

**Welcome  
Parent Conference  
PA Resource  
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Links**

**Resources from the 2018 SPAC Conference**

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**Keeping it Real and Relevant: Non-Punishment Behavior Support Strategies**

*Dr. Ignacio Lopez, Interim President, Harold Washington College*  
**Creating a Vision for a Good Life**

*Lisa A. Tesler, Director, PA Family Network, Vision for Equality*

**An Everyday Life**

**Money! Money! Money!—Family Fun with Finances!**

*Teresa Duncan, Director of Education and Family Engagement Programs, Center for Leadership, Development & Advocacy*

*Carol Hemingway, Coordinator – Dept. of Parent & Strategies Partnerships, Center for Leadership, Development & Advocacy*

**Story Stretching: After the Book is Closed**

*Jennifer Wachs, Teacher, South Allegheny School District and*

*Carol Rothey, Librarian, South Allegheny School District*  
**Knowledge is Power: A Parent's Guide to the IEP**

*Jennifer M. Geibel, Educational Consultant, PaTTAN*

**Knowledge is Power**

## **Parent Advocacy, Mobilization and Engagement**

*David Grau & Brandy Haynes, Associate Counsel's and Legal Fellow,  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law*

## **Parent Involvement**

### **Parent Advocacy**

#### **Attendance Matters "Everyday Counts"**

*Hakim K. Jones, Councilman, Municipality of Norristown*

## **Attendance Matters**

### **Truancy Quiz**

#### **Bullying-Long Term Effects and Strategies to Prevent**

*Cathy Roccia Meier, Family Education Coordination, Institute at Disabilities at  
Temple University*

#### **Defining and Understanding Homelessness and Poverty**

*Wendy Kinnear, PA Education for Children & Youth Experiencing  
Homelessness/Educational Stability for Foster Care Youth, Midwestern  
Intermediate Unit IV*

#### **Title I Parent Involvement Requirements**

*Erin Derr, Regional Coordinator, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division  
of Federal Programs*

*Ken Krawchuk, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Federal  
Programs*

#### **Elementary Math Strategies and Transitioning into Middle School Math**

*Sheryl D. Faison, 3rd Grade Teacher, Richmond Public Schools*

*Kathy A. Perry, Actuarial Analyst, The Vanguard Group*

#### **Parent Workshops and More! Working Hard to Bridge the Gap Between School and Home**

*Jennifer Solak, Remedial Supervisor, Pittsburgh Mt. Oliver Intermediate Unit  
2 Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership*

*Tammi Morton, Project Coordinator, and Jane Stadnik, Parent Advisor, PEAL  
Center*

#### **Dual Enrollment: Get a Jump Start on College! Earn Credits while still in High School!**

*Sharmyn Straughters, Admissions Recruiter, Community College of Allegheny  
County*

#### **Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention**

*Perri Rosen, PhD. NCSP, Project Director,*

*Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention Grant*

*PA Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuser Services*

#### **Parenting on Purpose**

*Sarah Humes, Author and Speaker, In-COURAGE Living*

## **Parenting on Purpose**

**Raising Rock Star Readers**

*Jennifer Blasko, Title I Reading Specialist, Reynolds Elementary School*

## **50 Best Books 11 & 12 Years Old**

## **50 Best Books 9 & 10 Years Old**

## **Fiction Response Cards**

## **Fluency Cards**

## **Magazine Hunt**

## **Non-fiction Response Cards**

Introduction to STEM/STEAM Activities in the Classroom and at Home

Grace Hockenberry, 5th Grade ELA/S.S. Teacher, Shippensburg Area School District

## **Introduction to STEM STEAM**

## **100 Invitations to Build**

**From "The Civil War" to Effective School Learning**

*Dr. Kathleen E. Ott, Director of Data, Grants and Special Programs, Northampton Area School District*

**Texting, How Well Do You Know Your Pre-Teens/Teen**

*Dorian Harris, Family Engagement Liaison, School District of*

*Philadelphia Sheila Armstrong, Community Organizer*

## **17 Apps and Websites Kids Are Heading To**

## **25 Ways to Ask Your Teen "How Was School Today?"**

## **5,000 Collegiate Words**

## **Net Lingo: A List of Chat Acronyms**

**The Benefits of Family Dinner: Turning the "Why" into "How" to Improve Family Mealtime**

*Cindil Redick-Ponte, Program Manager, The Family Dinner Project*  
*Lynn Barendsen, Executive Director, The Family Dinner Project* **Positive Parenting: Developing Children to Achieve Optimal Experiences**

*David Zupsic Ed.D., Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment, Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV*

## **Positive Parenting**

**Pathways to Success**

*Dr. Zanthia Reddish, Principal, CEO, Methacton School District/ Impoweredd LLC*

*Dr. Orathia Bradley, Principal, Quakertown Community School District* **Both Sides of the Mirror, Understanding Education from Both a Parental and Political Landscape**

*Kendra Brooks, Organizer and Educator, Parents United*  
**“PERK UP” Reading, Writing, and Speaking Skills with Children: Ideas You’ve Just “Java” Have**

*Holly Garner, Principal, Governor Mifflin School District*

## **["Perk UP" Reading, Writing, and Speaking With Children. Ideas You just JAVA Have](#)**

**Students Learning with Technology – What Every Parent Needs to Know**

*Dr. Lynn Hummel, Assistant Professor of Instructional Technology, Bloomsburg University*

**Graduation Here We Come! How Families Can Support Students to Complete High School**

*Mike Minor, Educational Consultant, Pennsylvania Training & Technical Assistance Network (PATTAN) Pittsburgh*  
Ideas for Engaging Educational Parent Workshops!

*Dr. Sharon Weber, Elementary Principal, Punxsutawney Area School District*

## **Engaging Educational Workshop**

**Motivate to Participate – Handling Challenging Behaviors**

*Kerri McCowien, Special Education Teacher, Hermitage School District*

## **[Motivate to Participate](#)**

**Growth Mindset Reading Strategies**

*Jordan Zupanovich and Kelly Bjalobok, Title 1 Reading Specialist's, Ellwood City Area School District*

## **[Growth Mindset](#)**

**A Road Map for Special Education: Understanding the Process and Advocating for Your Child**

*Meghan Ferraro, Assistant Professor and Graduate Program Head for Special Education, Edinboro University*

*Edward Snyder, Professor & Program Head for School Psychology & Educational*

*Psychology, Edinboro University*

**Update on Education Policy Issues**

*Ron Cowell, President, The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC)*

**Mindful of the Invisible Backpack: Social Emotional Strategies at Home and School**

*Dr. Shelly M. Bucci, Instructional Literacy Coach, New Castle Area School District*

*Mrs. Cara Florie, Literacy Coach/Title I Reading Facilitator, New Castle Area School District*

**Mindful of the Invisible Backpack**

**How to Invite Everyone to the Table: Creating Dynamic Leadership Teams**

*Brittany Aguasvivas, PAC School Building Representative for Fulton Elementary School, School District of Lancaster*

**College and Career Readiness: How After School Can Help**

*Caroline Allen, PSAYDN Coordinator, PA Statewide Afterschool Youth Development Network*

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