

PURE's Active Parent Programs: Workshop topics

Choose from the following workshops:

Home-School Connections

- ▶ **Your Child's Benchmark Assessment Results:** Find out how you can help your child succeed in school using the Benchmark Assessment parent reports.
- ▶ **Home-School Communication:** Learn how to use PURE's *Family Smart ✓Check System* to support your child's learning at home and in school. Find out about a simple strategy, the *Home-School Journal*, that can improve two-way communication between the school and the home.
- ▶ **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Learn how to make parent-teacher conferences work for your child!
- ▶ **Reading to your Child:** This is the most important help you can give to your child. Learn how to tell if your child is reading and understanding. Practice reading styles using books from your local library. Find out how to get free museum passes!
- ▶ **How to Help your Child Succeed in School:** Learn about the strong link between parent involvement and student success in school and how to send a message to your child about the importance of education.
- ▶ **How to Help your Child with Homework:** Basics about making your home a good place to study. How parents can help even when you do not know the subject area.
- ▶ **Transition to a New School:** How to prepare your child for the transition from preschool to the "big school", from elementary to high school or to any new school.

Healthy Families

- ▶ **Family Services 101:** What you need to know about basic family services- legal aid, day care, Head Start, social security, earned income credit, gas and electric service cut-off, public aid.
- ▶ **Father-to-Father:** Did you know that a father's involvement gives an added boost to a child's success in school and in life? Facts and tips from active fathers.
- ▶ **Self-Esteem for Parents and Children:** Tips to help you gain confidence in your ability to participate in the school and encourage your child to do his best.
- ▶ **Our Children and the Street; Avoiding Bad Influences:** How to talk to your children about what's going on in the street; make sure that we parents, and not the street, win our children. Help your child learn how to say NO to bad influences and YES to getting a good education. Find out about the many activities available for your children at the school: how to get involved in sports, clubs, and other programs that help make school your child's second home.

- ▶ **Family Communication:** Learn how children develop over the years and how to understand their emotions, attitudes, and changes – why you should *ask* before you *react*. Show your children that you care about them; how to encourage them to come to you with their problems.
- ▶ **Positive Discipline:** How to motivate your child; different motivators that help your child in school and in life. Ten ways to discipline your child that help build your child up.
- ▶ **Health, Drugs, Alcohol and Sex:** Helping your child find what's right and what's wrong, how to respond when faced with difficult challenges and choices.
- ▶ **Domestic Violence:** Domestic violence seriously affects children's ability to succeed in school. The warning signs of domestic violence and how to get out of a violent relationship.

Parent Leadership

- ▶ **How to be an Active Parent in your Child's School:** Tips and facts for parents including parent-teacher communication and standards for parent involvement.
- ▶ **Effective Parent Involvement:** Learn about parent involvement programs and strategies that are working well.
- ▶ **Parents as Leaders/Parents Organizing:** Why you should become a leader, and how to do it! Help with setting up parent groups and making and achieving your goals.
- ▶ **Running Effective Meetings:** Learn about parliamentary procedure, creating agendas, working on committees, and other skills to organize people and get things done.
- ▶ **School Safety/Starting a Parent Patrol:** Learn how parents can make a difference in school safety.
- ▶ **What is the Local School Council?** Learn about the history and legal authority of the LSC and how you can become a candidate.
- ▶ **Parents' Rights:** Find out about your rights as a parent under No Child Left Behind and other federal, state, and local laws.
- ▶ **Special Education:** Learn the basics of special education including parent and student rights, IEPs, and how to advocate for your child.

Special topics

- ▶ **Basics of No Child Left Behind:** What's NCLB all about? Learn how to use NCLB to improve your child's education.
- ▶ **How to Apply to Magnet Schools:** Learn the facts about CPS magnet schools and what each program offers. We'll help you fill out the application forms, too.

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