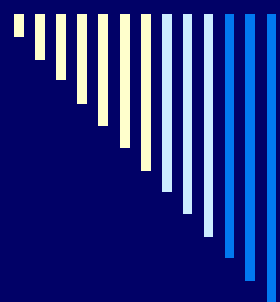


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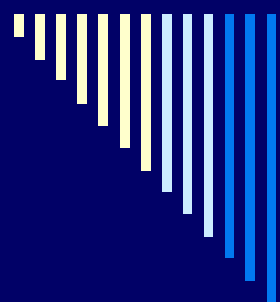
Mission

- Improve children's learning by:
 - Empowering parents to take a leading role with their children's education;
 - Supporting schools in welcoming parents and community members as active and effective partners in student achievement.



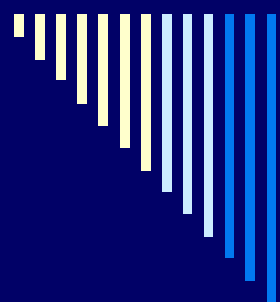
Goals

- ❑ Increase parents' understanding of NCLB.
- ❑ Improve and expand programs for parents of preschool children.
- ❑ Enhance parent and community engagement with schools policies and activities.
- ❑ Coordinate and disseminate research-based parent and community engagement information.



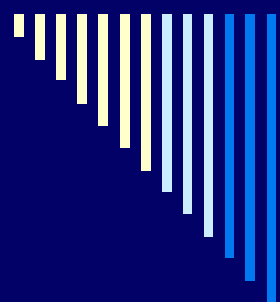
Goal 1: Informing Families

- Standardized workshops delivered locally
 - Working Together for Student Success: The Importance of NCLB to Families
- School Choice and SES options
 - Information for families
 - Parent Guide



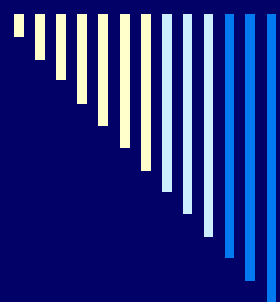
Goal 2: School Readiness

- Support high-quality early care and education programs for families of preschool children;
- Expand the number of programs utilizing Parents as Teachers; and
- Improve the linkages between early care and school-age services so children are ready for school.



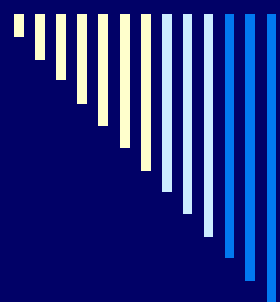
PAT Quality

- Ensure quality of PA PAT programs;
- Continue PAT State Systems Leader services.
 - Provide accessible regional trainings.
 - Provide technical assistance on needs assessment, quality assurance, and alignment with PDE standards.



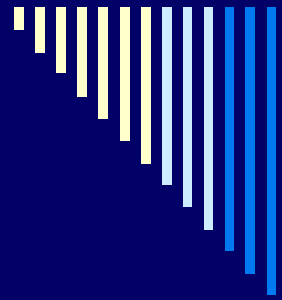
PAT Sustainability and Growth

- Provide technical assistance about management structures and funding streams.
- Target underserved PA communities for new PAT programs.



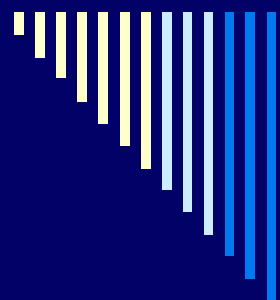
Goal 3: School Policy and Practices

- Improve student achievement;
- Engage families and community representatives; and
- Guide school improvement.



Family-School-Community Partnerships

- Regional and Statewide Conferences and Workshops
 - Teams
 - Individuals
- Workshops with collaborators
- School Team Parent Engagement
 - Solid Foundations



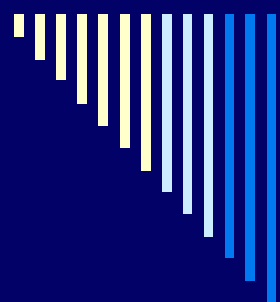
Formula for Success

Families

Schools

+ Communities

Improved Student Achievement



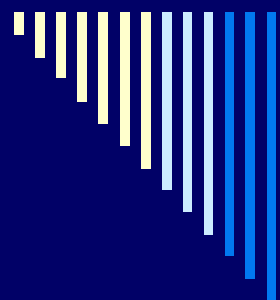
Goal 4: Statewide Coordination and Dissemination

□ Promote

- Research
- Networking and connections
- Family School Community Partnership
Policy advocacy

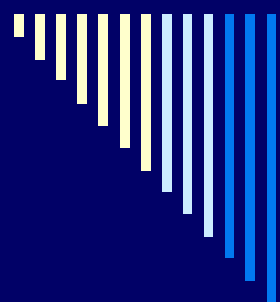
□ Utilize

- Web
- Newsletter
- Publications



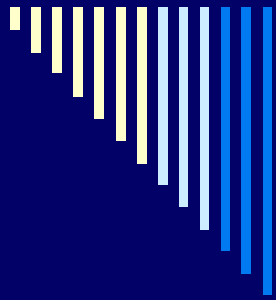
Advisory Board

- Collaboration
- Policy recommendations



PA PIRC Five-Year Plan

- ❑ 9,000 parents attend workshops
- ❑ 2,000 individual meetings with parents
- ❑ 1,000 – 1,500 additional families enroll in Parents as Teachers
- ❑ 1,000 school personnel and parents attend training
- ❑ 100 schools receive technical assistance
- ❑ 50,000 residents receive information



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