

Reaching out to parents as partners in education

PARENTS REACHING OUT GRANTS

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grants support parents in finding local solutions to help more parents get involved and support their child's success at school. This includes identifying ways to engage parents who have not been active in the school community and parents from racially and ethnically diverse communities.

There are 2 types of Parents Reaching Out grants:

- 1) grants for schools** are available to school councils. School councils can apply for grants to support initiatives that focus on reaching parents who face barriers to being involved in their child's education such as language barriers, being new to the Ontario school system, or other factors.
- 2) grants for regional/provincial projects** are available to parent organizations, school boards, registered non-profit organizations and publicly funded postsecondary institutions working in partnership with parents.

What kinds of projects have been funded through Parents Reaching Out grants?

Thousands of projects have been funded across Ontario. Some of these include:

- “Parent Engagement Series: Equity, Inclusion and Safe Schools” at Frankland Community School (Toronto District School Board)

A speaker series for parents to learn about equity issues facing the Indigenous community and to share this awareness with their children. It also enabled parents to learn more about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

- “Life Science Night” at St Gregory Separate School – Powassan (Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board)

Interactive workshops and presentations to help parents understand the science curriculum so they can support their children's learning.

- “Staying Safe in a Wired World” at Roch Carrier French Immersion Public School – Woodstock (Thames Valley District School Board)

A presentation on social media to provide parents with tools to support their children's online safety and well-being.

- “Engaging Parents from Newcomer Communities” – regional project (Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board)

Parent engagement sessions specifically for newcomers to provide them with the knowledge, skills and tools they need to support student math learning at home and at school.

- **Read more Parents Reaching Out success stories at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/success.html**

- **How to apply:**

More information and application forms are available at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.html

- **Questions?**

If you need more information on the *program*, please call **416 325-2929** or toll free **1-800-387-5514**. Persons with a hearing disability should call **1-800-268-7095**.

You may also contact the ministry by email at PRO@ontario.ca.

If you need *technical* help with the application form, please send your questions to support@smartsimple.com.