

Middle and High School

Productive Struggle for Secondary Students	This short video explains the value of productive struggle and how to incorporate it into your secondary student's day.
Growth Mindset for Secondary Students	This short video explains the meaning of developing a growth mindset and how to encourage it with your secondary student.
Coach for Active Learning: Middle School	This document explains how to engage your middle school student in active learning.
Coach for Active Learning: High School	This document explains how to engage your high school student in active learning.
Coach for Success: High School	This document explains how to coach your high school student and describes effective virtual school habits.

Supports for Grandparents raising Grandchildren “A Grand Affair”

Grandparents have served as one of the most important safety nets for children whose parents are unable or unwilling to provide care. The goal of this program is to identify, promote, coordinate and disseminate information, resources, and best practices to help grandparents who are caregivers meet the educational, health and other needs of their grandchildren while maintaining their own mental and emotional health.

HelpGuide

HelpGuide.org is a nonprofit site that gives grandparents resources, tools and ideas on how to get help and make the most of raising grandchildren. Whether you need counseling, help with mental health or emotional issues for your grandchildren, or need help with caregiver stress and burnout, this site has lots of great resources.



Grand Families Guide (US)

The AARP offers a comprehensive [GrandFamilies Guide](#) with U.S.-specific information on legal documents, finances, health insurance, education and childcare, and many other things you will need to know to protect your rights and maximize assistance in caring for your grandkids.



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Daily Strength

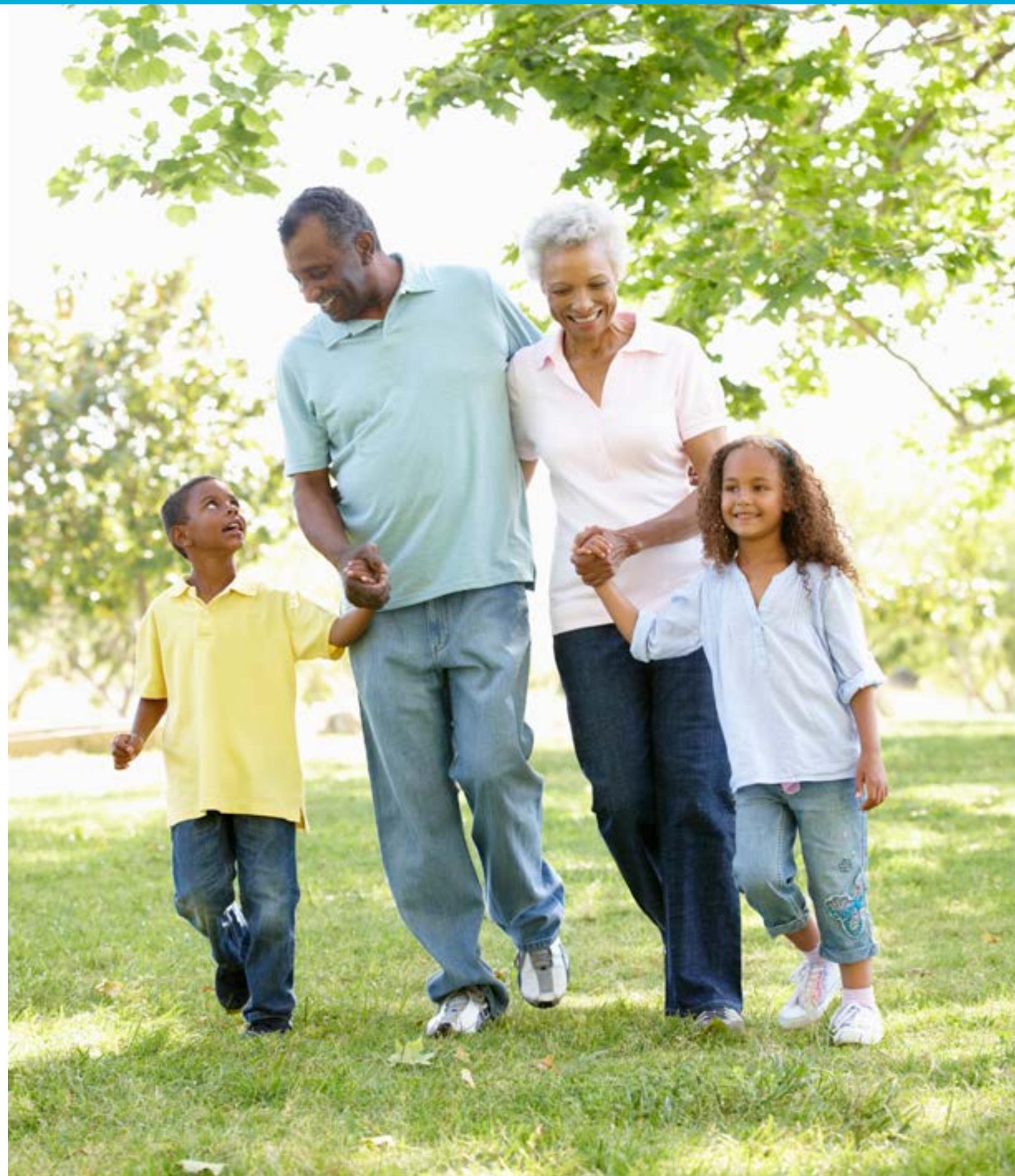
Daily Strength is an online community with a [special online support group for grandparents](#) who are the primary caregivers of their grandchildren. Look here for an online forum for conversation and support to get your questions answered on everything from adoption to birth certificates to the emotional challenges of raising grandchildren.

A “Grand Affair” Schedule of workshops is coming soon.

STUDENT ACADEMIC SUPPORT

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PARENT LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY TRAINING

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PARENT LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY TRAINING

The Parent Leadership & Advocacy focus area provides DCSD parents and caregivers access to knowledge relating to student achievement, the workings of our school system, and skills in advocacy and educational support. We provide opportunities for parents with training and resources to **grow, achieve,** and **empower** greater levels of advocacy for children, schools, and community.

ACTIVE PARENTING

Raising children in today's uncertain world can be a daunting task. Children are susceptible to so many forces around them, and they can be lost in the chaos without strong, positive parenting guidance. Active Parenting is a national program created by acclaimed parenting expert Dr. Michael H. Popkin, that features state-of-the-art courses that will teach you proven parenting techniques that will make positive changes. The program also uses sound psychological principles that have been research-tested and proven effective in all of the programs, with an emphasis on mutual respect, cognitive-behavioral approaches to change, personal choice, and responsibility.



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THE FIRST 5 YEARS /ACTIVE PARENTING

This series is offered for 4 weeks, and is an interactive learning experience that introduces the stages of child development during the first five years and offers parenting skills necessary for understanding brain development; communication, mindfulness and growing together!

AP First Five Years	Date/Time	Description	Location
You and Your Child: building up our babies	8/24/2020 9:30 -11:00 a.m.	Parents will discover their styles of parenting, ages and stages of development, bonding with baby and parents as teachers.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Preventing Problems: the "A-C-T" method of teaching discipline	8/31/2020 9:30 -11:00 a.m.	Infant safe at home playing safe checklist and brain building activities.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Encouraging Positive Behavior: mindful practice and meditation	09/01/2020 9:30 -11:00 a.m.	The power of encouragement, choices and consequences, caring for the caregiver and creating mindfulness jars.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Preparing for School Success: 6 great things parents can do to help young children get ready for school	09/08/2020 9:30 -11:00 a.m.	Memory work activity, limiting screen time, stimulate independence, emotional intelligence.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Preparing parent success plans due	9/15/2020 9:30 -11:00 a.m.	Parents outline their short-term and long-term parenting goals based on the information they learned in the previous sessions.	Virtual Click Here To Register



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KNOWING AND GROWING/ACTIVE PARENTING AGES 5-12:

This series is offered for 6 weeks, for parents and caregivers of elementary age students; where we support one another in being “active” parents raising courageous, competent and cooperative scholars. Each session is infused with interactive activities, parent fieldtrips, and a graduation certificate ceremony.

AP 5- 12 years Knowing and Growing	Date/Time	Description	Location
The Active Parent	8/26/2020 4:30-6:00 p.m.	Parents will discuss how we navigate the “New Normal”. Styles of parenting - dictator, or doormat? Cognitive brain development in children. The method of choice-having your say but not your way.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Cooperation & Communication	09/02/2020 4:30-6:00 p.m.	Who owns the problem? Active communication, feelings, empathy and problem-solving.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Responsibility & Discipline	09/09/2020 4:30-6:00 p.m.	Effective non-violent discipline, learning to use “I” messages. Logical consequences.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Building Courage & Self-Esteem	09/16/2020 4:30-6:00 p.m.	The think-feel-do cycle, the power of encouragement. Recognizing behavioral changes.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Positive Behavior and Understanding (SEL) Social and Emotional Learning	9/23/2020 4:30-6:00 p.m.	Eliminating power struggles. Handling anger. Problem-solving with FLAC.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Active Parenting for School Success	9/30/2020 4:30-6:00 p.m.	7 smart things for school success. Structuring homework time. Tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. Family talks.	Virtual Click Here To Register



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DECODING YOUR TEEN/ACTIVE PARENTING TEEN EDITION

This series is offered for 6 weeks, and provides vital information and support for parents of tweens and teens; breaking down communication barriers, building self-esteem, learning calming techniques, avoiding the pitfalls of alcohol and drugs, and recognizing behavioral changes that can lead to suicide thoughts, anxiety and depression.

AP 12-19 Decoding Your Teen	Date/Time	Description	Location
Parenting Teens Today	9/03/2020 5:00-6:30 p.m.	Parenting through a pandemic, control vs. influence. Mutual respect.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Winning Cooperation	9/10/2020 5:00-6:30 p.m.	Sending mixed messages, communication blocks. The keys to encouragement, learn the “palms up” technique.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Responsibility and Discipline	9/17/2020 5:00-6:30 p.m.	Parenting and anger. The family meeting. Choices-conflict resolution. Avoiding power struggles.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Building Courage, Redirecting Misbehavior	9/24/2020 5:00-6:30 p.m.	Empowering through encouragement. Positive and negative approaches. Family enrichment activities.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Filtering Out Social Media and Negative Influences	10/1/2020 5:00-6:30 p.m.	Positive values and choices, avoiding risky behavior, strategies to help deter high risk behavior.	Virtual Click Here To Register



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PARENTS AS LEADERS (PALs) PARENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

PARENTS are at the center of our work and we believe that parents are the child's first teacher!

The Parents as Leaders (PALs) Parent Leadership Program is a tiered leadership development program for DCSD parents and caregivers. The purpose of PALs is to build parental capacity in the family, school, community, and themselves in order to support the academic success of their children. During the Parent Leadership Academy, parents will concentrate on the four categories of capacity building: **Family, School, District and Community Leadership.**

Introduction to Family Engagement

- The impact family engagement has on education
- What family engagement looks like
- Importance of human capital (relationships)
- Importance of parent leaders
- What does parent leadership look like in your school and district?
- Local stories of parent leaders
- Discussion about parent organizations that currently exist
- Your experiences as a parent and parent leader

Navigating the Complexities of the Local School and the District

- Function of different departments – structure of state, country, district
- Chain of command – school structure and culture
- School financing and management
- Roles and responsibilities at the local school level
- Keys to developing positive relationships with all of the adults who interact with your child
- Asking meaningful questions
- Parents' rights, responsibilities and resolutions



Leadership Skills

- Types and styles of leadership
- Communication styles and etiquette
- Leadership development
- Avoiding team pitfalls such as cliques, disengagement, and power struggles
- Conflict resolution
- Managing change
- Diversity and inclusion

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AVAILABLE WORKSHOPS

Parents as Leaders (PALs) Parent Leadership Academy Tier I: Developing Leader	Date/Time	Description	Location	Facilitator
Orientation and Pre-assesment Survey	9/08/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Welcome to the leadership cohort, an open and honest discussion to determine how parents are doing during COVID. Workshop overview and expectations.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Tonya Winters-Buford District Family Engagement Liaison
The Leader in You	9/15/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Prepare parents to assume leadership roles in their schools and communities. Build self-esteem and self-confidence in order to improve leadership skills.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Tonya Winters-Buford District Family Engagement Liaison
Effective Communication	9/22/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Communication styles and etiquette, interpersonal skills. Professional writing and reading. Public speaking.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Dr. Michelle Hinton Technology Instructor John Lewis E S
Conflict Resolution	9/29/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Culturally responsive leadership, Working through problems and developing strategy and conflict resolution skills.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Dr. Char-Shenda Covington Principal of Stone Mountain Elementary School
Navigating the Systems of School	10/6/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Navigating the complexities of the local school and the district. Function of different departments – structure of state, country, district, chain of command – school structure and culture.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Marcia Coward Parent and Family Engagement Manager
Gearing up for Governance	10/13/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Taking on a role at your local school or district, Choosing the right position based on talent, time, interest.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Rajnish Singh School Governance Coordinator

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Parents as Leaders (PALS) parent Leadership Academy Tier II: Emerging Leaders	Date/Time	Description	Location	Facilitator
Leadership Development	10/20/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Leadership and personality assessments, (Myers Briggs). Local stories of parent leaders. Unique team dynamics with parent groups, generating ideas, making decisions, and having results-oriented practices.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Dr. Michelle Hinton Technology Instructor
Change Management	10/27/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	How to succeed in changing systems. Key to organizing parent groups, determining sustainability, planning, implementing, and evaluating our policies.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Shakina Champion Director of School Innovation
Leadership Through an Equity Lens *Project Assignment	11/4/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Empowerment through equity. An examination of the policies we have in place. Do they prevent or promote family engagement? How do we examine policy? How do we affect change?	Virtual Click Here To Register	Attorney Janet Kisbaugh Public Education Matters Kayla Kudratt Assistant District Attorney
Team Management	1/11/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Your voice/Your choice. The importance of parent partnerships.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Marcia Coward Parent and Family Engagement Manager
School Improvement Planning	11/17/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Learn what goes in to local school CSIPs and your impact as a Parent.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Dr. Rasheen Booker, Principal, Stephenson Middle School

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Parents as Leaders (PALs) Parent Leadership Academy Tier III Action Leader	Date/Time	Description	Location	Facilitator
Learning How to Advocate	12/1/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Resilience and supportive relations. Positive and constructive parent practices- powerful. Small tips for big academic impacts at home through encouragement, structure, and modeling.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Tonya Winters-Buford District Family Engagement Liaison
Data Analysis	12/8/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	Interpreting academic information (MAP, report cards, etc.), Understanding CCRPI, knowing what to do with the information.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Assesment and Accountability Coordinator
Education Funding	12/15/2020 6:00-7:30 p.m.	SPLOST and other allotments that affect your child's education, school choice. Designing initiatives: how to clarify goal, purpose of these initiatives.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Masana Mailliard Interim Chief Financial Officer
Community Asset Mapping	1/5/2021 6:00-7:30 p.m.	How to ignite informed action, The process for organizing a "winnable" action around a given issue, organizing and mapping out strategies.	Virtual Click Here To Register	Kim Ault & Sumaya Karimi Community Connectors
Parent Retreat and Presentation of Final Project. Virtual Graduation Ceremony	TBA	Graduation	Virtual Click Here To Register	TBD



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I.M.P.A.C.T. HUDDLES

The I.M.P.A.C.T. Huddles are part of the initiative for building the capacity of families and school staff to partner in ways that support student achievement and school involvement. They will feature authentic dialogue on topics such as school safety, curriculum, vocational training, special education, cultural competence and other timely discussion topics recommended by the participants. This is a collaborative effort between multiple stakeholders; families, community members, and DCSD district and School Staff. We gather virtually or in person in a relaxed setting to have purposeful and impactful conversations, discussing how our unique differences can be pooled together to positively affect student achievement. These are not just conversations, each session will end with actionable steps, and solutions to the issues raised.

All Huddles will be virtual until further notice and will take place in Microsoft Teams.

- September 16: 6:30 p.m.
- November 12: 6:30 p.m.
- February 11: 6:30 p.m.
- May 13: 6:30 p.m.

ENGAGEMENT NOW

Engagement Now is a television program produced by the DeKalb County School District DSTV television station, in collaboration with the Department of Parent and Family Engagement. Each episode provides useful and timely information on topics designed to aid parents in becoming more engaged in their children's academic achievement. Due to Covid-19 we will begin taping at a later date. Stay tuned with us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and on our website www.dcsdfamilyengagement.com for scheduled dates and topics.

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FAMILY FRIENDLY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE & VOLUNTEERISM

FAMILY FRIENDLY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

The Family Friendly School initiative has been developed by the DeKalb County School District's Department of Parent and Family Engagement to help schools create and maintain a positive learning climate. This initiative will engage families and build a positive relationship between our families and the school. This initiative will improve student academic achievement and strengthen the family-school partnership. It is our goal that all schools communicate "Welcome!" to students and families by creating an environment that is friendly, inviting, and culturally sensitive.

Family Friendly Schools Survey Pop-ups

September - December 2020

During the first semester of the school year, we will set up a table and/or tent at the schools and take a short survey from parents in the building. We will target days when parental engagement activities are in progress. This will be a 10 questions survey that parents can complete as they visit the school. In the event that COVID-19 social distancing is prolonged, we will conduct these surveys electronically.

Family Friendly Schools Survey Pop-ups

January - April 2021

- Evaluate 5 schools in each region with the Family Friendly School Survey (35 schools).
- Calculate the score of all schools and apply a rating band.
- Utilize a point system survey to determine the ranking of schools. This will aid in determining the schools that will receive the Family Friendly School Award. The building administration will receive guidelines on how to make their school distinguished if they receive a satisfactory or unsatisfactory result.
- Recognize one volunteer per region who receive an Exceptional Volunteer Award (7 awards).

FAMILY FRIENDLY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE & VOLUNTEERISM

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PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Region 1	Chamblee M.S.	Dunwoody E.S.	John R. Lewis E.S.	Montgomery E.S.	Oakcliff E.S.
Region 2	Avondale E.S.	EHawthorne E.S.	Idlewood E.S.	Sagamore Hills E.S.	Smoke Rise E.S.
Region 3	Lithonia M.S.	Marbut E.S.	Pine Ridge E.S.	Redan M.S.	Redan H.S.
Region 4	DeKalb Academy of Technology and the Environment	Freedom M.S.	Hambrick E.S.	Jolly E.S.	Stone Mill E.S.
Region 5	E.L. Bouie E.S.	Browns Mill E.S.	Chapel Hill E.S.	Miller Grove M.S.	Miller Grove H.S.
Region 6	Bethune M.S.	Canby Lane E.S.	Columbia E.S.	DeKalb Prep	Tony E.S.
Region 7	Cedar Grove E.S.	DeKalb School of the Arts	Early Learning Academy	McNair M.S.	Oakview E.S.



VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteering provides opportunities for family and community members to become partners in education with DeKalb County School District, by helping our students and schools. Volunteers can strengthen school-community relations and support student achievement. We thank our parents and community volunteers in advance for supporting our school by donating their time and talent that will contribute to the educational experience of our students.

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VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Department of Parent and Family Engagement will offer virtual Volunteer Training sessions every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. Evening sessions will be available by appointment only. Please note, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person Volunteer Training sessions have been suspended until further notice.

<https://bit.ly/DCSDVolunteerTraining>

First Semester	Second Semester
Thursday, August 6, 2020 Thursday, August 13, 2020 Thursday, August 20, 2020 Thursday, August 27, 2020	Thursday, January 7, 2021 Thursday, January 14, 2021 Thursday, January 21, 2021 Thursday, January 28, 2021
Thursday, September 3, 2020 Thursday, September 10, 2020 Thursday, September 17, 2020 Thursday, September 24, 2020	Thursday, February 4, 2021 Thursday, February 11, 2021 Thursday, February 18, 2021 Thursday, February 25, 2021
Thursday, October 1, 2020 Thursday, October 8, 2020 Thursday, October 15, 2020 Thursday, October 22, 2020 Thursday, October 29, 2020	Thursday, March 4, 2021 Thursday, March 11, 2021 Thursday, March 18, 2021 Thursday, March 25, 2021
Thursday, November 5, 2020 Thursday, November 12, 2020 Thursday, November 19, 2020	Thursday, April 1, 2021 Thursday, April 8, 2021 Thursday, April 15, 2021 Thursday, April 22, 2021 Thursday, April 29, 2021
Thursday, December 3, 2020 Thursday, December 10, 2020 Thursday, December 17, 2020	Thursday, June 3, 2021 Thursday, June 10, 2021 Thursday, June 17, 2021 Thursday, June 24, 2021 Thursday, July 1, 2021 Thursday, July 8, 2021

Volunteer Virtual Training: TBA

DEKALB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARD

The Exceptional Volunteer Award is an annual award given by the DeKalb County School District's Department of Parent and Family Engagement. It is a great way to thank the many special DCSD volunteers and organizations that serve our district. Recipients will receive the Volunteer I.M.P.A.C.T. Award at the end of the school year. The objective of this award is to encourage school volunteerism, recognize, honor and appreciate volunteers who have made significant contributions to DeKalb County School District.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE "EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARD"

Nominations for the "Exceptional Volunteer Award" are accepted under the following criteria:

- Nominee must be a volunteer for the DeKalb County School District, who has served a minimum of one hundred (100) validated hours of unpaid volunteer time. A student volunteer receiving educational credit is not eligible.
- Nominations may be made by more than one individual, but one of those nominating must be an employee of the DeKalb County School District.
- Nominations must include a description of the volunteer's contribution and indicate how the nominee's volunteering is linked to school improvement or academic success for students.
- Organizations may be eligible as a group volunteer. (Example, 25 volunteers belonging to one organization have donated four (4) hours each of volunteer work).

Awards are determined by an Award Selection Committee based on award criteria and by the date that the nomination is received.

PARENT & FAMILY WRAP AROUND SERVICES

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Our parent and family wrap-around services focus on supporting the mental, social, and emotional health & wellness of the entire family by strengthening parents' capacity to overcome socioeconomic bearers and in-home challenges that negatively affect their children's academic achievement.

We offer parents and guardians a direct line to resources, supports, and services to address their needs. In addition, we offer several interactive workshops, seminars, and townhall meetings to assist parents in building their capacity to better support their children.

The theory behind wrap around services is rooted in three (3) major principles:

1-Students whose health & wellness needs are attended to will be healthier, more focused, and better able to learn.

2-Families engaged with schools and supportive services will have increased capacity to support child learning.

3-Schools, having additional systems for confronting social challenges that impede learning, will allow teachers and administrators to focus on instruction.



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WRAP AROUND SERVICES WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Through our department's Parent & Family Wrap Around Services, several workshops are offered throughout the school year to enhance our parents' knowledge of wrap around support in a specific area of need. Workshops are offered to parents as online webinars throughout the school year. Please select the workshop you wish to attend from the drop-down menu. The workshops will publish as individual classes in Microsoft Teams, each with a live video meeting, supplemental materials, and evaluation forms. Each parent who completes at least one workshop a month for 10 consecutive months (August 2020 – May 2021) will receive special acknowledgment during an end-of-year celebration in May 2021.

WORKSHOP AVAILABILITY

SESSION	DESCRIPTION	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
What to do If You Need Assistance with Housing, Food, or Healthcare?	The C.A.R.E. Initiative. School Level Support (School Social Workers). United Way 211. Urgent Relief Agencies & Coordinated Entry.	9/2/2020 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register
		9/2/2020 6PM	
		11/4/2020 10AM	
		11/4/2020 6PM	
		1/13/2021 10AM	
		1/13/2021 6PM	
		1/20/2021 10AM	
		1/20/2021 6PM	
Navigating the Internet: a Presentation for Parents	Children & The Internet. Screen Addiction. Cyberbullying. Internet Safety. Fun & Educational Apps.	9/24/2020 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register
		9/24/2020 6PM	
		3/24/2021 10AM	
		3/24/2021 6PM	
Reclaiming My Time	Stress & Time Management. Social & Emotional Wellness. True Color Personality Test. Mindfulness & Self Care.	9/30/2020 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register
		9/30/2020 6PM	
		3/10/2021 10AM	
		3/10/2021 6PM	
Understanding the Effects of Family Violence on Students' Academic and Behavioral Performance	What is Family Violence? The effects of Family Violence on Children What to do if you find yourself in a Family Violence situation? Support Agencies.	10/14/2020 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register
		10/14/2020 6PM	

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SESSION	DESCRIPTION	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Don't Fold When ACEs are High: Understanding the effects of adverse childhood experiences on parenting	What are ACEs and understanding your ACE score. How do ACEs affect your parenting style? Resilience. Breaking the cycle.	10/28/2020 10AM 10/28/2020 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Money, Money, Money	Understanding money basics. Budgeting. Understanding credit. Good debt vs bad debt.	11/18/2020 10AM 11/18/2020 6PM 5/5/2021 10AM 5/5/2021 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Money Can Grow, but Not on Trees	Saving . Investing. Growing through income. Life insurance.	12/16/2020 10AM 12/16/2020 6PM 5/19/2020 10AM 5/19/2020 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Diversity & Cultural Competency: a Presentation for Parents	Why is it important to instill cultural competency in children? Understanding the 6 stages of Cultural Competence, and which stage are you in Talking with your children about Diversity 5 Components of Cultural Competency	2/10/2021 10AM 2/10/2021 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Equity in Education: Civic & Community Engagement for Parents	Getting to know your leaders in local government Who to contact and When to contact them? What are Community Centers? Starting a Community Group	2/24/2021 10AM 2/24/2021 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register

**Parents who register for a workshop, will have access to view the recorded workshop anytime throughout the school year.*

CARE: CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS, ACCESS TO HEALTH, REHABILITATION, ECONOMIC LITERACY

This initiative is an interdepartmental and interagency collaborative effort to reduce and eliminate the complex trauma students may bring with them to school each day. This trauma, which may result from chronic homelessness, inaccessible health services, a culture of violence or drugs outside of school, and/or familial economic and financial instability, often manifests as aggressive or anti-social behavior in children at school. Evidenced-based programs and events (i.e. Words Not Hands) developed under this initiative directly connects DCSD parents to resources and providers who can address these needs before they lead to adverse childhood experiences that negatively affect student academic achievement. The C.A.R.E. initiative primarily functions as a Hub and living database, that connects parents to resources, supports, and services, while monitoring their progress throughout the delivery and implementation phases.

Initiative Collaborators: DCSD Student Support & Intervention, DCSD Title IV Prevention, Wellroot Wellness Services, WellRefugee Center, CHRIS 180, Legal Aid, Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence, United Way of Greater Atlanta, Kaiser Permanente, DeKalb Community Service Board and DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services.

To receive assistance through the C.A.R.E. initiative please complete the C.A.R.E. initiative entry form.

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REGROUP

It's Time to Regroup! Regroup is an interdepartmental and interagency Mental, Social, and Emotional Wellness Initiative for DCSD parents who are experiencing life events and situations that may affect the mental, social, or emotional health of their children and families. These life changes and situations may include grief, divorce, professional transitions, trauma, or other anxieties and difficulties. This district-wide initiative will be implemented (August 2020 - May 2021) through 1) monthly peer-led Family Support Groups that are facilitated by professional counselors and liaisons via the Regroup class in



Microsoft Teams, 2) live and prerecorded mental, social, and emotional wellness workshops available via the Regroup class in Microsoft Teams, and 3) live large scale forums and townhall meetings offered once or

Meeting Availability:

Date	Time
August 4, 2020	6:30 PM
August 11, 2020	6:30 PM
September 8, 2020	10:00 AM
September 8, 2020	6:00 PM
October 13, 2020	10:00 AM
October 13, 2020	6:00 PM
November 10, 2020	10:00 AM
November 10, 2020	6:00 PM
December 8, 2020	10:00 AM
December 8, 2020	6:00 PM

Date	Time
January 12, 2021	10:00 AM
January 12, 2021	6:00 PM
February 9, 2021	10:00 AM
February 9, 2021	6:00 PM
March 9, 2021	10:00 AM
March 9, 2021	6:00 PM
April 13, 2021	10:00 AM
April 13, 2021	6:00 PM
May 11, 2021	10:00 AM
May 11, 2021	6:00 PM

Initiative Collaborators: DCSD Student Support & Intervention, DCSD Title IV Prevention, NAMI DeKalb, CHRIS 180, Kids Doc On Wheels, Pathways, Summit, DeKalb Community Service Board, Kaiser Permanente.

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FAMILIES AGAINST BULLYING



This collaborative initiative is led by our department and the Department of Student Relations is designed to address and counter bullying and youth violence among our students through direct parent engagement and intervention. The four (4) main goals are: 1) Provide parents with opportunities to learn and adapt holistic approaches that increase their children’s confidence and capability; 2) Equip parents with skills, approaches and knowledge that enable them to help their children effectively navigate life choices; 3) Coordinate a supportive cultural network of parents that promotes bullying awareness and community responsibility; and 4) Create collaborations with local agencies that develop and implement youth & family-centered policies and practices.

Through this initiative we will offer parents and guardians a series of workshops presented by Dr. Quentin Fretwell, Administrator in the Department of Student Relations. Dr. Fretwell brings expertise in anti-bullying initiatives through his work as school administrator, retired Director of Student Relations, and a state and regional presenter on school discipline, safety/security, attendance and bullying. The workshops will be accessible through The FAB Life class in Microsoft Teams, with a live video meeting for each workshop, supplemental materials, and evaluation forms. Each parent who completes all nine workshops will receive special acknowledgment during an end-of-year celebration in May 2021.

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SESSION	DESCRIPTION	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Bullying 101	This session introduces the topic of student bullying. Three forms of bullying will be identified, defined, and described. In addition, parents will be provided information on the types of bullying behaviors and how to address concerns with the school.	9/15/2020 10AM 9/15/2020 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Harassment/ Discrimination	In the past few months, issues of race, ethnicity and bias have been in the spotlight. Research is clear that these types of societal concerns can find their way into the schoolhouse. This session discusses the student behaviors associated with harassment/discrimination and what parents can do.	9/15/2020 10AM 9/15/2020 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Cyberbullying	Bullying fellow students via text, social media, and other electronic means was reported to have increased while the nation's schoolhouses were closed due to COVID-19. However, this form of bullying has been an issue from some time and can cause significant hurt/harm. This session will define cyberbullying, describe the behaviors and discuss how parents can help.	11/17/2020 10AM 11/17/2020 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Hazing	Many persons think that hazing is just a college thing. However, hazing happens in middle/high schools throughout this nation. Parents are encouraged to join us for this interesting session, particularly if you have children involved in extracurricular activities (even clubs).	12/15/2020 10AM 12/15/2020 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register
How to Work with the School	This session on student bullying shares what parents can do if their child has been bullied. However, it is also even more important for parents to know how to partner with their child's school to prevent and reduce bullying incidents.	1/19/2020 10AM 1/19/2020 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Signs Your Child is Being Bullied/the Bully	A parent may not be initially aware that his/her child is a target of or a bully. The research has identified signs, behaviors, and short/long-term effects of bullying, both with the target and the offender. This session will look at those behaviors and what parents can do to help their child.	2/16/2021 10AM 2/16/2021 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register

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Parents' Role in Bullying	Parents play a significant role in this school partnership to address student bullying. This session will discuss this important role of the parent and how it impacts and helps not only their child, but the school as a whole.	3/16/2021 3/16/2021	10AM 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register
It Should Not Be in the Family	These sessions have been focused on bullying in the schoolhouse. However, we cannot discuss helping the school without also including the home. The home and school are tightly connected. Here, we will discuss this connection that will help both to promote their child's academic success and social/emotional well-being.	4/20/2021 4/20/2021	10AM 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Summer Break Bullying	This closing session will provide parents with a recap of the series, and vital information each parent needs to know about bullying during the summer break. During this session, special recognition will be given to parents who were key participants throughout the series. We will end the series with a virtual raffle for end of series prize.	5/18/2021 5/18/2021	10AM 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register



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DCSD PREPARING FAMILIES FOR SCHOOL

This is a collaborative effort between our Parent & Family Wrap-Around Services and the DeKalb County Office of Youth Services to support expecting parents, parents of newborns, and parents of infants and toddlers through a holistic approach that will prepare them and their children for a positive transition into the DeKalb County School District. This initiative will bring parenting tools and best practices from the Growing Healthy Babies and Baby Box family programs under the DeKalb County Office of Youth Services.

GROWING HEALTHY BABIES

SESSION	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Self-Care During Pregnancy: practical tips to caring for yourself while pregnant	9/16/2020 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Deciding on a birth plan	10/21/2020 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Stress Management Techniques for Moms	11/18/2020 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Breastfeeding 101	12/16/2020 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Creating a Nighttime Routine for Baby	1/20/2021 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Self-Care for New Moms	2/17/2021 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register
Common Questions for New Moms + Some Answers	3/17/2021 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register
How to Find a Quality Daycare	4/21/2021 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register
What Parents Should Know for the Summer	5/19/2021 10AM	Virtual Click Here To Register

BABY BOX

SESSION	DESCRIPTION	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Baby Box Workshop	Education on the ABCs of Safe Sleep: conducted by a Certified Sleep Educator RN through partnership with Children's Health Care of Atlanta utilizing instruction materials from the CDC and the Pediatric Academic Association to help prevent deaths related to SIDS and SUIDS.	9/16/2020 6PM 10/21/2020 6PM 11/18/2020 6PM 12/16/2020 6PM 1/20/2021 6PM 2/17/2021 6PM 3/17/2021 6PM 4/21/2021 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register
What Parents Should Know for the Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Summary/Closing of the Series •Recognition of Parents who were key participants throughout the series •Virtual Raffle for Prize 	5/19/2021 6PM	Virtual Click Here To Register

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION ADVOCACY

Anne Ferreira

District Family Engagement Liaison



DIVERSITY & INCLUSION ADVOCACY

Diversity & Inclusion Advocacy addresses the challenge of achieving a strong connection between the district's international and culturally diverse families. We recognize families of English Language Learners as a valuable part of school communities and the overall success of the schools. It is our goal to bridge communication gaps with our non-english-speaking communities and diverse cultures, by offering resources and information through several outreach platforms, communicate in their spoken languages and advocate on their behalf. We will accomplish this by ensuring that the following actions are taken:

- **Strengthen home-school partnerships on behalf of ELL students**
- **Recognize and build upon our ELL parents' strengths**
- **Harness the energy and ideas of staff, ELL parents, and students in shaping partnerships**
- **Engage school-wide staff members beyond the ELL/ bilingual departments**
- **Advocate for and allocate resources on behalf of ELL families**

Our first step in realizing this goal is the creation of the ***Welcome to DCSD: Exploring Our School District*** resourceful online program. This workshop series will assist the parents and their child(ren) in making a smooth transition into the school community. Also, it will equip them with the knowledge necessary to navigate new educational experiences, and receive additional information regarding the supports available to promote the success of their child(ren).

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Parents will have an opportunity to attend 8 sessions. Each session includes lessons, exercises, as well as a final project. The final project will be beneficial to the parents, their children, and the community. This workshop series will be available in Spanish initially. It is our intention to deliver this program in the top 10 languages.

SESSION	DATE/TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Parent Involvement Basics	09/29/2020 10:00 AM	Parents learn what parent involvement means and how crucial they are in the educational attainment of their children.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Structure of the School and District Overview	10/06/2020 10:00 AM	Parents learn how schools are finance and managed. Parents will become familiar with their school board and the people involvement in the decision-making process.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Technology – Learn the Programs we Use as Support Tools	10/13/2020 10:00 AM	Parents will have an overview the programs we use as support tools.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Communicating with Teachers	10/20/2020 10:00 AM	Parents learn how to effectively communicate with teachers and ask key questions to ensure their children educational needs are met and they are performing at grade level.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Parents Rights & Responsibilities	10/27/2020 10:00 AM	Parents learn their rights and responsibilities as parent and the chain of command to problem resolution.	Virtual Click Here To Register
High School Success	11/03/2020 10:00 AM	Parents will learn options and opportunities in high schools, so their children graduate and are able to move to the workforce or college.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Road to College	11/10/2020 10:00 AM	Parents learn the academic and financial requirements in order to attend college.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Parents as Education Agents	11/17/2020 10:00 AM	Parents will learn how to work with other parents, leadership skills, and how to effectively advocate to improve their schools.	Virtual Click Here To Register



CULTURAL AWARENESS

Our cultural awareness initiative is designed to be exciting, interactive and thought-provoking. Workshop activities will encourage participants to do a deep dive into the issues that surround culture including how it feels to be an outsider, how language can complicate communication and the rewards that come from making the effort to overcome prejudice and learn from those who have different beliefs and ways of doing things. We will also use the power of role-play to create empathy and practice new skills learnt.

TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION ADVOCACY

Facilitate translations and interpretations of standardized communication documents in an effort to promote effective school family partnerships. We will work in close collaboration with The International Welcome Center to develop necessary tools, and the Family Friendly Schools Initiative & Volunteerism Program to create a database of volunteer translators and interpreters to assist with non-official needs.

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

We will promote and support the creation and development of school-wide cultural activities such as International Day/Nights, Hispanic Heritage month and Cultural Festivals. These activities will promote greater understanding of our differences while encouraging conversations that help us learn about our commonalities.

PARENTS' PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Parents' Personal and Professional Growth & Development is designed to support and enhance parents' education, post-secondary opportunities, and career advancement. Programs and resources provide parents the support needed to develop into lifelong learners as well as productive citizens. Parents will have an opportunity to participate in the district's GED Support Program. This FREE program provides resources and GED test prep classes, tutorials, online practice skills, study guides, and practice tests in language arts and mathematics. Post-Secondary Education as well as Career Advancement opportunities offer support to parents and help enhance their professional growth & development.

GED PROGRAM

The purpose of the district's GED Program is to educate, empower, and engage parents through opportunities provided by DeKalb County School District and community collaborators. The GED Program gives parents impactful resources that will help improve or enhance their personal and professional growth and development. This FREE program offers profound life-changing support that will assist adult learners with achieving their academic goals as well as career and college readiness skills.

Obtaining a GED provides parents in the district opportunities that include support to:

- Enroll in postsecondary educational programs.
- Obtain job training skills | certifications.
- Earn workforce development | advancement.
- Maintain and/or establish financial stability.
- Receive community collaborators' resources.
- Gain knowledge that will help assist children with schoolwork.

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The GED tests include the reading, writing, thinking, and problem-solving skills needed for success in postsecondary educational programs and for the world of work. Parents are encouraged to open the program's door and take advantage of the various opportunities that are a springboard to higher education, to better paying jobs, and to rewarding career paths. Realizing that "It Takes a Village to Support our Families", we are a community that inspires adults to be lifelong learners, empowers adults to achieve their educational goals, and celebrates adults' accomplishments as they excel personally and professionally.



PROCESS	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TIMELINE
Registration	Register and RSVP for the GED Program and orientation online at https://bit.ly/DCSDParentEd2020 Information and confirmation will be emailed to each adult learner regarding the next steps in the intake process.	Virtual	June
Interview	Set goals during an interview with the GED staff, provide ID verification, and complete registration documents. The GED staff will ensure that all documents are properly completed and submitted by parents online. At the conclusion of the interview, each adult learner will be given a testing schedule that includes testing dates and times.	Virtual	Begins June On-going
Testing	Complete the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) and/or DCSD Pre-test for reading, language, and math. The GPTC Intake or DCSD personnel will test the adult learners individually via a virtual platform. Note: Digital devices with webcam capability will be required for testing. Cell phones will not be allowed for testing.	Virtual	Begins June On-going
Enrollment	Join GED classes. The GPTC personnel and DCSD GED staff will analyze the parents' test data, and assign GED leveled virtual classes to the adult learners. (GED Test Data-TABE Parents' Profile Report: Academic Performance Levels in Reading, Language, and Math).	Virtual	Begins June On-going

Program Collaborators: Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Educational Opportunity Center, Care Source, Wellcare, Peach State, Amerigroup, Imaging Learning, Goodwill, Corners Outreach, Africa's Childrens Fund.

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WORKFORCE ADVANCEMENT

The goal of this event is to provide professional job-related training, resources, and services to the DeKalb County School District's parents and caregivers that will prepare and support them with obtaining skills needed for employment in today's workforce. After registering, you will receive a confirmation thank you message and additional information. Parents who register for a workshop, will have access to view the recorded workshops anytime throughout the school year.

WORKSHOP	DATE/TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Job Search Etiquette	10/24/2020 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	What to say? How and when to follow-up? What to look for and expect when searching for employment?	Virtual Click Here To Register
Professional Resume	10/24/2020 12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	The "write" tips for developing a professional resume. Use templates for a new resume or receive edits on your current resume.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Interview Skills	10/24/2020 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Are you ready for a mock interview? Practice what to say and don't say during an interview. A sneak peek to commonly asked interview questions.	Virtual Click Here To Register
Technology Tools & Techniques Microsoft Office	10/24/2020 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	Navigate through basic computer skills such as: Microsoft Office (Word, Power Point, Excel, Internet, Email, & more.)	Virtual Click Here To Register
Dress for Success	10/24/2020 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Why does your attire for a job interview matter? Dress for Success and impress with inexpensive and affordable styles.	Virtual Click Here To Register

Program Collaborators: Worksource Dekalb, Goodwill, Dekalb Chamber of Commerce, DCSD Human Resource Department

BUILDING STAFF CAPACITY

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WORKSHOP	DATE/TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
We IMPACT! Parent & Family Engagement Focus Area Components	September 2020	Meet the district's Family Engagement Team through a series of videos that will highlight the focus area components. We look forward to supporting teachers and families virtually, where we I.M.P.A.C.T. families by Involving and Motivating Parents to be Active Contributors over Time!	Virtual Microsoft Teams
Teaching the Teachers Engaging Families for Student Success	October 2020	The Four A's That Guide Parent – Teacher Partnerships: Approach, Attitudes, Atmosphere, and Actions!	Virtual Microsoft Teams
Engage Every Family	November 2020	This workshop provides a framework for educators to build capacity in understanding where the children they serve come from. It lays out the principles for a successful plan to build upon the family relationships that will result in success for each student.	Virtual Microsoft Teams
The Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family- School Partnerships	January 2021	The framework is designed to support the development of family engagement strategies, policies, and programs. Educators and families essential conditions include process and organizational conditions.	Virtual Microsoft Teams
Cultural Awareness	February 2021	This workshop will cover the five basic cultural competence skill areas as defined by Diller and Moule (Cultural Competence: A Primer for Educators, Thomson Wadsworth 2005). They include valuing diversity, being culturally self-aware, dynamics of difference, knowledge of student's culture and Institutionalizing culture knowledge and adapting to diversity.	Virtual Microsoft Teams
Family-Teacher- Partnerships Raising the Bar for Low Performing Schools	March 2021	Open Dialogue Panelists: Principals, Veteran Teachers, and Parents/Caregivers. Receive strategies from experts that will help increase and enhance parental involvement as well as build powerful family-teacher partnerships.	Virtual Microsoft Teams

Virtual prizes, give a-ways, and/or incentives awarded to teacher winners that join the workshops.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATOR'S CONNECTION

Thanks to our community collaborators for the support, resources, and/or services provided to the district's parents. We look forward to the continuous or upcoming collaboration and partnerships with the Department of Parent & Family Engagement.



Georgia Piedmont Technical College will provide the district's GED parents opportunities to further their education and/or transition to career paths. GPTC and DeKalb County School District's (Department of Parent and Family Engagement) collaboration includes the: GED Program (TABE, Leveled Class Instruction, Distance Learning Program, Dual Enrollment), One Stop Shop-College & Career Transitions, Technical - Job Training and Certifications.



Educational Opportunity Center (TRIO Program at Georgia State University) will provide the district's parents opportunities to receive support and resources from program specialists. TRIO and DCSD collaboration includes: Postsecondary Education Enrollment, College and Career Selection Advisement, Educational Counseling, Basic Computer Tutorials, College Admissions Support, Financial Aid Completion, Scholarship Searches, GED Preparation/Attainment Support, and Financial Literacy.



Goodwill will provide the district's parents opportunities to receive resources and services to improve and enhance their professional development. Goodwill and DeKalb County School District's (Department of Parent and Family Engagement) collaboration includes: Online Career Connector Workshops, Career Coaching Sessions, Career Center Workshops, Job Training and Fairs.



Amerigroup will provide the district's parents opportunities to receive FREE resources and services for members. Amerigroup and DeKalb County School District's (Department of Parent and Family Engagement) collaboration includes: Family Membership events | workshops, Healthcare Services, GED Testing Financial Support.



Imagine Learning will provide the district's parents opportunities to utilize technology to review, practice, and access academic skills. Imagine Learning and DeKalb County School District's (Department of Parent and Family Engagement) collaboration includes: Online Literacy and Math Programs, Digital Supplementary Curriculum and Offline Resources.



Corners Outreach will provide the district's parents opportunities to be involved in various family and workforce development programs. Corners Outreach and DeKalb County School District's (Department of Parent and Family Engagement) collaboration includes: DeKalb Corners Academy, Job Training through Corners Industries Program, Parent Workshops, and Family Literacy Via Mommy and Me Program.

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Care Source will provide the district's parents opportunities to receive a variety of FREE resources and services for members. Care Source and DeKalb County School District's (Department of Parent and Family Engagement) collaboration includes: Health Care Services, Life Coaching, Behavioral Health Services, FREE Afterschool Program (Boys and Girls Clubs), Girl Scouts, FREE Family Membership YMCA, Bank Account Financial Education, Career Counseling, 24/7 Telemedicine / Nurse Advice, FREE GED Testing, and Affordable Health Insurance Options.



United Way of Greater Atlanta

United Way will provide the district's parents opportunities to receive a variety of training through professional workshops. United Way and DeKalb County School District's (Department of Parent and Family Engagement) collaboration includes: Homework Dinners Family-style meal (Parents, Students, Volunteer Tutors), Homework Help offered to children, Test Prep tutoring, Academic Support, and Parent Resources such as: financial literacy and goal coaching support.



Inspiredu's vision is to be a key connector that drives digital inclusion and literacy for the Greater Atlanta Area families, communities, and schools so they can enable the future readiness of underserved youth. We've been bringing families together since 2007 for fun days of learning with tech, and now Inspiredu will build on that by providing opportunities to address adult digital literacy, support the STEM career pipeline and serve through a collaborative community approach all year round. This exciting name change reflects monumental growth: we're introducing new programming to increase our impact in the community, becoming more strategic with how we amplify that impact, all while still bringing you the technology, programs, and volunteer opportunities you know and love.



Africa's Children's Fund provides assistance and services to children and families in need in the United States of America, Africa, and the Caribbean to improve the quality of their lives. Over the past year, through the kindness and generosity of their owners, ACF has supported families by providing transitional housing, rent, and utility assistance to ensure housing for 866 people including children in metropolitan Atlanta. They have also provided financial assistance for feeding programs for orphans and homeless children locally and Internationally. They have also provided over 40,000 books for educational programs for over 20,000 students as well as mentoring, summer and after school programs.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATOR'S CONNECTION



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MALDEF

UGA Extension DeKalb County works through a unique partnership through state and local county government, the University of Georgia and the US Department of Agriculture. Extension strives to enrich the lives of its constituents through education programming in many different program areas including: Agriculture and the environment, 4-H and youth programming and development, Food, health and families and Fresh on DeK.

Since 1989, thousands of parents have successfully completed MALDEF's Parent School Partnership (PSP) Program. Parents are our nation's best hope for ensuring that public schools educate and prepare well our future national leaders and contributors to community progress. The PSP program provides parents with the information and advocacy tools necessary to become more effective advocates in improving their children's educational attainment, their schools, and their



WE MAXIMIZE THE PROSPECTS FOR YOUTH TO BECOME POSITIVE, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS



The Office of Youth Services currently provides and coordinates a continuum of programs and initiatives for youth. These programs currently expose youth to leadership development, mentorship, arts, entertainment, technology, problem solving, violence prevention, entrepreneurship and civic engagement. The goals and objectives of these programs are rooted in the search for those human development indicators that define our social state of being as a county community. The Office of Youth Services seeks to provide balanced programs and services to deter youth from going down a harmful path and to counteract delinquency, reduce recidivism, and maximize the prospects for youth to become positive, responsible citizens through strategic youth programs and partnerships.

HIGH PRIORITIES AREAS OF FOCUS

The Office of Youth Services provides programming in the four following areas for children and youth 0-24. Program Coordinators serve as subject matter experts in each area of focus.

- YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS
- ECONOMIC WELLBEING
- SAFETY & RISKY BEHAVIOR
- EDUCATION

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