

**Linking Parent Engagement to Strong Results for Students:
Research and Evidence-Based Practices**

**Holiday Inn Harrisburg East
4751 Lindle Road
Harrisburg, PA 17111**

June 18, 2009

AGENDA

- 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM **Registration/Continental Breakfast**
PA Ballroom Foyer
- 9:15 AM – 9:45 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
PA Ballroom
Dr. Mark Lewis, Director, PA Parent Information and Resource Center (PA PIRC)
Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, Secretary of Education, PA Department of Education
Dr. Anna Hinton, Deputy Director, Office of Parental Options and Information, Office of Innovation and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education
Ms. Karen Shanoski, Family-School-Community Partnerships Project Manager, PA PIRC
- 9:45 AM – 11:15 AM **Pathways to Parent Involvement**
Moderator: *Ms. Marnie Johnson, Education Coordinator, WITF, Inc.*
Dr. Sam Redding, Executive Director, Academic Development Institute, Director, National Center on Innovation & Improvement
Dr. Sue Stepleton, President and Chief Executive Officer, Parents as Teachers National Center, Inc.
Dr. Heather Weiss, Founder and Director, Harvard Family Research Project
- 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM **Break**

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11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
PA Ballroom

Parent Voices

Moderator: *Mr. Ron Cowell*, President, Education Policy and Leadership Center

Ms. Bonita Allen, Consultant, Title I State Parent Advisory Council/Parent Involvement in Education

Ms. Andrea Lawful-Trainer, Consultant, Delaware Valley Minority Student Achievement Consortium (DVMSAC)

Ms. Kay Lipsitz, Director, Parent Education Network

Ms. Wanda Mojica, Member, Parent Advisory Council, Migrant Education Program

Ms. Michele Morrow, President, PA PTA

Ms. Marilyn Taylor, Member, Head Start Council, PA Head Start Association

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM
Dauphin Ballroom

Lunch

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
PA Ballroom

Practices that Engage Parents and Promote Partnerships

Moderator: *Dr. Sam Redding*, Executive Director, Academic Development Institute, Director, National Center on Innovation & Improvement

Ms. Cindy Baumert, Co-Chair Commissioner's Parent Advisory Council, The Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership and the Prichard Committee

Ms. Deb Fritz, National Service Representative, PTA

Ms. Catherine Jordan, Program Manager, Afterschool, Family and Community Programs, SEDL

Dr. Steven Sheldon, Director of Research, National Network of Partnership Schools

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Break

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Wrap-up Synthesis and Questions and Answers

Dr. Mark Lewis, Director, PA PIRC

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