Delaware Valley Parent Empowerment Fair 2004
Program

Opening Remarks

11:10 AM.......................... Who We Are
Stephanie Robinson, PA PIRC Director

11:20 AM.......................... Unity in Education:
Doug Henderson, WDAS Radio
Announcer

11:30 AM.......................... Building a Bridge between
Hopelessness and Hope:
Ron Houston, Delaware Title One
Director

Note: The program is structured so parents will have the opportunity to:

(1) Listen to a 30 minute panel discussion with a 10 minute question and
answer period pertaining to the following topics:
Overview of NCLB
School Choice
Free Tutoring/Supplemental Services
Parent Involvement Strategies, Practices, and Models

(2) Take part in an interactive village to exchange information with parents
and ask experts additional questions pertaining to the aforementioned
topics, including a village that will focus on school community support, and

(3) Interact on a one-on-one basis with information booth representatives.

12:00 PM
Hold On to Your Dreams/NCLB Panel Discussion
Moderator: Michele J. Doughty, New Jersey Statewide Coordinator
Panelists: Felicia Harris, PA Statewide Coordinator
Karen Campbell, NJ School Improvement Coordinator
Ron Houston, DE Title I Statewide Coordinator
Wilhelmina Holder, NJ Secondary Parent’s Council

1:00 PM
Performance
Carson Whitter Enrichment Academy

1:15 PM
Parent Empowerment Day
Mayor John Street

2:00 PM
Performance
Falun Gong Dance and Exercise Demonstration

2:15 PM
My School of Choice Panel Discussion –
Moderator: Keisha Hegamin, Black Alliance for Educational Options
Panelists: Sharie Neal, Home Schooling; Tonita Helley, Recruitment
Associate, A Better Chance; Alice Heller, Executive Director of EMOs and
Charter Schools, School District of Philadelphia; Jeanmarie Dunn-Kane,
Director, Education Children & Youth Committee, GPUAC

3:00 PM
Performance
Local Drill Team
3:15 PM
Free Tutoring/Supplemental Services/Afterschool Programs
Panel Discussion
Moderator: Taj Reid, JD Director, Philadelphia YET Initiative, Public/Private Ventures
Panelists: Leigh Hopkins, M.Ed., Director of Education Initiatives, Public/Private Ventures; William H. Richardson, M.Ed., After-School Consultant, Academic Coach, Public/Private Ventures; Pastor Carol Kendrick, Salvation Army Afterschool Coordinator

4:00 PM
Performance
Franklin Institute PACTS Program - Robotics Demonstration

4:15 PM
Parent Involvement Strategies, Methods, and Models Panel Discussion
Moderator: Stephanie Robinson, PA PIRC Director
Panelists: Michele J. Doughty, NJ Statewide Coordinator; Felicia Harris, PA State Coordinator; Frances Bryce, Parents as Teachers Model Supervisor; Brad Baldia, Community Organizer

5:00 PM
Performance
The Traci Hall Company

5:15 PM
The Bill Cosby Debate: Parents in the Hot Seat
Moderator: Michael Coard, Attorney and WHAT 1340 AM Talk Show Host
Panelists: Lucille IJoy, Certified Family Therapist; Nathaniel Nornent, Jr., Chair of Temple University African-American Studies Department; Cheryl Ann Waldring, Director, Evoluer Personal Development Program; Carlton A. Payne, Ph.D., Christopher Sample, Community Affairs Director for Philadelphia District Attorney’s office; Bilal Qayyum, Founder, Father’s Day Rally Committee; Jordan Harris, Student Leader at Millersville University; Toni Blackman, U.S. Hip-Hop Ambassador

Descriptions of the (Interactive) Information Villages

Hold On To Your Dreams/NCLB Village
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Michele J. Doughty, NJ Statewide Coordinator will serve as the lead facilitator of this panel and village. She will focus on how states, districts and schools can support parents with information such as notifications, school report cards, written parent policies, school-parent compacts, parents’ right-to-know, and Section 1118-building capacity for parental involvement, etc. The concept of holding on to a dream is that all parents hold a dream about their children. Note: Parents will also have the opportunity in this village to take part in a discussion pertaining to Communities of Color: The Achievement Gap between Us from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM and learn about the Philadelphia Core Curriculum from 4:00 – 5:00 PM

My School of Choice Village
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
This village will provide parents with basic information pertaining to: Charter schools, Private schools, Home schooling, and district schools, etc., including information about important application procedures and dates and numbers to remember. (The leadership of this village will be the responsibility of Sharie Neal (Home schooling), Keisha Hegamin and Alicia Wright (District Schools, Charter Schools, and Private Schools).
Free Tutoring / Supplemental Education Village

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Find out about local after-school providers and get your questions answered at the Free Tutoring/SES Village. In this village, connect with local state approved providers, obtain information about their programs and participate in workshops that will help you understand your rights as a parent.

Parent Involvement Strategies, Practices, and Models Village

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

This village will focus on research based parent involvement strategies, practices and models, such as the Parents as Teachers Model. It will also focus on parent organizing and how to increase parent involvement within school communities. Parents will also learn how they can join such groups as the Coalition of Title One Parents, Home and School Councils, State Parent Advisory Councils, BAEO, HCREO, Home School Associations and Support Groups, Young Fathers Rising, Fatherhood Leadership Support Groups, etc.

School Community Support Village

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

According to Ron Paige, Secretary of Education, the answers to all of the problems associated with schools are housed in the community. Parents will find everything from grief support to afterschool programs housed in this village. Throughout the day, representatives from the Franklin Institute will demonstrate what they are learning and how they are keeping busy.

List of Information Booths (categorized by villages)

**Hold on to Your Dreams/NCLB Village**
1. Songhai Press/Core Curriculum
2. Lotus Learning
3. Foundations, Inc.
4. Edison

**School Choice Village**
5. 21st Century Christian Academy
6. Black Alliance for Educational Options
7. Carson Valley School
8. CBWC Excel Academy
9. Christian Homeschooling Association of Pennsylvania
10. Mercersburg Academy
11. New Media Technology Charter
12. Influence

**Parent Involvement Organizations Village**
13. Parent Education Network
14. Parents Anonymous of PA
15. Women’s Institute for Family Health
16. Impact Services Corporation
17. Parents as Teachers (PAT)
18. Urban Family Council
19. Consortium for Parent Information and Education (CPIE)
20. Diversified Community Services Point Breeze Family Support Center
21. Statewide Parent Advisory Network (SPAN)
22. DHS Parenting Program
23. MOCS Fatherhood Initiative Program

**School & Community Support Village**
24. Child Care Information Services
25. Philadelphia Notebook
26. Resources for Children’s Health
27. Center for Intergenerational Learning – “Grandma’s Kids”
28. Mental Health Association of Southeast Pennsylvania
29. Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Support, Inc.
30. Primeria Financial Services
31. New York Life
32. North Philadelphia YMCA Head Start
33. Congreso de Latinos Unidos
34. Germantown Settlement
35. Job Corps  
36. Salvation Army  
37. Franklin Institute  
38. Afterschool All-Stars  
39. LATINArt  
40. Community Police Interracial Task Force  
41. BJ’s Wholesale Club  
42. Grief Assistance Program  
43. AmeriChoice of PA  
44. First Response Medical & Vision Quest Emergency Medical  
45. AmeriPlan  
46. Drugs Are A Losing Game  
47. Houston Community Center  
48. EPIC Stakeholders Group  

Free Tutoring/Supplemental Service Providers  
49. Huntington Learning Center  
50. Education Station, A Sylvan Partnership  
51. The Walt Whitman / BizArts Program  
52. EducationWorks  
53. Princeton Review  
54. Club Z! In-Home Tutoring  
55. Data Friendly  
56. Stay On Top Tutoring  
57. Philadelphia Reads  
58. Science with Me  
59. African American Puzzles Plus  
60. Franklin Institute  
61. The Preschool Project  
63. Learning Incorporated  
64. Hope Worldwide  
65. Mt. Carmel YET Center  
66. Iglesia Del Barrio YET Center  
67. Project H.O.M.E. Honickman Learning Centers I, II, and III  
68. Christian Stronghold Baptist Church – Creative World Learning YET Center  
69. Calvin YET Center  
70. Anti-Drug & Alcohol Crusaders  
71. NSA Educational Learning YET Center  
72. Abiding Truth Ministries YET Center  
73. Cathedral of Praise YET Center  
74. Family Life Wholeness YET Center  
75. Gesu School YET Center  
76. Greater Exodus Baptist Church YET Center  
77. Rodeph Shalom Kearny YET Center – Kearny School  
78. Philadelphia Mennonite High School YET Center  
79. Universal Education Company YET Center  
80. Visitaton B.V.M. School YET Center  
81. Ayuda Community Center YET Center  
82. Discovery Charter School YET Center  
83. Holy Temple YET Center  
84. Friendly Friends Baptist YET Center  
85. Value of Blessing After School Program YET Center  
86. Beulah Tabernacle YET Center  
87. St. Thomas Aquinas  
88. Children of Promise  
89. Bright Hope Baptist Church  
90. Beloved St. John Evangelistic Church  
91. Divine Changes, Inc.  

Other Vendors  
92. Irie Palace  
93. Designs By Alexander  
94. Linda Reed Jewelry and Watches  

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