



The ASPIRA Association

Academic Advisors Professional Development Program

Course Title:	How to Engage Parents in their Children’s Education and the Postsecondary Education Process.
Course Number:	AAT – 105

Course Description:



After completing this course ASPIRA Academic Advisors will be able to recognize and use a number of strategies and resources to involve parents with their children’s education and the postsecondary education process. They will master the basics of the tools and resources available to accomplish this goal.

Course Duration: 3 hours

Course Outline:

Goal	Learning Objectives	Learning Activities	Learning Resources
Academic Advisors will increase parent engagement in their children’s education.	Advisors will learn basic concepts for setting-up a parent engagement program.	Advisors will learn some key parameters for setting-up parent engagement programs.	Study: Parent Engagement Programs: Points to Consider and learn some key points in developing a program. Identify other key points that should be considered.
ASPIRA Advisors master the skills to	Advisors will learn key points that should to	Advisors will learn some key points that	Study the Parents Engagement

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assist parents in the postsecondary admission process of their children.	be stressed with parents as their children progress from middle school to college.	should be stressed with parents as their children progress along the educational continuum from middle school to college.	<p>Programs: Points to Consider presentation. These are issues parents' needs to take into consideration when joining a parental engagement program. Review Questions Parents Should Ask presentation and learn some key points that should be stressed with parents as their children progress from middle school to college.</p> <p>Identify other key points that should be considered and discuss them with your peers and supervisor.</p>
Academic Advisors will increase parent involvement with their children's education.	Advisors will recognize resources available for providing support to parents.	Advisors will learn about resources that support parent engagement.	<p>Review and visit the following web sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National PTA – Involving Parents in the Education of their Children • National Parent Information Network • Facts and Terms Every Parent Should Know About NCLB • Tips for Parents on Keeping Children Drug Free • Questions Parents Ask About Schools • Public School Choice: Quick Reference for

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			<p>Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplemental Educational Services: Quick Reference for Parents <p>Using a multi search engine such as Google develop a list of on-line resources most useful to you.</p>
	<p>Advisors will develop an understanding of the rights of parents in the education of their children.</p>	<p>Advisors will learn the basic rights of parents in their children’s education.</p>	<p>Study Parent Rights and learn some key points related to parent rights.</p> <p>Visit your state department of education Web site and learn some specific parent rights for your State.</p>
	<p>Advisors will understand how the ASPIRA Parents for Excellence in Education (APEX) program works and how it can facilitate the involvement of parents with their children’s education.</p>	<p>Advisors will learn the structure, content and function of the APEX program. They will visit the APEX web site for a general program overview and then examine the content of APEX manuals (facilitators and participants manuals).</p>	<p>Visit the APEX web site and study the content of each one of the APEX program modules (click on the Publications button). At your associate office access a copy of the four APEX manuals and study the content of each of the workshops.</p>
		<p>Advisors will learn the basics of how to implement the APEX program at their sites.</p>	<p>Study the APEX program Implementation Manual and learn how the APEX program is implemented.</p>
	<p>Advisors will recognize resources available for providing support to parents.</p>	<p>Advisors will learn about parent resources for helping students with their homework.</p>	<p>Visit the Family Education web site and develop a list of on-line resources.</p>

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			<p>Visit Univision Education web page to explore on-line resources in Spanish (uniclave educacion).</p> <p>Visit the ASPIRA Math and Science Academy web site to explore online parents resources.</p> <p>Visit Info Please school homework support site</p>
		<p>Academic Advisors will learn about parent resources for assisting students to improve their test taking skills. Study the publication from the USDoE provided in the Learning Resources section.</p>	<p>Help Your Child Improve in Test-Taking – US Dept. of Education</p>
		<p>Advisors will learn about parent resources for on finding, saving, and investing money for college.</p>	<p>Study the module investing for your child education.</p> <p>Visit the web site: saving for college and explore the resources available.</p> <p>Visit the ASPIRA Internet resources site to explore information about available scholarships and other resources</p>
		<p>Advisors will learn about parent resources on systemic educational reform.</p>	<p>Visit The Center for Education Reform – Parents Resources web page</p>

Evaluation:

After completing the above learning activities, the Academic Advisors will prepare a two-page (maximum) paper describing how they will provide support to parents in order to involve them with their children's education and the postsecondary education process.

The above paper will become part of the Advisor Training Program evaluation portfolio.