

PARENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY and NETWORK (PLAN) A new model for increasing family engagement in education

“What could our schools look like if all parents, regardless of their class, race or culture, got the encouragement and coaching needed to ask for evidence of their children’s learning and for the support needed for their future success?” —Dan Rothstein, Right Question Project

WHAT IS THE PARENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND NETWORK?

PLAN prepares identified and emerging parent leaders, especially those from underserved communities, to work effectively with educators to reach out and engage other families in their children’s education to make sure all students are college and career ready.

WHY IS PLAN NEEDED?

Research studies over the last two decades point to the significant, positive impact parental involvement can have on early learning and development, and on student achievement across the grades. Regardless of family income, education, or background, children whose parents are involved in their education are more likely to earn higher grades, have better school attendance, demonstrate better social skills, and go on to college.

TRAINING CONTENT:

Participants who attend and successfully complete all assignments will earn a professional development certificate from San Diego State University for Family, School, and Community Engagement.

The training uses the 4-M Approach:

Motivate:	Monitor:	Mobilize:	Mentor:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply practical strategies to keep children on the path to academic success and college readiness • Build a knowledge base about the most powerful types of parental involvement for each level of schooling • Get resources to share with other parent leaders and school sites to support student learning at home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be informed about how well your children and schools are performing • Understand the important roles for parent leaders on advisory and decision-making groups • Be an effective leader representing other parents and advise on educational issues such as Local Control accountability plans LCAP’s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to other families and the school community to increase their support for student learning and their school • Learn to lead “Hopes and Dreams” discussions that help families set educational goals for their children • Help set the tone for a welcoming school environment that nurtures positive home-school-community relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn skills that effective leaders use to organize/ implement/evaluate activities • Become an excellent communicator with people across all backgrounds • Recognize emerging parent leaders and learn how to get them engaged in leading activities that benefit students and schools

PLAN OUTCOMES:

Parent leaders who complete the class sessions will be able to:

1. Understand the powerful impact families have on their children's school achievement and the importance of setting educational goals.
2. Set educational goals for their children from early childhood to college and career readiness.
3. Assume leadership roles at school and district level as problem solvers and advocates for improving educational outcomes for all children.
4. Work with educators to motivate other families to become engaged in their children's education in positive ways.
5. Mentor emerging parent leaders to sustain effective home-school-community partnerships that benefit students and schools.

Strong Schools—Strong Families

When parents are involved in their children's education in meaningful, informed ways, their children do better in school and schools improve.

TRAINING SET-UP/COST:

We will provide two 6-hour sessions with 3 hours out-of-class assignments for a total of 15 hours.

\$275-300 per person*

The training sessions provide an active learning environment for participants to engage in discussions and learn from each other in order to build their own leadership skills. Parent leaders will build their confidence and competence to reach out to other parents and the school community to support student success.

All participants attending the sessions will receive a training binder with resources appropriate to share with school staff and other parents.

*We require a minimum of 45 participants. Contact us for discounted rates on larger groups.



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What Parent Leaders and Educators Say About *PLAN*:

"*PLAN* helped parent leaders understand how to establish a home learning environment that supports student achievement and how to partner with the school to reach out and involve all parents." *–Principal*

"Two things I learned is to work as a team with the school and to motivate my children to go to the university."
–Parent Leader

"I am grateful for all the topics presented. All of them are important and valuable...I learned we need to listen first to know how to solve problems."
–Parent Leader

"The training was a great help for me. Thank you for all the knowledge shared and ideas that will help me be a better parent and leader."
–Parent Leader

"Earning a Professional Development Certificate boosted parents' competence and confidence in working with the school and reaching out to involve other parents."
–School Project Leader and Professor, SDSU

"The experience we had through *PLAN* where we learned the "4 M's" allowed our lives to grow. I learned how to motivate my children to be better students and to know them better."
–Parent Leader