



P₂ACC Parent Academy

(Preparing Parents to Advocate for Their Children & Community)

2014 Spring Semester Course Catalog



Introduction

Pinellas County Schools (PCS) has launched Parent Academy Workshops to promote parental engagement and enhance student academic success. These workshops are offered in schools, libraries, community centers, government offices, and faith-based organizations.

Academic advocacy and engagement by parents and caregivers provides a foundation for success. Researchers have found that family engagement and interest in a child's education creates positive effects on student achievement and future success, including:

- Increased achievement in math, reading, and science
- Better attendance and homework completion
- Participation in advance learning classes, additional earned credits and improved graduation rates
- Early postsecondary education and career planning,
- Social and behavioral gains

Classes are **free** and focus on three primary areas:

- **Academic Success:** Workshops and activities that provide parents and caregivers with tools to promote student academic achievement and to navigate the Pinellas County school system.
- **Parenting & Advocacy:** Workshops and activities that provide tools to more effectively enhance parenting skills, advocacy, and leadership skills.
- **Personal & Individual Growth:** Workshops and activities that provide tools for supporting the personal and professional growth of parents and caregivers.

To learn more or register online go to: www.pcsb.org/parentacademy

For additional information, contact the Office of Strategic Partnerships at (727) 588-6405 or email: parentacademyworkshops@pcsb.org

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Area 1: Academic Success

BEING CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE: LOOKING THROUGH A COMMUNITY LENS – TRUE COLORS

Presented By: PCS Staff/Juvenile Welfare Board

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers

Description: This course defines equity, diversity and social/emotional skills and how these skills contribute to academic achievement and a safe and respectful learning environment.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1/30/14 | Cross and Anvil Human Services Center | 5:30-7 pm |
| 2/10/14 | Citizens Alliance for Progress Center | 7-8 pm |
| 2/18/14 | Sanderlin Neighborhood Center | 6-7pm- |

BUILDING A HOME LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Presented By: PCS Staff – Office of Strategic Partnerships

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers

Description: This workshop provides parents and caregivers with tools to create a positive learning atmosphere within the home.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 2/6/14 | Cross & Anvil Human Services Center | 6-7 pm |
| 3/18/14 | Sanderlin Neighborhood Center | 6-7pm |
| 4/8/14 | Hispanic Outreach Center - Clearwater | 6-7pm |

BUILDING LITERACY FOR STUDENTS

Presented By: PCS Staff

Target Audience: Parents and caregivers with children in elementary school

Description: This course includes effective reading strategies, home application of these strategies and a shared reading approach to improve literacy skills.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|--|--------|
| 1/13/14 | Citizens Alliance for Progress Center | 7-8 pm |
| 2/27/14 | Gibbs High School (Special Presentation) | 6-7 pm |

COLLEGE PLANNING, PREPARATION, APPLICATIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Presented By: PCS Staff/Scholarship Agency

Target Audience: All parents & caregivers of MS and HS students

Description: College planning should start well before the high school years. This course provides information about the application process, scholarships, and financial aid opportunities.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 2/20/14 | Greater Mt. Zion AME Church | 6–7 pm |
| 3/31/14 | MLK Clearwater Aquatic Center | 6-7 pm |
| 4/10/14 | Clearwater High School | 6–7 pm |

COMMON CORE 101 FOR PARENTS

Presented By: PCS Staff

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers

Description: This course is aimed at helping parents and caregivers understand Common Core State Standards and providing resources to help students at home and explain the educational shifts that are necessary to successfully meet the academic challenges ahead.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 3/18/14 | Boys/Girls Club – Tarpon Springs | 6-7pm |
| 3/20/14 | Pinellas Park Elementary School | 6:30-7:30 pm |
| 4/15/14 | Clearwater Aquatic Center | 6-7 pm |

HOMELESSNESS: HOW TO MAINTAIN ACADEMIC FOCUS

Presented By: PEMHS/PCS Staff

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers

Description: This session provides parents and caregivers with tools to support their children's academic progress while in transition.

| Date | Location | Time |
|--------|---|--------------|
| 4/8/14 | Personal Enrichment Mental Health Services- PEMHS | 5:30-6:30 pm |

Area 1: Academic Success

HOW TO TUTOR MY CHILD

Presented By: PCS Staff: Office of Strategic Partnerships

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers

Description: This workshop provides parents and caregivers with tools to support classroom learning at home.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|--|------------|
| 1/28/14 | Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary School | 9-10:30 am |
| 2/26/14 | PCS Administration Building | 9-10 am |
| 2/27/14 | Gibbs High School | 6-7 pm |

MATH & SCIENCE AT HOME- Elementary

Presented By: PCS Staff

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers of students K-5

Description: This course introduces parents to a wide range of math and science activities they can do with their child at home. It offers hands-on Math/Science strategies that empower parents as they engage their children in fun, home-based activities. Activities, which align with the Common Core benchmarks, can be repeated at parties, sleepovers, church programs, and family gatherings.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 3/18/14 | Fairmount Park Elementary School | 6-7 pm |
| 4/10/14 | Tarpon Springs Elementary School | 6-7 pm |

TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

Presented By: PCS Staff

Target Audience: Parents and caregivers of students entering kindergarten

Description: This session provides parents with an understanding of how to make the transition from preschool or home to kindergarten so it will be a positive experience for children.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|--|--------|
| 2/27/14 | Gibbs High School (Special Presentation) | 6-7 pm |
| 5/12/14 | Citizens Alliance for Progress Center | 6-7 pm |
| 5/19/14 | Clearwater Aquatic Center | 6-7 pm |
| 5/20/14 | Sanderlin Neighborhood Center | 6-7 pm |

MATH AT HOME – Secondary Schools 6-12

Presented By: PCS Staff

Target Audience: Parents and caregivers of middle and high school students 6-12

Description: This course includes resources for parents to assist with middle and high school math courses.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 1/21/14 | Sanderlin Neighborhood Center | 6-7pm |
| 3/10/14 | Citizens Alliance for Progress Center | 7-8 pm |

SCHOOL READINESS

Presented By: PCS Staff

Target Audience: Parents and caregivers of Pre-K students (Ages 3-5)

Description: This course offers tips and strategies to support children in Pre-K and prepare them to learn in a school environment.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|--|--------|
| 2/27/14 | Gibbs High School (Special Presentation) | 6-7 pm |
| 4/24/14 | Boys & Girls Club – Tarpon Springs | 6-7 pm |

TRANSITION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Presented By: PCS Staff

Target Audience: Parents, students and caregivers of students entering middle school

Description: This course provides parents with information to assist children with the transition from elementary to middle school.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|---------------------------|--------|
| 5/7/14 | Azalea Middle School | 6-7 pm |
| 5/12/14 | Palm Harbor Middle School | 6-7 pm |
| 5/22/14 | Bay Point Middle School | 6-7 pm |

Area 2: Parenting and Advocacy

AVOIDING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Presented By: PCS Staff/Outside Agency

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers

Description: This session teaches parents to recognize the warning signs and offers recommendations for keeping children out of the Juvenile Justice System.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|---------------------------|--------|
| 5/20/14 | Bayside High School | 6-7 pm |
| 5/22/14 | Job Corp – St. Petersburg | 6-7 pm |

BULLYING & CYBERBULLYING

Presented By: PCS Staff

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers

Description: This workshop builds awareness, provides methods to protect your child from bullying, and offers information/resources to manage social media sources.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|--|--------|
| 4/22/14 | Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School | 6-7 pm |
| 4/22/14 | Citizens Alliance for Progress Center | 6-7 pm |

COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Level: Parent and Advocacy

Presented By: Juvenile Welfare Board

Target Audience: Community Organizations, parents, and leaders

Description: This workshop provides participants with valuable leadership skills to elevate leadership capacity to the next level and team-building skills to unleash excellence and productivity.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|--|---------------|
| 3/28/14 | Tarpon Springs City Hall | 9- 10:30am |
| 4/17/14 | Cross and Anvil Human Services Center | 6-7 pm |

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION & DISCIPLINE

Presented By: PCS Staff/USF Staff

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers

Description: This session provides parents with communication techniques that young children can follow and respond positively to. The course helps parents define discipline (to teach, to train, to guide) and identifies age appropriate discipline methods. It also provides simple methods to direct and guide children toward appropriate behavior.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|--|---------------|
| 2/28/14 | Development Appropriate Behavior Conference-USFSP | 8 am- 4 pm |
| 2/20/14 | Boys & Girls Club, Tarpon Springs | 6-7-pm |

Area 2: Parenting and Advocacy

NARCOTICS OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

Presented By: N.O.P.E. Taskforce

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers

Description: This workshop provides information on prevention of drug use, how to tell if your child is using drugs, what to do if you suspect your child is using drugs, how to prevent your child from using drugs, and ways to intervene.

| Date | Location | Time |
|------|-------------------------|--------------|
| TBA | Countryside High School | 6:30-7:30 pm |

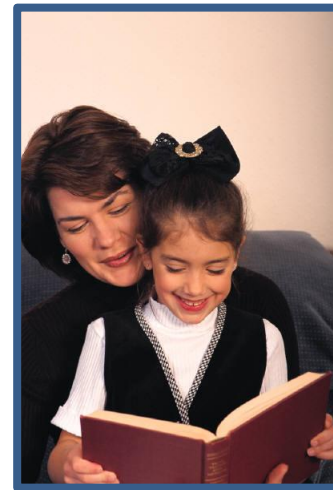
PROTECTIVE FACTORS WORKSHOP

Presented By: Juvenile Welfare Board

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers

Description: This workshop will introduce five protective factors that are the foundation of the Strengthening Families Approach: parental resilience, social connections, concrete support in times of need, knowledge of parenting and child development, and social and emotional competence of children.

| Date | Location | Time |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 3/5/14 | Cross and Anvil Human Services Center | 5:30-7 pm |
| TBD | Boys & Girls Club – Tarpon Springs | |



SOCIAL MEDIA AND YOUR CHILD

Presented By: Pinellas County Sheriff's Department/PCS Staff

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers

Description: This workshop builds awareness of the accessibility of social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Texting), security measures and safety strategies, and how to manage social media sources for safe usage by your child.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|---|--------|
| 2/25/14 | Cross and Anvil Human Services Center | 6-7 pm |
| TBD | Pinellas County Schools Administration Building | |

Area 3: Personal & Individual Growth

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Presented By: Suncoast Center

Target Audience: Parents and caregivers

Description: This workshop introduces tools and techniques to manage anger for parents or caregivers and children.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|---------------------------|--------|
| 5/13/14 | Fairmount Park Elementary | 6-7 pm |

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Presented By: Regions Bank

Target Audience: All parents, students and caregivers

Description: This workshop teaches parents how to establish a family budget and plan for the future.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|--|------------------|
| 2/27/14 | College and Life Budgeting - Cross & Anvil Human Services Center | 6-7 pm |
| 3/11/14 | Family Budgeting - Cross & Anvil Human Service Center | 5:45- 6:45 pm |
| 6/17/14 | Sanderlin Neighborhood Center | 6-7 pm |



HOW TO MOVE OUT OF CRISIS MODE- MANAGING MONEY IN TOUGH TIMES

Presented By: Juvenile Welfare Board

Target Audience: All parents and caregivers

Description: This course provides parents with methods and tools to change living circumstances, manage money and reduce expenses, and to move forward to a more stable lifestyle.

| Date | Location | Time |
|---------|---|--------|
| 3/11/14 | Fairmount Park Elementary | 6-7 pm |
| 5/12/14 | Citizen Alliance for Progress Center | 6-7 pm |

Workshop Locations

Azalea Middle School

1680 74th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL

Bay Point Middle School

2151 62nd Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL

Bayside High School

14405 49th Street North
Clearwater, FL

Boys & Girls Club – Tarpon Springs

111 West Lime Street
Tarpon Springs, FL

**Citizens Alliance for Progress Center at the
Union Academy Family Center**

401 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Tarpon Springs, FL

Clearwater Aquatic Center

1501 N Belcher Road
Clearwater, FL

Clearwater High School

540 S Hercules Avenue
Clearwater, FL

Cross & Anvil Human Services Center

1201 7th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL

Fairmount Park Elementary School

575 41st Street South
St. Petersburg, FL

Gibbs High School

850 34th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL

Greater Mt. Zion AME Church

1045 16th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL

Hispanic Outreach Center

612 Franklin Street
Clearwater, FL

Job Corp

500 22nd Street South
St. Petersburg, FL

Palm Harbor Middle School

1800 Tampa Road
Palm Harbor, FL

PEMHS

1614 Palm Way
Largo, FL

**Pinellas County Schools Administration
Building**

301 4th Street SW
Largo, FL

Pinellas Park Elementary School

7520 52nd Street North
Pinellas Park, FL

Pinellas Park Middle School

6940 70th Avenue North
Pinellas Park, FL

Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center

2335 22nd Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL

Tarpon Springs Elementary School

555 East Pine Street
Tarpon Springs, FL

**Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary
School**

400 East Harrison Street
Tarpon Springs, FL

Tarpon Springs City Hall

324 East Pine Street
Tarpon Springs, FL

**Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle
School**

3901 22nd Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL

**University of South Florida – St. Petersburg
Student Center**

200 6th Ave South
St. Petersburg, FL