

# PARENT SERVICES PROJECT, INC.

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## ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Leadership Training
- Mentoring

## COLLEGE PREPARATION SERVICES

## SOCIAL- CULTURAL- EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- Basic Needs (food, clothing etc.)
- Legal Support
- Housing Support
- Medical Support
- Parent/Guardian Support

## LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY

## LANGUAGES PROVIDED

- English
- Spanish

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Our mission is to engage and strengthen families, working in partnership with educators and service providers to take leadership in assuring the well-being of all children, families, and communities.*

## TYPICAL STUDENT

We work with families to engage them in their child's education - from early childhood up through high school. In Marin, the majority of the families we work with are low-income families, as well as immigrant families.

## PROGRAMS OFFERED

### ***Vision & Voice Parent Leadership Institute***

The Parent Leadership Institute strengthens the skills and capacity of families to take greater leadership roles in the systems serving their children, and to build relationships with other parents from their program/school and community. The Institute is built on the belief that positive outcomes for children, families and communities occur when parents are an integral part of planning and decision-making processes. The training format includes six modules: Family Support Principles and Leadership, I am a Leader, Leader of My Family, I am a Leader in My Child's Academic Success, I am a Leader in My Child's Program/School, I am a Leader in My Community

**When program meets:** Depends on training schedule; tailored to needs of the community

**Commitment:** 36 hours

**Location:** Varies, usually at a school

**Contact:** Amy Griffin-Vieira

**Phone:** (415) 454-1870 x107

### ***Family Engagement & Leadership Program***

The Family Engagement & Leadership Program provides tailored technical assistance and coaching to early childhood programs or K-12 schools, based on identified needs/interests of the site. PSP integrates principles of leadership development, shared power, equity, and family strengths in our technical assistance. We believe that increasing family and parent engagement requires two elements:

- 1) Institutions that are willing to develop processes that support and involve families in genuine exchanges and leadership roles, and
- 2) Families who are willing to develop skills and take an active role in providing leadership within their school community.

PSP works closely with staff and parents at early childhood and school sites to provide coaching in planning parent group meetings, creating meeting agendas, facilitating meetings, evaluating the needs of the site's community, and creating collaboration among all involved, so that all students have academic success.



**When program meets:** Depends on the site

**Commitment:** Depends on the site

**Location:** At the site

**Contact:** Jenny Ocon

**Phone:** (415) 454-1870 x110

## ***Stronger Together***

Stronger Together is a nationally field-tested, transformational curriculum developed by the Parent Services Project. The training is designed to build the capacity of staff to build mutually beneficial relationships with families, understanding that strong connections reduces family isolation and supports the healthy development of the child. Using PSP's Stronger Together curriculum, participants, as practitioner leaders, will be engaged in changing the way they and their programs relate and offer supports to families.

**When program meets:** Varies

**Commitment:** Varies, based on needs of site

**Location:** Varies, based on needs of site

**Contact:** Amy Griffin-Vieira

**Phone:** (415) 454-1870 x107

## ***Mentores Project***

The Mentores Project is a Marin-based outreach program that reaches underserved families and links them to resources, other families and community networks, and promotes their involvement in civic engagement opportunities. The Mentores Project provides information and referral services to families on basic needs, child care, health, housing, and other issues. The Mentores Project staff also provides application assistance on an array of programs/services for families who need it.

**When program meets:** Open Monday-Friday (weekend events on occasion)

**Commitment:** None, drop-in or call for appointment

**Location:** Canal Neighborhood

**Contact:** Florencia Parada

**Phone:** (415) 454-1870 x105

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Parents/families are our target population. Parents can call our office to inquire about trainings or programs they are interested in. We also do a lot of outreach to parents/families through the schools we work with.

**HOW TO REFER A STUDENT OR ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT A PROGRAM**

General phone: (415) 454-1870 or general email: [family@parentservices.org](mailto:family@parentservices.org).

## **STUDENTS SERVED**

### **SPECIALIZING IN**

- First generation college students
- Immigrant students
- Students from many ethnicities
- English language learning students

### **ACADEMIC STATUS OF STUDENTS**

- High Achievers
- Average Achievers
- Underachievers, but likely to be college eligible
- At-risk to not be college eligible
- At-risk to not graduate high school

### **% ON FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH**

- More than 75%

### **AGE**

- Pre K Students
- Elementary Students
- Middle School Students
- High School Students

### **SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVED**

- Ross Valley School District
- San Rafael Elementary School District
- Sausalito Marin City School District
- Novato Unified School District
- Shoreline Unified School District
- San Rafael High School District