

Planting the Seeds For Student Success



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This school year the nationally recognized, award-winning Hampton City Schools Title I Parent Involvement Program transitioned into a new model, which also includes a new name (Title I Family Engagement Program) and new position title, the Family Engagement Specialists (formerly known as Parent Involvement Facilitators or PIFs).

Engagement emphasizes the need for commitment and partnership between schools and families focused on student achievement. The program's new approach will provide direct and intentional outreach to families, specifically families of our low-performing students to increase student achievement and enhance the overall school experiences of our students by actively engaging parents/guardians, schools and the community.

With family, student and community engagement now being essential focus areas, the program will also adopt new components and strategies to enhance and expand the services provided to support families and Title I school community. In order to build stronger family and community alliances, the program will also incorporate the following:

- Create awareness of volunteer opportunities available to parents/guardians of students in Title I schools
- Create awareness of partnership opportunities available at Title I schools to community agencies, businesses, faith-based partners and military installations
- Continue to recognize the successful partnerships and best practices

2012-2013 Initiatives:

- Community Engagement – *Planting the Seeds: Working Together for Student Success*
- Family Literacy - *Learning @Home! Family Literacy Activities*
- Watch D.O.G.S. Program® & Watch M.O.M.S. Program
- TRACE Success Consulting's ParentSmart Schools Program®
- ESL Welcome Center (Title I & Title III Collaboration)

2012-2013 District Events:

- Professional Development for ATPs (Action Team for Partnerships) Fall & Spring Sessions
- Annual Title I Parent Advisory Council Meeting
- Annual Title I Parent Survey: Your Voice Counts!
- Promoter of Excellence Reception
- Spring Family Learning Project Event at the Virginia Air & Space Center
- Mobile Dentist



BUILDING & SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY

Hampton City Schools (HCS) Title I Program is dedicated to providing quality education for every student in our program. To accomplish this objective, we strive to develop and maintain partnerships with parents and community members. Effective connections between home and school will help to promote productive learning conditions for every child. These open communication lines will expand and enhance learning opportunities for students, parents and school community.

HCS Title I Family Engagement Program is committed to including parents in all aspects of their child's learning experience. Students and parents will be given every opportunity for success through the development and enhancement of the home/school partnership.

2012 Title I Promoter of Excellence Recipients:

Jaimi King

Andrews PreK-8 Parent Volunteer

Jim Hannah

Langley Elementary Community Partner

Hampton University SIFE Program

Burbank Elementary* Community Partner

Title I District Community Partners:

Ron Bayton

Hampton City Schools Title I Program

Aaron Harley

FoodBank of the Virginia Peninsula

The Messiah Center

Thank you all for making outstanding contributions to our Title I schools during the 2011/2012 school year!

**Former Title I School*

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WHAT IS A FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST?

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and community, every Title I school has a full-time **Family Engagement Specialist** leading the school's family engagement program and managing its Family Resource Center. The Family Engagement Specialist collaborates with the school and district staff to:

- Creates flyers and other marketing materials to promote events and program
- Promotes parent and community volunteerism
- Creates and fosters community partnerships with faith-based organizations, businesses, and non-profit organizations that offer services to meet the needs of families
- Conducts home visits as a means to build relationships with parents and to provide additional academic support/resources
- Coordinates family events/workshops that support school goals and address key academic areas of focus
- Plans, coordinates, and implements a Family Engagement Program at each Title I school
- Serves as a liaison and provides support to parents/guardians prior to and/or during school meetings, such as SIT or IEP
- Recruits parents and representatives from school, business and community agencies to participate on the school's Action Team for Partnerships



HOW TO ACCESS YOUR SCHOOL'S REPORT CARD

Virginia's Standards of Learning accountability program includes a commitment to informing the public of the progress of schools in raising student achievement and enhancing the learning environment. Online report cards for schools, school divisions and the Commonwealth include data on student achievement by grade, subject and student subgroup and information on other indicators of school quality.

School, division and state online report cards – Online report cards provide detailed information on student achievement by subject and grade level. Report cards also provide data on other key indicators of school quality.

To view your school's report card visit:
<https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/reportcard/>



DID YOU KNOW?

- That every Title I school district and Title I school is required to have a written parent involvement policy developed jointly with, and approved by, parents.
- That Title I schools are responsible for holding meetings to discuss parent involvement policies, programs and activities with flexible hours designed to accommodate working parents.
- Parents must be involved in deciding how Title I funds are allotted for parent involvement programs and activities.
- The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (formerly No Child Left Behind) provides funds for Title I schools to use to help parents better understand:
 - Virginia's academic student academic achievement standards
 - Virginia's student academic assessments
 - Title I, Part A requirements
 - How to monitor progress
 - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children





In order to best support children, schools, families, and communities must work together (Washington Reading Corps). The Title I Family Engagement Program’s Family Literacy Initiative, “Learning at Home,” will focus on promoting and providing activities to families that will effectively increase parental involvement and strengthen the home-school relationship.

Dr. Joyce Epstein (National Network of Partnership Schools) describes “learning at home” as schools giving ideas and information to parents about how to effectively help their children with schoolwork or participate in educational activities at home.

Our goal is to provide workshops and events that create interactive literacy experiences for families that will also equip parents with skills to support learning at home while building on their own strengths.



WATCH D.O.G.S.® PROGRAM

In an effort to enhance our current efforts to increase parent involvement in Title I schools and to support our program initiative to increase “father involvement” the Title I Family Engagement Program has implemented the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) and Watch M.O.M.S. (Moms Of Marvelous Students) Programs in all 14 Title I schools.

WATCH D.O.G.S.®, a K-12 program, invites fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures to volunteer at least one day all day at their child’s/student’s school during the school year. Individuals sign up at a kick-off event such as a “Dads and Kids Pizza Night,” “Donuts with Dad” or in the office at any time throughout the school year.. WatchDOGS volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day including monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, or helping in the classroom with a teacher’s guidance by working with small groups of students on homework, flashcards, or spelling. (www.fathers.com/watchdogs)

See your school’s Family Engagement Specialist for more information and be on the lookout for information about your school’s Kick-Off event!

**Hampton City Schools
Title I Family Resource
Centers**

Aberdeen	825-4460
Andrews PreK-8	268-3417
Bassette	727-1731
Booker	848-2218
Bryan	727-1215
Cary	848-2374
Forrest	896-6716
Kraft	896-7850
Langley	848-2619
Machen	727-2910
Phillips	848-3182
Smith	848-2301
Tarrant	896-7800
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