



Parent Resource Materials from the State Parent Advisory Council (SPAC)

The first and last paragraphs of Ruby Payne's book, *Working with Parents, Building Relations for Student Success*, would be a great commercial for the "SPAC's Title I Parent Resource Center.

"The research seems to indicate that when a parent provides support, insistence, and expectations to the child, the presence or absence of a parent in the physical school building is immaterial...the concepts that schools have used for so long to involve parents tend to be one-way, linear, and meeting-oriented. Advertisers have discovered that multiple messages and mediums are required to influence buyers (and parents, too)."

It's no surprise to teachers and administrators that student achievement improves when parents become involved, and as educators, we set our goal for 100% parent involvement. SPAC has also set a goal of 100% involvement for LEAs receiving Title I funding. Historically 50% of PA's LEA's had Title I parents requesting materials from SPAC's Parent Resource Center. Twenty seven IU's had districts send request for materials. You can add to our success and we can add to your success in increasing student achievement by mentioning the parent resource center in your school's newsletter, distributing the form to parents or by sharing this link on the SPAC website: <http://miu4.schoolwires.net/Page/255>.

The resource center has a large selection of parent resource materials that provides concise and up-to-date information on topics that effect children, teenagers, and their families. Title I parents are welcome to request a single copy of up to ten free booklets that might help them to discuss important issues with their children. They can complete the order form and mail it to us, or your school can collect the requests and send them in one envelope. We will fill the orders and mail them to parents individually.

In addition to supporting student achievement, letting parents know about the resource center will help you to comply with Items 3a and 3b in the Parent Involvement section of PDE's Title I monitoring instrument.

NOTE: Please discard any old order forms because some of the resources may no longer be available. The date located on the bottom of page 2 should read 10/30/2014

