



Overview

A survey was administered electronically in Spring 2011 to all Austin Independent School District (AISD) parent support specialists (PSSs). The survey contained questions that asked these staff to report on various activities and events for involving families at their school, including the number of events that occurred and number of family members who attended. The survey responses represent the entire school year for all PSSs, except those staff who were hired later in the school year. A total of 72 staff responded to the survey, and the data represented 70 schools (i.e., two schools each had two staff members who responded). This report provides a district-level summary of all responses provided.

Outreach and Liaison to Families

A number of activities reported by PSSs related to conducting outreach and being a liaison to families, one of the major duties and key performance indicators for PSS staff. The summary of data reported for these activities and family members involved are reported in Table 1.

Table 2. Organizing or Conducting Classes or Workshops for Families or School Staff

Classes or workshops organized or conducted for parents and/or families	2,500	36	41,046	586
Events or meetings in which information was provided to campus staff relating to parent involvement	453	6	9,719	139

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Developing Parent Leaders

PSSs were asked to report on activities relating to a third major job duty: promoting the development of parent leaders in their school. Results for these data are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3. Activities to Promote the Development of Parent Leaders

ParentConnection (parents' online access to their student's information); Parenting with Love and Logic classes; and attendance awareness workshops. These activities were reported by PSSs and are summarized in Table 4. Note that the Parenting with Love and Logic classes were held at both district-level sites as well as at school-specific sites.

Table 4. Supporting District Initiatives

