

Reaching out to parents as partners in education

Applications are now being accepted for

PARENTS REACHING OUT GRANTS

Parents Reaching Out grants are intended to encourage Ontario parents to become involved in their children's education and to help support student learning.

There are 2 types of Parents Reaching Out grants:

- 1) grants for schools** are available to school councils only. School councils can apply for grants to support initiatives that focus on reaching parents who may not be involved in their child's education because of language barriers, unfamiliarity with the Ontario school system or other factors.
- 2) grants for regional/provincial projects** are available to parent organizations and to school boards, non-profit organizations and 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:

- “*Newcomer Parent to Parent Buddy System*” at Unionville High School (York Region District School Board)
Newcomer parents were matched with parents who have recently immigrated, so the newcomers could learn about the school system and how to support their children.
- “*Parent Lending Library*” at Osprey Central School (Bluewater District School Board)
New resources for parents were acquired for the school library including books, DVDs and more on a variety of topics, including literacy, behaviour management, bullying prevention and special needs.
- “*Putting Out the Welcome Mat*” at Jean Vanier Separate School (London District Catholic School Board)

An orientation program was set up to help new parents become more involved and connected with the school. This included translating the Parent Information Handbook and the school website, as well as offering translation services for parent – teacher meetings.

- **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

- **When is the deadline to apply?**

The last day to apply is Friday, October 16, 2009.

- **Questions?**

If you need more information, please send your questions to support@factorial.ca
or call **416-325-2929** or toll free **1-800-387-5514**.