



Family Engagement: LEA to LEA Webinar Series 2015-2016

All families want the best for their children. In fact, “parents express a genuine and deep-seated desire to help their children succeed academically, regardless of differences in socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, and cultural background (Mapp, 2004).” Providing families with opportunities to become partners in their children’s learning takes commitment and planning from both educators and families. During these hour-long webinars, members of Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) throughout Pennsylvania, along with PaTTAN educational consultants, will share current practices and strategies for other LEAs to consider as a means to effectively engage families to support student learning. LEAs will share their rationale as well as the effects of their practices. This webinar series is designed for school administrators, teachers, and others interested in learning how Pennsylvania leaders are engaging families to effect student learning. Hear of their successes, creative ideas, challenges, and results.

Culturally Responsive Approaches to Engaging Families

October 14, 2015 (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

Working with families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds poses unique challenges to educators. During this webinar, members of a Local Educational Agency (LEA) along with PaTTAN educational consultants will share practices and strategies for other LEAs to consider as a means to effectively engage all families in the school community. Specific strategies regarding how to build upon community assets and incorporate cultural knowledge into family engagement efforts will be highlighted.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Tom Wolf, Governor

Pennsylvania Department of Education

Pedro A. Rivera, Secretary of Education

Pat Hozella, Director, Bureau of Special Education

Introducing Special Education to Families

November 12, 2015 (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

Learning to navigate the many facets of special education can be daunting to families. During this webinar, members of a Local Educational Agency (LEA) along with PaTTAN educational consultants will share effective practices and strategies for other LEAs to consider as a means to support families in understanding special education terminology, legal requirements, and timelines. Increasing families’ knowledge and understanding is important to establishing partnerships with educators in support of student learning.

What Administrators Need to Know About Family Engagement

January 13, 2016 (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

Family engagement is critical to a child’s success in school, but it remains one of the most challenging areas to authentically cultivate and sustain in most schools. A myriad of resources and tools have recently been developed by the United States Department of Education, national organizations, and PaTTAN to support LEAs implementation of effective family engagement practices. During this webinar, members of a Local Educational Agency (LEA) along with PaTTAN educational consultants will share their implementation strategies using the available resources and tools.

Math Instruction to Support Student Success

March 10, 2016 (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

Engaging families substantively in their children’s math learning can be rewarding. During this webinar session, members of a Local Educational Agency (LEA) along with PaTTAN educational consultants will share practices and strategies for other LEAs to consider as a means to engage families, so they can actively support math learning at home.

School Efforts to Partner with Families

May 11, 2016 (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

School staff who are prepared to engage in partnerships with families honor families’ knowledge, help in creating a welcoming environment, and connect family events and activities directly to student learning. During this webinar, members of a Local Educational Agency (LEA) along with PaTTAN educational consultants will share novel strategies for other LEAs to consider as a means to partner with families. Strategies such as increasing communication opportunities, accessing community services, and social marketing within your district to connect with the families will be shared.

Presenters: PA School Leaders and Educators

Audience: School administrators, general and special education teachers, and others interested in these topics

Registration: Register at <http://www.pattan.net> for each session. Upon registering, you will receive information regarding participation for the webinar(s) you selected to attend.

Webinar System Requirements: PC-based attendees: Windows® 7 or later, Windows Server 2008 and 2008 R2 or later. **MAC-based attendees:** Required: Mac OS® X 10.7 (Lion) or newer.

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