BUILDING PARENT ENGAGEMENT TO CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

Nationally recognized model
Longterm track record of results
Cost-effective solution

PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM

HOW DOES IT WORK

1. Community organizations partner with local schools to recruit and train 8-20 parents per school to assist teachers two hours every day.

2. Parents are assigned to a classroom (not of their own child’s) where they work one-on-one and in small groups with children. After reaching 100 volunteer hours, parent mentors receive a small stipend.

3. One day per week, parent mentors receive extra training around academic instruction, professional development, community engagement and leadership skills.

PROVEN OUTCOMES

Nationally recognized model
The program’s successes have been featured in:
- A Match on Dry Grass (Oxford University Press, 2011)
- NBC Education Nation (2012)

Improved School Test Scores
Schools with the Parent Mentor Program saw an increase of 35% of students that meet or exceed on the ISAT in 10 years.

Increased Long Term Graduation Rates
Between 1990 and 2009, the dropout rate for youth age 16-19 decreased 61% in classes with parent mentors in their early grades.

Strengthened Social Capital
Parent mentors more than doubled the network of teachers and parents with whom they communicate regularly.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Maria Marquez, parent mentor graduate

“Once you get through the first door, the doors just keep on opening”

Maria is a longtime parent mentor coordinator. The program inspired her to pursue her own education. She graduated top of her class in 2012 at Northeastern University with a degree in bilingual education.