

Participating School:

Boulder Schools:

Columbine Elementary School

Creekside Elementary School

Crest View Elementary School

Whittier Elementary School

Uni-Hill Elementary School

Casey Middle School

Boulder High School

Lafayette Schools:

Lafayette Elementary School

Pioneer Elementary School

Ryan Elementary School

Sanchez Elementary School

Angevine Middle School

Centaurus High School

Longmont Schools:

Loma Linda Elementary School

Columbine Elementary School

Longs Peak Elementary School

Spangler Elementary School

Rocky Mountain Elementary School

Indian Peaks Middle School

Heritage Middle School

Skyline High School

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Mission Statement

The Latino Parent School Involvement Program (LPSIP)

mission is to increase Latino parent involvement within the schools by promoting and strengthening Latino parent leadership skills, their understanding of the US education system, and their rights and responsibilities as parents.

Goals

To increase Latino parent involvement in:

- **Advocacy:** Parents participating on councils and committees (SIT and PTO), participating in the decisions and operations of the school.
- **Classroom aides:** Volunteering in the classroom, on field trips, and other school events.
- **Communication:** Collaborating and communicating with school staff.
- **Home involvement:** Initiating learning activities at home, reading to children, helping with homework, playing educational games, and discussing current events etc.

History

The Latino Parent School Involvement Program (LPSIP) has been in existence since 1993 when the program began providing educational workshops in Boulder and Lafayette.

The model features monthly meetings for monolingual Spanish-speaking parents who have not been participating in their children's schools because of language, transportation or cultural barriers.

Since 1993, several hundred Latino parents in Boulder County have benefited from these educational workshops.

Each year, parents and school staff develop the leadership training curriculum. Topics presented in past trainings have included: Understanding the US School System; Public Speaking; Valuing Diversity; Public Speaking; Assertiveness; Importance of Parent Involvement; and Community Organizing.

In 2001, the Boulder Valley School District principals requested a training which would involve parents more actively in school committees such as PTA, SIT, PAC. As a result the steering committee with input from principals designed the Advanced Leadership Training Component, which is a more in-depth leadership and parent involvement training . It was piloted successfully at the end of 2001.

Currently the LPSIP model is being carried out in Boulder, Lafayette, and Longmont.

Role of those involved:

Community Action Programs (CAP) Coordinator, Christina Iwane

- Coordinate steering committee meetings
- Coordinate monthly parent training activities
- Provide support to parents.
- Produce flyers and notices

School Administrators and Staff

- Create and promote a welcoming school environment that values diversity
- Welcome and encourage parent participation in school activities and groups
- Participate or give suggestions to the steering committee

Principals:

- Assign one staff to the steering committee to represent their school
- Encourage staff to promote Latino parent involvement
- Provide translation for Spanish speaking parents
- Assist with the selection of parents to participate in the Latino Parent School Involvement Program.

Latino Parents

- Commit at least one year of participation
- Meet with Principal/School Liaison to explore opportunities of participation
- Understand that it is a volunteer position
- Share the knowledge and skills that they have gained with other Latino friends and family

Steering Committee

(School Representatives, Community members, CAP coordinator, Participating/Graduated Parents)

- Encourage parent and school participation in the leadership program
- Create curriculum and provide technical assistance.
- Coordinate monthly training activities
- Increase collaboration between the parents and schools
- Build and motivate parent network and their participation in the schools