



The Center for Parent Leadership is a consulting effort of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence in Lexington, Kentucky. The Prichard Committee has a twenty-five-year history as a citizens' education advocacy organization and a ten-year track record with the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (CIPL). The Prichard Committee was labeled "the nation's premier education advocacy organization" by *Education Week* (2002) and the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership has been widely praised and honored in Kentucky and nationally for its substance and quality. CIPL now forms the basis for, but not the only work of, the Center for Parent Leadership (CPL).

The Center for Parent Leadership bases its work on a set of beliefs and knowledge of current research about parent engagement. CPL believes that parents love their children, want positive educational experiences for them, and can make a difference. CPL believes that when parents are given good information, especially achievement information, they will hold schools accountable for achieving high standards, which is a parent's responsibility as a citizen. CPL knows that when parents are involved at home and at school, children do better in school and the schools improve. We also know that parents and schools must work together, but to do that schools need help involving parents and parents need information and skills. CPL, through its parent leadership work, enables parents to gain information and develop skills to help their own children at home and to work with other parents as partners with schools to address achievement needs in their schools and district.

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The Center for Parent Leadership (CPL) is a division of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence. CPL offers a variety of services and products to clients, including: large-scale consulting, workshops, seminars, and publications. Our signature product is the Parent Leadership Institute, which has been replicated across the U.S. in such locations as: Fight for Children, Washington DC, Rodel Foundation of Delaware, and Parents for Public Schools in Jackson, MS.



The Missing Piece

Engaging parents to complete the proficiency puzzle

Getting parents and community members involved in your schools can improve the bottom line: attendance, discipline – and test scores. Let the Center for Parent Leadership help you determine your parent involvement program's strengths and needs in a one- or two-day session.

The workshop, new for 2008, is packed with tools, activities and ideas for your schools. Here's what you'll get:

- **A pre-session assessment**, allowing us to customize the workshop to address your specific needs
- **Scorecard and rubric**, revealing your school's areas of greatest need
- **An interactive curriculum** patterned on the new standards for family and community involvement
- **Guided activities** that maximize participants' buy-in and comprehension
- **Concrete ideas and tasks** for implementing an effective parent-involvement program that raises student achievement

This comprehensive workshop, based on an innovative assessment and action tool, can take your parents from ticket takers to difference makers. Want to know more? Contact us by phone: (859) 233-8949 ext. 226 or by email: mtoney@prichardcommittee.org,

The Center for Parent Leadership helps parents partner with educators to increase student achievement. CPL workshops give you the training, insight and confidence to move your school forward.

Customized workshops allow you to build a training event that targets your school or district's specific needs. Any combination of the following workshops can be crafted into 1-2 days of training for your group:

Parent Leadership 101 (two full days plus a follow-up meeting)

CPL's signature event for parents in your district or school combines many of our key workshop components. PL 101 trains parents to:

- Understand data and standards
- Reach and motivate other parents
- Impact student achievement
- Effect positive change and climate

Parents and Teachers Talking Together (1.5 or .5 days)

Learn how to facilitate—or engage in—a dialogue between the two groups who know what's best for students: parents and teachers. Together, we will discuss what we want for students and develop an action plan to make it happen. This can be a train-the-trainer workshop or a facilitated event.

Calling all Parents: Successful Recruiting Strategies for Parent Involvement (full day)

Learn how to embrace diversity, acknowledge differences and develop strategies to overcome the obstacles to engaging under-involved parents. This workshop will open your eyes to the barriers different groups experience.

Powerful Alliance: Educators and Parents (full day)

This hands-on workshop lets educators and parents explore roles for parents to take at school. Research-based information and activities will lead participants to examine their school's parent involvement efforts and enable them to develop strategies to improve policies, relationships—and student achievement.

Authentic Parent Engagement (full day)

Research shows parents will be involved when they a) know they should be b) understand they are capable and c) feel welcome. A **training-of-trainers** event for educators (district teams), this workshop builds solid school-to-home relationships so that educators can develop authentic relationships with parents and improve student achievement. (Additional fee is added to cover the cost of comprehensive participant materials.)

What's the Bottom Line? Focus on Achievement Gaps

Get to the bottom of the test-score story by disaggregating data and identifying which student groups are best served and which are least served. Understand the inequity and decide how to address it.

How to Get Along with Yourself and Other Difficult People:

We're all different...or are we? Each of us has our own personal behavioral style. Learn how to recognize others' styles and identify ways to work together effectively.

No Child Left Behind: What's In It for Parents?

Leverages CPL's parent involvement guide written by expert Anne Henderson. The workshop educates parents, teachers and community leaders on key parent involvement provisions in NCLB Title I.

You've Got Style! Recognizing different learning styles

Remember the teacher who made learning fun? He or she probably used instructional strategies closely related to your personal learning style. Learn how to determine your child's learning style—and yours—and discover strategies you can use to help with the learning process.

"Parent on Line One!"

School office staff members fill a number of roles, from telephone operator to triage nurse and from gate-keeper to public relations officer. In this workshop, secretaries and other school personnel can learn how to break down tension and build up rapport when parents call up or walk in.

