

**Sampling of Family Engagement Programs/Providers:**

**California State PTA School Smarts Parent Engagement Program**

[www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org)

**Description** - School Smarts is a seven week inclusive parent engagement program that brings parents together in support of their common interest: Helping their children and schools succeed.

**\*\*Offered in 6 different languages\*\***

**California Association of Bilingual Educators (CABE)**

[www.bilingualeducation.org](http://www.bilingualeducation.org)

**Project 2 Inspire** - works with parents to increase their knowledge about schooling to ensure that parents have vital information about high quality education options for their children.

**Level One** - (12 modules and is open to all schools and districts) provides basic content and skill development.

**\*\*Offered in Spanish, Russian, Chinese and English\*\***

**Scholastic: Family and Community Engagement**

[www.teacher.scholastic.com](http://www.teacher.scholastic.com)

- **Description** - brings together research-based programs and strategies that equip educators, parents and communities with the resources they need. Focus is on 5 key priorities: (1) early literacy; (2) family engagement; (3) access to books; (4) expanded learning; and (5) mentoring partnership.

**Parenting Partners**

[www.familyleadership.org](http://www.familyleadership.org)

**Description** - eight comprehensive workshops that combine parenting and leadership skills that empower parents to become contributors to their academic success.

**\*\*Offered in at least 8 languages\*\***

**Love & Logic**

[www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com)

**Description** - a nine week curriculum that helps parents learn how to teach their children to be responsible; and prepares young people to live in the real world.

**\*\*Offered in English/Spanish\*\***

**Parent Teacher Home Visit Project**

[www.pthvp.org](http://www.pthvp.org)

**Description** - increases student and school success by effectively implementing a relationship-based home visit model of family and teacher engagement.

**Latino Family Literacy Project**

[www.latinoliteracy.com](http://www.latinoliteracy.com)

**Description** - teaches parents the importance of establishing a family reading routine with their children. It also teaches parents the skills they need to share literature and to be involved in the school - going process with children.

**\*\*Offered in English/Spanish\*\***

**Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT)**

[www.wested.org](http://www.wested.org)

**Description** - APTT is an intentional, systemic means of increasing student academic achievement by improving the quality and quantity of parent-teacher communication and interaction. Teachers coach parents to become engaged, knowledgeable members of the academic team in 3 APTT meetings and one in-depth individual conference each year.

**Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)**

[www.piqe.org](http://www.piqe.org)

**K-12 Parent Engagement in Education Program** - is a nine week program that educates, empowers and inspires parents of K-12 school age children to take an active role in encouraging and enabling their children to: stay in school; improve their academic performance; develop healthy constructive relationships with their parents, teachers and counselors; and focus/prepare themselves for a post-secondary education.

**Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM)** - a two session curriculum that helps parents learn how to encourage their students to engage in STEM activities, classes and disciplines within the educational system.

**Teacher Parent Engagement Workshop** - a partnership with Stanford Research Institute (SRI) to help teachers and counselors review current research on parent involvement and its impact on student achievement.

**Four-Month Follow-Up** - "Parent Coaches" program outreach and follow-up to parent graduates with a monthly report to school/district administration.

**Early Child Development Program** - teaches parents how to provide a stimulating and interactive home environment that encourages/facilitates early success in school for Pre-K and Kindergarten children.

**Early K-3 Literacy Program** - parents learn foundational, interactive, and purposeful reading strategies to reinforce literacy at home.

**Parent Leadership Development Program** - focus on low-income parents to build their capacity to engage in public policy action research to learn how to identify needs, make decisions and work to be part of a school leadership team that address students' academic needs.

**Financial Literacy Program** - provides parents with basic financial management skills and how to save for their child's education.

**\*\*Programs are offered in 16 different languages\*\***

## Sample Best Practices in Family Engagement

### **PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships**

[www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org)

- Welcoming All Families into the School Community
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community

### **National Network of Partnership Schools Keys to Successful Partnerships**

[www.csos.jhu.edu](http://www.csos.jhu.edu)

- Parenting
- Communicating
- Volunteering
- Learning at Home
- Decision Making
- Collaborating

### **Harvard Family Research Project**

[www.hfrp.org](http://www.hfrp.org)

- A shared vision of family engagement
- Purposeful connections to learning
- Investments in quality programming and staff
- Robust communications systems
- Evaluation for accountability and continuous learning

### **Sample Activities for Family Engagement**

- Provide families information related to child development and creating a supportive learning environment at home.
- Establish effective two-way communication between school and home.
- Engage families in school planning, leadership and meaningful volunteer opportunities.
- Offer translators to welcome and assist families during school activities.
- Provide workshops and materials for parents on typical development and appropriate parent school expectations for various age groups.
- Partner with local agencies to provide regular parenting workshops on nutrition, financial literacy, or communication.
- Create roles on all decision-making and advisory committees, properly training them for the areas in which they will serve (e.g. curriculum, budget, or school safety).
- Provide equal representation for parents on school governing bodies.
- Facilitate families' access to community-based program (e.g., health care and human services) to ensure that families have resources to be involved in their children's education.
- Centralized family resource center within school district and/or at individual school sites.