

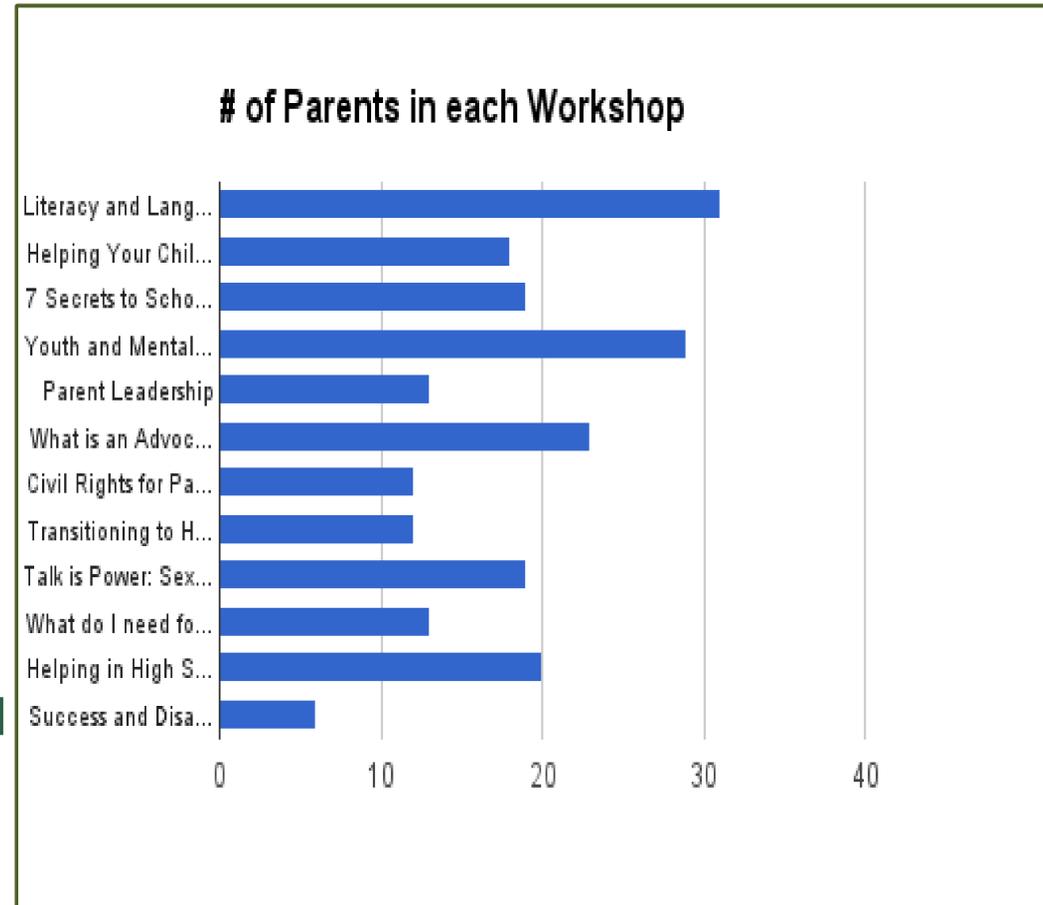
Building Upon Senate Bill 13-193 to Increase Parental Engagement in Colorado

Description/Summary

Five of the school districts in Adams County, the Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition (CSPC) and Migrant Education Program pooled their resources and talent to offer a bilingual parent academy to the families they serve. Two hundred parents gathered for a one day event to participate in a series of workshops focusing on supporting the academic success of their children, parent leadership, advocacy, literacy/language, and helping the learning process at home.

Key Elements – Parent Academy

- Combining district, community & monetary resources together for parents/students
- Sessions on literacy/language development
- Sessions on mental health
- Parental advocacy
- Requirements of high school graduation
- Enforcing good study habits
- Culturally relevant child activities
- Youth institute & higher educational goals
- Parents forming networks of support



Strategic Priorities Connections

Focus groups were held in two of the districts to get a clear grasp on subjects parents wanted more information on. The sessions were tailored from the information received from parents, family liaisons, planning committee and CSPC. The message of the power parents hold to influence students and establish strong connections within the school community was strongly emphasized between districts. The success of this was due to strong partner collaboration.

Key Elements- Evaluation & Student Outcomes

Parent surveys from sessions & overall academy results:

- Literacy/Language Development was top priority for parents
- Knowledge of mental health/illness
- Parental advocacy/Requirements for high school
- Reinforcing positive study habits

