

PHENND Institute
Community Schools Ambassadors Program Presentation

Introduction:

- Brief History of the Taskforce and why we decided to carry out the Community Schools Ambassadors Program
- Loose assessment of first grouping: slides on the goals of the Program (attached), who/which schools were involved, goals of sessions and next steps
- Overview of Agenda: *This is how our Taskforce defines community schools. Ambassadors program embodies this.* Slide describing the Community Schools Ambassador Program from the Parent Summit.
- **Emphasize the importance of parent voice and community voice. success= community engagement and decision making*

Part One: Overview of Community Schools Strategy

- Hand out Community Schools Planning Overview and go over
 1. FORM a core of stakeholders.
 2. ENGAGE your school and community sessions, surveys, census and academic data research, to develop a vision and strategy.
 3. UNDERSTAND the challenges and opportunities at the school, neighborhood and systems level.
 4. ANALYZE the results of the needs and assets map and visioning process, and identify priorities.
 5. CREATE a plan to address priorities,
 6. STAY CONNECTED to your broader school community.
 7. EVALUATE regularly.
 8. WORK TOGETHER to overcome challenges and barriers.
- Discussion Questions: What are ways you can carry out these steps? i.e. canvassing, surveying etc. More ideas on the hand out.

Part Two: Community Needs, Assets, and Vision Mapping

- Discussion Question: *How do you find out the needs in the community you're partnered with?* Hand Out Community Resource Assessment as a resource, but most importantly we have to rethink what it means to engage the community. *How do we see Parents being engaged today?*
- Handout Transformative Parent Engagement sheet and go over.

Part Three: Analyzing Community Input & Making a Plan

- Have separate groupings go over one of the case studies together. Discussion Question: *How does the School plan talk about Community Engagement?* Smith Elementary School, Caring Elementary, Community Learning Center with CLC as strong model.

*Siting Transformative Parent Engagement sheet.

Part Four: Media/Communications and Evaluation for Community Schools

- Hand Out and Go Over Community Schools Evaluation Kit.
- Importance of sharing the story of your school and best practices. Show video of Site Coordinator describing her position and how she has engaged the community.

Q&A