

BUILDING PARENT ENGAGEMENT

TO CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP



PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM

Nationally recognized model

Long term track record of results

Cost-effective solution



HOW IT WORKS

1. Community organizations partner with local schools to recruit and train 8-20 parents per school to assist teachers two hours every day
2. Parents are assigned to a classroom (not their own child's) where they work one-on-one and in small groups with children. After reaching 100 volunteer hours, parent mentors receive a small stipend.
3. One day per week, parent mentors receive extra training around academic instruction, professional development, community engagement and leadership skills.



PROVEN OUTCOMES

Nationally Recognized Model

The program's successes have been featured in:

- *A Cord of Three Strands* (Harvard Education Press, 2011)
- *A Match on Dry Grass* (Oxford University Press, 2011)
- NBC Education Nation (2012)

Improved School Test Scores

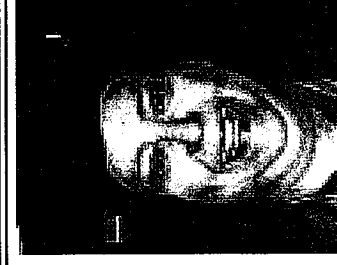
Schools with the Parent Mentor Program saw an increase of 35% of students that "meet" or "exceed" standards on the ISAT over 10 years

Increased Long Term Graduation Rates

Between 1990 and 2009, the dropout rate for youth age 16-19 decreased 61% in schools with parent mentors in their early grades

Strengthened Social Capital

Parent mentors more than doubled the network of teachers and parents with whom they communicate regularly.



Maria Marquez,
parent mentor graduate
"Once you get through the first door, the doors just keep on opening"

Maria is a longtime parent mentor coordinator. The program inspired her to pursue her own education. She graduated top of her class in 2012 at Northeastern University with a degree in bilingual education

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