

Parent and Family Involvement

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This is the second year that North Fulton Council PTA has had this position. As last year's VP of Parent/Family Involvement, Cathy Marion did an outstanding job supporting our North Fulton schools--and I hope to continue that tradition. My role is to provide aide to our local units by encouraging ways to strengthen, support & sustain the involvement of parents in the lives of their children.

Last year NFCPTA assisted local units implement "Parent To Parent" if they requested help with initiating a parent program. We will continue to offer Parent To Parent, as it is one of the most widely used parenting programs in the country. For those of you not familiar with this program, it is video-based and endeavors to create confident parents, capable of guiding their children around the influences of today's "toxic culture." Issues discussed range from violence on television and video games, sex in our media, character development, drug and alcohol issues and many other aspects of America's toxic culture.

Also this year, in an effort to be more relevant to parents of younger children, we will be introducing the program, "Love and Logic." For over 20 years, The Love and Logic Institute has helped parents throughout America raise responsible kids with proven techniques to reduce conflicts and strengthen relationships. It is designed to take the stress out of raising responsible kids and shows parents how to discipline their children without losing their love.

I will give you more information about both of these awesome programs and hope that one of them will be just what parents at your school need!

Parental involvement increases student achievement and success. NFCPTA hopes to help you reach the parents at your school by offering relevant programs that parents will attend. To further help you reach your parent involvement goals, throughout this year, I will discuss the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement and Building Successful Partnerships (BSP). I welcome your suggestions, comments, and questions. Please contact me anytime--

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"There is always a moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in." Graham Green

Parent and Family Involvement - * To provide aide to the local units by encouraging ways to strengthen, support & sustain the involvement of parents in the lives of their children. * Implement & provide training for the parenting program "Parent To Parent" for clusters or groups that demonstrate interest.



* Encourage local units to achieve and apply for "The National PTA Parent Involvement Schools of Excellence Certification" award which recognizes schools whose parent involvement programs are based on the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs. Currently, there are 24 schools in Georgia that have received a Certification of Excellence! Seven of those schools are within the North Fulton Council! That's impressive.

In 1997, National PTA, in collaboration with parent involvement researchers and other national leaders, set standards for parent and family involvement programs. More than 30 years of research and 100 years of practice helped develop the standards by which parent involvement programs excel.

Effective parent involvement programs include activities that address the following six standards:

Standard 1 - Communicating Communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful.

Standard II - Parenting Parenting skills are promoted and supported.

Standard III - Student Learning Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.

Standard IV - Volunteering Parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are sought.

Standard V - School Decision Making and Advocacy Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families.

Standard VI - Collaborating with Community Community resources are used to strengthen schools, families, and student learning.

Click [here](#) to find out how your school can participate in the certification process. For access into the "Members Only" section see instructions on the back of your PTA membership card.