

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants for Regional/Provincial Projects 2014-15

Name of Organization	Project Title	Project Description	Amount
Black Creek Community Health Centre	Parents Building Inclusive Schools: Leadership Training	Parents from the Jane/Finch community will be invited to participate in parent leadership workshops focusing on how to build more inclusive schools, followed by parent/student dialogues. Parents who already have completed the advanced parent leadership workshop will be invited to attend a train-the-trainer workshop to further enhance parent leadership amongst a number of schools in the neighbourhood.	\$13,500
Boost Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention	Sister 2 Sister: Supporting Parents to Support their Daughters	This project aims to strengthen parent involvement in their daughters' lives through educational forums with guest speakers, community members, educators and parent mentors; discussion groups for parents and grade 8 girls; updates to the website with relevant information in multiple languages; and the establishment of sustainable support networks for girls and parents.	\$10,000
Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board - PIC	21st Century Parent Communication	The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board will develop a social networking and notification system for parents. Three events will be hosted to provide a demonstration of the new system, hand-outs and instruction fact sheets, and one-on-one training. Parents from every school of the board will be invited to participate.	\$13,500
CAMH Centre for Prevention Science	Youth & Parents Voice Transition Support for FNMI Students	In collaboration with Thames Valley District School Board, CAMH Centre for Prevention Science will develop a series of videos in which youth share promising practices and supports that helped them as they transitioned to new schools. The videos will be screened at a community event where parents will be given the opportunity to provide feedback. A series of webinars highlighting the stories of both youth and parents will be created and aired on the website www.youthrelationships.org .	\$20,000

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Canadian Parents for French (Ontario)	Regional Parent Workshops	Canadian Parents for French (Ontario) will offer regional workshops in Barrie, Niagara and Southeastern Ontario focusing on: Differentiated learning: What kind of learner is my child and how can I support him/her at home; New ways to support your child in a French Immersion, Extended or Core French Program and play a leadership role in your community; and Fun Apps for Children in French: use of new technology.	\$13,000
Centre for Immigrant and Community Services	Supporting Active Parents Involvement	The Centre for Immigrant Community Services will invite parents who are newcomers to participate in a series of information sessions and parent support meetings which focus on effective communication with children, teachers and school staff.	\$10,000
Community Builders	Scarborough Parents Leading Cross Generational Dialogues on Inclusive and Safe Schools	This project will provide parents in Scarborough's Wards 21 and 22 with opportunities to develop practical leadership skills through a train the trainer workshop for parent leaders, the preparation of student partners and six cross-generational teams, several parent-student dialogues in various elementary schools, and an advanced leadership training workshop for existing parent leaders.	\$10,000
Community Living Kingston	Family engagement in education to build self-determined, inclusive lives	To foster the success of students living with developmental disabilities, Community Living Kingston and Brockville and District Association for Community Involvement will plan a series of workshops that focus on parent leadership, communication with school personnel, and long-term planning. The workshops will be recorded and broadcast as webinars. Written materials will further expand on the workshop topics.	\$8,000

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District School Board of Niagara - PIC	DSBN PIC Conference 2014 - Parents Helping Children THRIVE	District School Board of Niagara's Parent Involvement Committee will provide a one-day conference for parents and educators from the board and the London region, focusing on parent and community engagement and partnerships. Workshops will offer information and resources related to French Immersion, the LGBTQ community, mental and physical health, and 21st century learning.	\$18,000
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board - PIC and Catholic Committee Catholic School Councils	How We Learn: Student Talks for Parents	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee and Central Committee for Catholic School Council will create a series of vignettes, narrated by students and posted on the web, that gives parents a window into the school experiences of their children. A parent discussion guide and a series of webinars will be developed, focusing on innovative learning, successful learning skills and how parents can provide learning experiences outside school.	\$22,500
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board - SEAC	Working Together and Reaching Out to Reduce the Barriers in Special Education	The Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee, will undertake four initiatives for parents and educators share and learn strategies to enhance the well-being and success of diverse learners. Sessions, workshops, learning carousels and hands-on activities will provide information with regard to transition planning, parent engagement, special needs awareness, mental health and building networks.	\$10,000
Durham Catholic District School Board - PIC	Demystifying Youth Mental Health Speaker Series III -- Enabling the Parents	Durham Catholic District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee will host a board-wide conference and several evening events in high-need areas. Parents and families will be provided with tools and resources to help them foster safe and welcoming environments that promote student well-being and achievement.	\$22,500
Durham Catholic District School Board - SEAC	Pathways to the Future - Transition Planning for Students	Durham Catholic District School Board's Special Advisory Committee will provide parents with information, tools and resources on transition planning and enhance communication between parents and schools. The project will include the delivery of parent information sessions, workshops and surveys, and the provision of a resource guide.	\$5,000

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Durham District School Board	Empowering Parents to Help Their Teens Succeed	Through workshops, development of a parent toolkit, and creation of a website and guidelines for school councils, this project will provide parents of teenagers with tools and strategies to support student success, mental health and resiliency, and enhance learning skills, mathematics, and home-school collaboration.	\$22,500
Eritrean Parents Liaison Council	Parent Leader Series	The Eritrean Parents Liaison Council will hold a parent conference in the GTA with a variety of workshops that focus on parent involvement in their children's learning at school and at home. It will be followed by a series of parent leadership sessions to provide parents with information about the school system and to encourage engagement.	\$10,000
FCJ Refugee Centre	Breaking Barriers in Education for Non-Status Parents	To increase newcomer family awareness and confidence in the Ontario education system, this project will identify and address barriers to parent engagement through interviews and focus groups. Following this, parents, school staff and officials will participate in an interactive series of workshops during which the challenges of immigration status and family background will be addressed.	\$10,000
FoodShare Toronto	Parents Saying Yes! to Good Healthy Food	The Parents Say Yes! To Good Healthy Food in Schools will provide a series of workshops including hand-on demonstrations and group discussions for parents and students about healthy eating and community-based resources. FoodShare will draw on the workshop themes, participants' experiences, healthy menu ideas and strategies, and community-based resources to develop an online toolkit that strengthens parents' confidence and comfort with building their children's interest in healthy eating.	\$15,000

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Friends In Trouble	Parents Involved in Education (P.I.E)	This project will enhance parent engagement in children's education and strengthen school-community relationships in high-needs neighbourhoods in the Jane/Finch area in Toronto. Parents will be invited to become leaders at their schools, parent support networks will be developed, and teachers and school staff will have the opportunity to attend workshops focusing on the challenges of inner-city communities.	\$9,000
Frontier College	Student Success through Parent Engagement: Tutoring Strategies for Struggling Students	A series of workshops for First Nations, Métis and Inuit parents from Thunder Bay, Nipissing, Toronto and Southwestern Ontario will focus on methods to strengthen children's numeracy skills based on the Ministry of Education's guide "Doing Mathematics with your Child". Parents of children with exceptionalities will be invited to obtain more information about specific tutoring strategies. Through this project, First Nations, Métis and Inuit parents will be provided with information that will help them support their children's education.	\$10,000
Greater Essex County District School Board - PIC	Parents as Partners 2014-15	This project will deliver presentations, workshops and seminars for parents that focus on the importance of being involved in their children's education. The events, organized by Greater Essex County District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee, will focus on the knowledge, skills and tools needed to support students' learning and on barriers to parent involvement.	\$18,000

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Halton Catholic District School Board - Multicultural Advisory Newcomer Parent and Community Partners Committee	Diversity Thrives in Halton!	The Halton Catholic District School Board's Multicultural Advisory Newcomer Parent and Community Partners Committee will host a series of newcomer parent and family sessions throughout the region. The committee will continue to work with the Board to enhance access and ensure a smooth transition for both parents and children into the school system.	\$9,225
Halton Catholic District School Board - PIC	Halton CPIC Parent Speaker Series	Through a series of face-to-face lectures and webinars, the Halton Catholic District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee aims to create a welcoming environment for parents to enhance community ties and networks. The sessions offer skill-building opportunities for parents related to e-learning, use of social media, special education, mental health, internet, literacy and numeracy, bullying prevention, and raising resilient children. Community organizations will provide materials at exhibition booths. For greater access, webinars will be recorded with closed captioning.	\$18,000
Halton District School Board - PIC	PIC Conference for Parents	Halton District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee will host a conference with speakers on topics such as childhood resilience, Individual Education Plans, play-based science, numeracy, literacy, safe schools, pathways, transitions, sexual assault, information technology, smartboards, SEAC and on-line help.	\$13,500
Halton district School Board - SEAC	SEAC Coffee Chats	The project will deliver a number of "Coffee Chat" sessions for parents throughout Halton addressing disability and special education needs of children. The sessions will include a presentation by a guest speaker, Q&A period and breakout sessions for small group discussions.	\$4,500

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Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion	Improving Parent Leadership and Engagement	The Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion will offer a series of leadership and parenting workshops for parents from diverse ethno-cultural/linguistic groups. Topics will include effective leadership and parenting, understanding report cards, homework, transition planning, bullying prevention, and mental health awareness.	\$9,000
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	Engaging Parents in Equity, Engagement and Achievement	In collaboration with the LGBTQ Wellness Centre of Hamilton, the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will conduct monthly outreach sessions, a one-day conference and bi-monthly workshops to engage and provide support to families of LGBTQ students.	\$6,000
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	Building Student Success Partnership with Schools and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Families	In collaboration with the Hamilton Executive Directors Aboriginal Coalition, the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will deliver a First Nations, Metis and Inuit Parent Voice Forum to identify community needs. The project will build upon this understanding to develop school-family-community workshops that support parent engagement in their children's learning and well-being.	\$9,000
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	Engaging Parents from Newcomer and Diverse Communities	In collaboration with Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion and YMCA, the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board will deliver interactive sessions for parents from linguistically and culturally diverse communities. Parents will receive information about Board programs and services, supports for English language learners, the importance of first language(s) in enhancing second language acquisition, 21st century learning and ideas for home activities that support student learning.	\$7,000

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Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board - SEAC	Bridging Between Home and School at Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will host open house information sessions on various topics relating to special education needs. Materials will be available in print and online in multiple languages. New SEAC members will have the opportunity to attend workshops relating to leadership and awareness building.	\$9,000
Harmony Movement/Harmony Education Foundation	Student Inclusion and Success: Parent Engagement Project	With a series of workshops, Harmony Movement will encourage the engagement of newcomer parents served by the two co-terminus boards in the Barrie Region. Workshops will focus on the implications of racism, discrimination and exclusion for student achievement and well-being. The objective of the project is to support parents' understanding of positive and inclusive school environments.	\$18,000
Hastings Prince Edward District School Board	North Hastings Regional Parent Resource Centre and Lending Library	In partnership with Children's Mental Health Service North Hastings and the Metis Nation of Ontario, the Hastings Prince Edward District School Board will create a parent lending library and resource centre. Throughout the school year, the Board will also provide parent engagement and information sessions focusing on literacy, numeracy, technology and parenting.	\$18,000
Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board - PIC	Mini Me to We Day	The Mini Me to We Day, organized by Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee, will focus on the topic of social justice with a lecture by a guest speaker. Parents will have an opportunity to connect with other parents from both urban and rural centres. This includes First Nations communities within the Board boundaries.	\$25,000

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Indigenous Education Coalition	Uniting Generations Through Traditional Knowledge	The Indigenous Education Coalition plans monthly sessions with parents and students in graduating classes of First Nations schools about the traditional method of curing deer hides to make traditional clothing. The goal is to provide participants with an opportunity to engage in their language and culture, to maintain a sense of identity and to support parents' involvement in their children's learning as the families transition into the public school system.	\$14,000
Integration Action for Inclusion	Transforming Volunteer Friends into Friendship Facilitators	Integration Action for Inclusion will offer a series of workshops and webinars for families of children with disabilities in different locations in Ontario. The activities will focus on how to develop natural supports for children amongst peers, enhance interaction with peers and older students, and emphasize the student's strengths and personal interests. It will help families expand their children's social networks with same-age peers to foster authentic friendships in- and outside of school.	\$9,000
Jamaican Canadian Association	JCA Parent Involvement Initiative	The Jamaican Canadian Association will deliver a series of sessions and workshops that focus on parent engagement at home and at school and as well as children's needs. A resource will be created about sexual abuse, drug use and victimization, excessive fighting /bullying, truancy, and mental health issues.	\$12,500
Kenora-Rainy River District Child and Family Services	Long Term Effects of Child Trauma	Kenora-Rainy River District Child and Family Services will provide a series of one-hour and one-day workshops for parents, teachers, and community service providers. They will also develop a resource package focusing on the neurodevelopmental effects of childhood abuse and neglect to promote support for students with challenging behaviours that stem from traumatic childhood experiences.	\$7,000

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Korean Canadian Cultural Association	Understanding and Becoming Engaged in School System and Students' Lives	To enhance parents' understanding of the Ontario education system as well as the knowledge and skills to support their children's learning and well-being, the Korean Canadian Cultural Association will develop a series of workshops where parents can network and share their experiences. Workshop topics will include parents and school, understanding curriculum and programs, effective home support, and life of students at school. Information booklets will be made available.	\$10,000
Learning Disabilities Association of London Region	Rural Outreach Project: Support for Positive Parent Engagement	The Learning Disabilities Association - London Region will deliver a workshop series for parents of children with ADHD and/or learning disabilities, providing them with information and resources about diagnoses and corresponding needs; school system and rules, including special education programming; and human and legal rights.	\$7,200
Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury	Skill Building for Successful Leadership	The Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury will provide parents of children with learning disabilities across Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay with opportunities to enhance their knowledge, skills and strategies to support their children's learning at home. The project will include the development of presentations, a parent skills and strategies manual, website resources and a series of workshops about disability, learning strategies using assistive technology, and successful transitioning.	\$16,200
Learning Disabilities Association of York Region	Mental Health and Learning Disabilities 2	The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region will offer a series of presentations, focus groups, workshops and resource materials in Tamil and Farsi languages to increase Tamil/Farsi parents' access to information about learning disabilities and mental health issues. Topics will include strategies to increase children's and one's own self-esteem, to reduce stress-levels and to access more services.	\$14,000

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London District Catholic School Board - PIC	Bridging the Gap: Parents Matter	To strengthen parent engagement, the London District Catholic School Board Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) will host a speaker who will provide information on how to support children's math learning. Throughout the school year, the PIC will host local meetings at high schools to build parent leadership capacity. It will also redesign the website to become more interactive and include webinars and a message board.	\$19,000
Malvern Family Resource Centre	Tamil Parent Education Project	A series of workshops will be delivered to parents of Tamil youth in the Malvern community of Toronto focusing on academic performance, community safety, relationships, communication and substance use.	\$6,000
Muslim Educational Network, Training and Outreach Service	Parents and Teachers working together	Through a series of workshops focusing on the Education Act, special education, children's learning supports, parent leadership and engagement, and parents as teachers, this project will enhance communication between parents, children and teachers, to help parents support their children's academic progress. Families' needs will be assessed in meetings prior to the activities.	\$9,000
Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee	Family Night Out	The Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will organize "A Family Night Out" to help enhance parent communication and engagement. Delivered at different schools in the district, the event will feature a workshop and the provision of a family resource kit and other materials translated into different languages.	\$21,600

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Niagara Children's Planning Council - Research Group	Parent Knowledge and Engagement Study	This research project is a collaboration between Niagara Children's Planning Council and the Faculty of Education at Brock University. An online survey will identify what Niagara parents of children aged 7-12 know about their child's growth and development, how they perceive the role of their engagement in their child's school and children's academic performance, risk taking behaviour and mental health, and what barriers and opportunities exist in relation to their engagement/involvement in their child's school.	\$15,500
Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board - PIC and SEAC	Fostering home and school collaboration in promoting and building healthy relationships (Parent Series)	The Parent Involvement Committee and Special Education Advisory Committee of the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board will offer a speaker series, a learning carousel and a training session for school councils to further enhance parent engagement in their children's education.	\$14,175
Northwest Catholic District School Board - PIC	Online safety and bullying/cyberbullying workshops for parents	In collaboration with the Ontario Provincial Police, the Northwest Catholic District School Board will host a series of evening forums focused on student safety and well-being. Parents will participate in sessions related to online safety and learn how to help their children deal with stressful situations related to bullying and cyberbullying.	\$6,000

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Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education	Provincial Parent Conference	In partnership with Renfrew County Catholic School Board, the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education will co-host a two-day conference with the theme "Poor No More". Parents will receive resources and tools to support their child's learning and well-being. The workshops will address key issues related to poverty and student achievement, and will enhance partnerships between parents, schools and community.	\$20,000
Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations	Enhancing Parent Engagement	Parents from all over Ontario will have the opportunity to participate in two one-day events hosted by the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations. The OFHSA Conference in April 2015 offers workshops on parent engagement, leadership and professional development. A parent leadership day in October 2015 features sessions on effective parent engagement strategies and how parents can become leaders in comprehensive school health.	\$20,000
Ontario Library Association	Parent engagement event planning toolkit	This project, submitted by the Ontario Library Association, aims to develop teacher-librarians' and school staff's skills to engage parents in the school library, literacy, and information technology program and to create an online, interactive training tutorial.	\$5,000
Ottawa Catholic School Board - PIC and Catholic School Parents' Association	Reaching Every Family Phase 2	This program will include outreach activities to English as a Second Language families in order to enhance communication and community engagement, provide a safe and culturally representative forum where newcomer parents can share adjustment challenges, and develop a network for families to connect with each other and community organizations. During a parent symposium, parents will also be engaged in 21st century learning.	\$13,250

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Ottawa Community Immigrant Service Organization (OCISO)	Engaging Newcomer Parents for Student Success	The Ottawa Carleton Immigrant Settlement Organization will develop parent engagement guidelines and tools for school boards. The development of these guidelines will be informed by stakeholder input and discussion forums with school board representatives, immigrant parents and community organizations who will identify barriers that newcomers face.	\$14,000
Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre	Path to Parent Empowerment	The Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre will hold a parent symposium on mental health, self-identification, Individual Education Plans and Identification, Placement and Review Committees, and an introduction to Aboriginal alternative education and Aboriginal head start programs. Workshops for parents will focus on transition points in children's education and provide information about available supports in Ottawa.	\$19,000
Ottawa-Carleton District School Board - PIC	Welcoming and Empowering Parents	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee will deliver a speakers series on topics such as self-regulation, how students learn, mental health, digital citizenship, autism and head injury prevention. A variety of video clips will be created around the topics of special education needs, math and self-regulation. The project will also include community outreach activities to encourage and support parent engagement in their children's learning and well-being, and in partnership with the Ottawa-Carleton Assembly of School Councils, the Parent Involvement Committee will provide resources and supports to school councils.	\$19,000
People for Education	People for Education Conference 2014	People for Education's conference is a one-day program featuring plenary presentations by parents, youth, educators and business people, examining the most effective practices for parent engagement in children's education. The conference includes the participation of traditionally marginalized communities and provides an opportunity for parents to network with each other and to connect with education leaders.	\$20,000

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Quest Community Health Centre	Opening the Dialogue: Engagement and Capacity Building with Parents of LGBTQ Youth and LGBTQ Parents	Quest Community Health Centre will help strengthen the engagement of parents of LGBTQ youth and LGBTQ parents in Niagara area schools through a series of evening information sessions. A year-end conference for parents focusing on supports and resources available will be hosted in collaboration with the District School Board of Niagara.	\$9,000
Rainbow District School Board	Parents as Partners: Mental Health Promotion and Prevention	The Rainbow District School Board will add a mental health and wellness section to its existing website for parents and students, including links to community support and services and resources and strategies. Mental health pamphlets will be created to convey information to parents and teachers about symptoms, experiences, and strategies to address student mental health issues and to reduce stigma.	\$17,000
Rainy River District School Board - PIC	Family Science Nights	Family Science Nights is a program involving several sessions for parents about the importance of learning at home, especially with regard to math and science. Families will be engaged in scientific inquiry to promote problem-solving and numeracy skills in a fun way. The sessions will be held in communities across the district in partnership with the local Best Start Network, the local district Stewardship Council and the First Nation communities within the district.	\$25,700
Renfrew County Catholic District School Board - SEAC	Special Needs Resource Workshops	Sessions for families will be hosted in different areas of Renfrew County facilitated by a moderator. Topics of the sessions will include recreation, special needs disability tax credit, Registered Disability Savings Plans and financial planning, post-secondary education, young adult services, community living, and physical and speech therapy services. The main focus will be on transition planning from secondary school into the community.	\$9,000

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Renfrew County District School Board - PIC	Achieving as One: Building Resilience through Partnership	Renfrew County District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee will deliver a Symposium that focuses on building resilience in students. The event will include a keynote speaker, workshops and networking opportunities. Parents will receive a toolkit of resources on how best to support their children at home and how to explore their developmental and learning needs.	\$12,400
Rural Response for Healthy Children	Saving for School Success	Rural Response for Healthy Children will deliver workshops and information sessions focusing on the importance of post-secondary education and saving strategies to help parents support their children's future education.	\$9,000
Science North	Science North's Science Family Nights Project	Science North will host Science Family Nights in several English and French elementary schools throughout Northern Ontario. Families will work together on a series of science activities which will provide unique and engaging hands-on experiences.	\$16,200
Scientists in School	Family Science Nights	In partnership with the Toronto Catholic District School Board, Scientists in School will host Family Science Nights at several schools to engage parents in their children's science, technology, engineering and mathematics learning. According to each school's individual choice, the event will be held either as a structured workshop or an open market place. Parents will be provided with suggestions and strategies for science experiments they can do at home using readily available household materials, with links to online resources to extend the learning.	\$14,000
Simcoe County District School Board	Parents as Partners: Support Learning with Assistive Technology	Simcoe County District School Board will provide assistive technology sessions for parents focusing on technology and computer skill development geared towards supporting their children's learning at home.	\$9,000

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Simcoe County District School Board - PIC	Circle of Learning	The project includes a series of workshops held throughout the school year in different regions of Simcoe County to reach parents in remote areas. A guest lecturer will speak about topics such as how to help children succeed, taking the fear out of math, and resiliency. Materials and resources will also be available to parents.	\$19,800
Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	Promoting Success in All Children	Evening sessions for parents of the Bradford Community will provide information about young children's mental health and the importance of community relationships in raising children. Lectures will simultaneously be interpreted and a factsheet about the importance of first languages will be translated into several languages and shared during the sessions.	\$13,500
Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board - SEAC	Engaging Parents and Communities in Transition Planning	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will invite parents to attend workshops focusing on the topic of transition planning for children with special education needs. Educational professionals, community partners and Parent Involvement Committee members will also be in attendance. The SEAC will also organize events that include plenary panel discussions, keynote speakers and a carousel of community services. Participants will receive handbooks, presentation templates and other resources.	\$9,000
Spanish Speaking Education Network	Education: A child's best inheritance	The Spanish Speaking Education Network will develop a series of workshops about the math and science curriculum for parents in their first language. Post-secondary panels about career choices at a local college/university campus will encourage parents to support their children to pursue higher learning. Finally, a Congress of Education will increase awareness of the importance of the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields.	\$15,000

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St. Clair Catholic District School Board	Nurturing Well-Being and Social Media Awareness	Parents in the Chatham-Kent and Sarnia-Lambton municipalities will have the opportunity to participate in sessions focusing on “Nurturing Well-Being for Parents and Families” and “Developing Social Media Awareness for Parents and Families”.	\$22,000
Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations	Pathways to Parent Engagement and Leadership	In partnership with Thames Valley District School Board, Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations will co-host three parent symposiums throughout the region. Parents will have the opportunity to participate in seminars on literacy, numeracy, sciences, physical literacy, 21st century learning and the use of technology and social media. Workshops on leadership skills, as well as resources and toolkits, will be developed and provided for parents.	\$18,900
Toronto Catholic District School Board - Advisory Committee for Spanish-Speaking Communities	Engaging Spanish-Speaking Parents for Student Success and Well-being	Toronto District School Board's Advisory Committee for Spanish-Speaking Communities will host a conference with workshops, displays and a toolkit for Spanish-speaking parents to support their children's learning and well-being. The program for this conference will be developed through mini assemblies, group discussions and focus groups, during which parents can identify areas of concern and barriers to engagement with the educational system.	\$14,000
Toronto Catholic District School Board - Math Department	thinkMATH@home – Engaging Families in Learning About and Loving Mathematics	Toronto Catholic District School Board's Math Department will invite parents of children grades K-8 to engage in a variety of math learning activities, including problem solving, math games and mental math challenges. Families can take home math kits to support learning at home.	\$20,000

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Toronto Catholic District School Board - PIC	Toronto CPIC Speaker Series	The Toronto Catholic District School Board Parent Involvement Committee will host a speaker series across the board focusing on topics such as bullying, safe schools, literacy, numeracy, mental health, healthy lifestyles, financial literacy, faith formation and social media. Parents will receive information and resources that will help support their children's learning and well-being.	\$10,000
Toronto Catholic District School Board - Speech and Language Department	Engaging Parents to Support their Child's Communication and Literacy Skills	Parents of Kindergarten students with oral communication needs will have the opportunity to attend a series of workshops focusing on speech and language milestones and early literacy skills development. They will be invited to watch video tutorials on effective strategies and to take home materials including tip sheets and resources. Community representatives will display resources and services available.	\$10,000
Toronto District School Board	Parent Engagement	Workshops in different parts of Toronto will offer information for parents about children's health and well-being. The topics will include middle and secondary school program options, healthy nutrition, mental health and wellness, and physical wellness. During a sports and recreation summer camp resource fair, parents will be invited to learn about summer and March break camp options for their children and receive resource booklets in various languages.	\$9,000
Toronto District School Board - Model Schools for Inner Cities Program	2015 Conference: Education and Empowerment	The conference will identify and address systemic barriers to parent engagement. A series of workshops will focus on how parents can effectively support their children's success and well-being and how they can have a positive impact on personal, school and community levels. Monthly meetings hosted by community agencies will lead to a culminating event which will include a series of interactive workshops for parents.	\$18,000

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Toronto District School Board - SEAC	Special Education Parent Conference	A conference held by Toronto District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee and Parent Involvement Advisory Committee will include workshops focused on providing information to parents about special education resources, procedures, programs and services within the board.	\$13,500
Upper Grand District School Board - PIC	A Gazillion is Not a Number! - Creating positive attitudes towards math	The Upper Grand District School Board Parent Involvement Committee will host several events for parents focusing on the math curriculum and on ways parents can support their children while creating positive attitude towards mathematics. Events will include keynote address and breakout sessions.	\$21,600
VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Parents Enhancing and Supporting the Educational Needs of Students with Hearing Loss	The VOICE conference will provide parents with tools to support their hearing-impaired children as they learn to hear, listen and speak. Expert lectures will focus on auditory-verbal intervention, psychology, human resources, social-emotional learning, emerging hearing technologies and education. Voice's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) workshop will offer sessions for SEAC representatives about efficient collaboration with school boards and schools.	\$9,000
Waterloo Region District School Board - PIC	Building Skills to Navigate the School Years	Parents from diverse communities, new immigrants and parents of special-needs children will be invited to participate in workshops that provide tools to help enhance student achievement and well-being. Waterloo Region District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee will work in collaboration with the community, including colleges, universities, and social and cultural agencies, to enhance local relationships.	\$13,500

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Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board - PIC	PARENTS, WE NEED TO TALK	The Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) will create a video for parents explaining how to secure computers, set passwords and monitor social media accounts. The PIC will also invite expert speakers to speak with parents about effective communication with children. The third component of this project will be the development of a welcome package for parents facing language barriers.	\$20,200
Woolwich Community Health Centre	Low German High School Promotion Night	The Woolwich Community Health Centre will deliver an informational family night for the Low German community in the Waterloo region. The purpose of the project is to build parental confidence in their children's schools, and provide parents with information about the benefits of high school and post-high school education. Special events will be planned for preschool age and elementary aged children. A variety of English Language Learner resources will be designed to encourage school attendance.	\$5,550
York Region District School Board	Regional Parent Symposium	In collaboration with school councils in Markham, Newmarket, Stouffville, Keswick, Georgina, Aurora, King, Richmond Hill, Woodbridge, Vaughan, Concord, Thornhill, and Maple, the York Region District School Board will hold a symposium to reach out to marginalized communities and develop a common language around equity and inclusivity. Parents will be invited to participate in workshops where they will have the opportunity to enhance skills to support their children's learning as well as network with each other and community representatives.	\$22,500

Name of Organization	Project Title	Project Description	Amount
York University - Faculty of Education	Research and Digital Communities Online in Minority Demographic Schools	This research project supports parent and teacher community-building in York region and Toronto. The goal is to build on the development of an online discussion platform led by parents from marginalized communities and their children's classroom teachers. The research focus is on children's future academic and career prospects and the challenges of inner-city living. To support the project, monthly workshops and ongoing logistical support will be provided, research team debriefs will be held to identify patterns, recurring issues, important questions, suggestions and recommendations, and to provide feedback.	\$10,000
Youth Empowering Parents	Youth Empowering Parents	Youth Empowering Parents will provide sessions for youth volunteers to become tutors for adults in after-school programs at two elementary schools in Regent Park. In these programs, the volunteer youths will offer advice to parents about various methods of parent engagement and their importance.	\$8,100