



Presentations

The following topics are trainings that Parents Plus provides to teachers, educational professionals, and parents that can be tailored to fit the time and needs of the audience.

Poverty Trainings: Based on the research of Dr. Ruby Payne and her book, “A Framework for Understanding Poverty”, these six-hour trainings are geared toward school personnel who serve low-income students and their families. This training offers many insights into the world of poverty, such as “The Hidden Rules of Poverty”, how to effectively engage and teach students from poverty, and successful strategies for positive communication between school staff and parents.

Home Visiting Basics: This workshop is designed for professionals about why home visits are important as well as how to use them as a tool in building valuable relationships.

Getting Ahead in a Just Getting by World: Based on the work of Phillip De Vol, this training is intended for low-income families; this workshop will help families use their resources and increase their financial stability.

Family – School – Community Partnerships: Based on the research of Dr. Joyce Epstein and the National Network of Partnership Schools at Johns Hopkins University, this model provides a framework for successful parent involvement in schools that will lead to increased student achievement.

No Child Left Behind: This workshop is designed for parents and school personnel; the presentation thoroughly explains the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 focusing on parent’s rights under this legislation.

Parents Partners in Education This workshop is based on a 2001 study done by Columbia University, which found that parents are the single most important influence on their children’s decisions. This interactive and informative workshop stresses the importance of parental involvement, emphasizing that parents be involved in their child’s life starting at birth and continuing throughout their educational journey.

Your Child's Amazing Brain: These workshops, conducted at family resource centers and schools, provide information to families regarding the brain development of children as well as what they can do as parents to optimize learning at birth.

Creating Successful Children: This presentation informs parents and educational professionals on what they can do to promote social emotional competence for children; building relationships and constructing supportive environments for children are topics included in this presentation.

Parents with Voices: This workshop informs parents on how to be an active participant in their child’s life. The program gives parents the skills to advocate for their child and participate on school teams; topics in this presentation include communication, problem solving, advocacy, and leadership skills training.

Advocating for Your Child: This presentation, designed for parents, teaches them how to be successful advocates, not just for their child, but all children.

Choosing a School: This workshop provides parents with information to help them choose a school for their child.

Positive Play: This interactive workshop teaches parents and caregivers the value of playing with small children; attending this workshop will get participants singing, moving, and playing.

Discipline: This workshop is designed to provide parents with a variety of tools to teach their children, responsibility and good behaviors.

Math & Science Family Nights: This nationally validated program is aligned with state standards and is extremely effective in increasing parental involvement. Math and Science Family Nights create opportunities for parents, educators, and students to work together and increase student learning in all venues of education.

Project Play: This series of family literacy workshops can be presented on a variety of topics that not only incorporate hands-on activities, but use the Milwaukee Public School's Learning Targets for K4 and K5. Project Play topics include reading, math, science, art, music, feeling, and the value of play.

Asset Mapping and Volunteer Recruitment: This training helps schools, non-profits, and other organizations assess the tools and talents they have both internally and externally; this includes looking at the skills of personnel as well as the their connection to resources in the community. Included in this workshop is how to both recruit and keep volunteers.

Raising Safe Kids: This workshop is designed to increase awareness among parents and caregivers of the injury risks children face and how the risks at various stages of a child's development. Participants learn various developmental activities, hazards, risks, prevention tips, and strategies to keep children safe at different stages of their life.

Building Relationships with Families: A key to achievement for students is creating relationships with them and their families. This workshop for professionals as well as parents uses recent research and the work of Stephen Covey to explore relationship building.

The Crisis in Kindergarten: The changing nature of early childhood education due to subject driven lessons and standardized testing is creating a gap in the academic achievement of children. This workshop will focus on what early care and learning programs can do to foster the importance of individual development and the importance of play.

The Screening Factor: Children cannot wait. Early identification of children with disabilities is the key to improved health and development. We will discuss screening tools as simple yet effective means for screening children by using interviewing, observation and age appropriate benchmarks.

Thinking Through the Gray Areas: When a situation violates a professional code of conduct decisions are obvious, but what about those gray areas? Where do we normally struggle with boundary issues? Home visitors regularly make decisions of a moral and ethical nature. This workshop uses discussion and case studies to explore professional boundaries, clarify ethical conflicts, and use universal principles with shared ethical filters that guide making right decisions.