Q2 Downstate CS Convening:

Family Engagement

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021
10:00 am - 12:00 pm on Zoom
Today’s Agenda

- Welcome
  - Agenda
  - Norms
  - Introductions
- Community Building
  - Policy Updates
  - CS Level Set
  - Upcoming Events
- Guest Speaker Presentation
  - Maricela Bautista from BPNC
- Family Engagement Toolkit
  - Walkthrough + Activity
- Closing + Evaluation!

Mindfulness breaks throughout!
Norms

- Camera on
- Use the chat
- Ask questions
- Share experiences
- Submit evaluation
Introductions

- Name/Pronouns
- Location
- Role
- What does family engagement mean to you?
Policy Updates

● ESSER Funding:
  ○ District direct funding
  ○ State set aside sent out to districts
  ○ State projects
    ▪ Community Partners grant-- Out now!

● After School Programs from ISBE--November 2021

● 21st CCLC

● Restore, Reinvest, Renew Funding

● Vaccine Updates
Community Schools

Public schools that partner with families and community-based organizations to provide well-rounded educational opportunities and supports for students' school success.

Four Pillars

- Integrated student supports
- Expanded and enriched learning time and opportunities
- Collaborative leadership and practices
- Active family and community engagement

Each community school is a reflection of local needs, assets, and priorities.
Community Schools in Illinois

To build a network of providers that can collaborate together on advocacy, resources, policies, and experiences specific to this unique school model.

The only organization in Illinois to provide PD space and opportunities specific to community schools.

- Geography!
- FREE!
Coffee & Conversation

- In breakout rooms, reflect on our guiding statement:

To build a network of providers that can collaborate together on **advocacy**, **resources**, **policies**, and **experiences** specific to this unique school model.

- What do you connect to in this statement?
- Does this accurately reflect what you hope to get out of these meetings? Why or why not?
Upcoming Events

**Tips for Grant Writing**
Friday, 11/19 from 10 am - 11 am on GoToWebinar

**Quality Standards Training 102**
Tuesday, 12/7 from 10 am - 2 pm on Zoom
*NOTE: Quality Standards Training 101 is a prerequisite*

**December Membership Exchange**
Thursday, 12/16 from 10 am - 11 am on Zoom

**Q3 Downstate Convening: Advisory Boards**
Wednesday, 2/16 from 10 am - 12 pm
Mindfulness Break
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council

Family Engagement

By: Maricela Bautista
Director of Community Schools
• Founded in 1997

• MISSION: BPNC'S mission is to create a safer community, improve the learning environment at public schools, preserve affordable housing, provide a voice for youth, protect immigrants’ rights, promote gender equity, and end all forms of violence.

• BPNC Currently has 7 FSCI schools: 4 elementary schools, 1 middle school and 2 high schools
Parent Mentor Program

• Empowers parents to be active participants in the school community.

• Each school has 8-11 parents assisting teachers in the classroom for two hours, daily. Parents participate in leadership trainings prior to starting and during the school year.
Promotoras (Health Promoters) & Safe Passage

- **UnidosUS funding- Comprando Rico y Sano**
  - One promotora in each school who focuses on health and well being.

- **Safe Passage- Volunteer Program**
  - Designed to provide safe routes for students in order to increase attendance, decrease violent incidents.
Activity

• Try to cook for a family of four using only $20. What would you make? (5 min)
• Share out
Parent Coordinators

• Parent coordinators at all of our FSCI schools focus on parent and family engagement
• Coordinate adult programs
• Create and review parent surveys

• Guest Speaker: Olga Morales, Parent Coordinator at Brighton Park Elementary
All schools offer some adult classes including:

- Sewing class
- Computer class
- Manualidades- recycled materials
- Migajon- clay sculptures
- Jewelry
- Zumba
- Math class
- Fitness class
- Cooking Class- Common Threads offers free classes.
Community Events and more…

- Monthly events in each school were parents to come together with their children. Examples:
  - Movie night
  - Chocolate and cookies
  - Loteria night
  - STEM night
  - Family Reading night
- Showcases- Art gallery and performance highlighting what students have been doing.
Break out session

• Groups of 5
• One speaker to share out
• Answer the following questions…
  • How do you get parents to volunteer?
  • How do you get parents to participate in events?
  • Are your events, classes, activities culturally relevant?
  • How are parents able to share suggestions or feedback to you?
How do we recruit parents?

- Volunteer programs
- From parent mentors to school teachers
- Meeting parents where they are
- Culture appropriate activities and events
Resources

• UnidosUS- Comprando Rico y Sano (CRS)
• Common Threads- Free cooking classes when available
• Local donations from restaurants, stores and/or churches.
Questions?
Mindfulness Break
Family Engagement Toolkit Walkthrough

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Thank you!

Scan to complete the evaluation:

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Register here

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