

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants for Regional/Provincial Projects 2015-16

Name of Organization	Project Title	Project Description	Amount
Algoma District School Board - Parent Involvement Committee	Enhancing Communication Between Our Schools and Our Parents	The Algoma District School Board Parent Involvement Committee will provide workshops for parents on Mental Health and Well-Being, Cyber Bullying, Internet Safety, and biases and barriers such as those experienced by the LGBTQ community. The workshops will also provide information about available community support for students, parents and educators. A parent handbook will be developed with information regarding the role of parents as partners in education, school councils, safe schools, and student success, and will promote communication and collaboration between schools and parents.	\$ 20,000
Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	Community Conversations	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board will bring together families and community experts through the provision of workshops. Topics identified through parent/guardian consultations will include transition planning, wellness, and helping children find their strengths. Partners such as local colleges, community agencies and outreach programs will collaborate to support families in navigating social, emotional, and relational pathways to student well-being. Beyond awareness, the project also aims to develop collaborative relationships between parents/guardians, schools and community experts to better meet the needs of all students.	\$ 15,000
Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians	Connecting First Nation Languages in Schools and Homes	The Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians will develop language resources to raise awareness among parents and teachers about, and revitalize the use of, Oneida and Lenni Lanape languages in the home and in schools. Parents and teachers will benefit from this project as it opens the door to communicating, collaborating and learning together. The engagement of First Nation students in the classroom will increase as they see themselves and their languages being reflected in both the school and home.	\$ 20,000

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Black Creek Community Health Centre	Jane Finch Parents Leading Cross-generational Dialogues on Inclusive and Safe Schools	Black Creek Community Health Centre will continue to develop the leadership skills of a key group of East Scarborough parents to further enhance parent leadership focused on building more inclusive schools. They will also provide opportunities to parents and students from the Jane/Finch community to come together to dialogue about strategies the whole school community can employ to address social problems and build safe and inclusive schools. Parent leaders will prepare cross-generational teams to lead the dialogues in schools.	\$ 10,000
Boost Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention	Sister 2 Sister: Keeping Families and Young Woman Connected	A series of workshops/events delivered by Boost Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention will bring parents, caregivers and adult family members of grade 8 girls together to share strategies, successes and ideas to support these young women to make successful transitions from elementary to high school as well as the transition to adolescence. Local community organizations will assist with planning and implementation, allowing parents and caregivers to network with groups that can support their families.	\$ 13,500
CAMH Centre for Prevention Science (CAMH-CPS)	Creating Culturally Responsive Parent Engagement in Schools: Using Newcomer Parents and Youth Voice to Create Purposeful and Meaningful Parent Engagement and Partnership	In collaboration with Thames Valley District School Board, CAMH Centre for Prevention Science will provide newcomer parents with opportunities to highlight successful school and community supports, and suggest ways to overcome the barriers to culturally responsive, purposeful parent engagement. Parents will also be invited to provide feedback on videos in which newcomer youth discuss promising practices and supports that helped them as they transitioned to Canadian schools and communities. A series of webinars highlighting the perspectives of both youth and parents will be created.	\$ 15,000

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Chapleau Cree First Nation	Gathering of Grandmothers: Reconnecting Generations and Enhancing Partnerships with Provincial Schools	Chapleau Cree First Nation will bring together Grandmothers from the Cree Nations to spend a weekend sharing traditional teachings and storytelling with young mothers and, as in the Indigenous tradition, their children. This will allow traditional knowledge to be passed on to two distinct generations within the community, developing strength of identity within both of them.	\$ 9,400
Chiefs of Ontario	First Nation Parent Questionnaire	Chiefs of Ontario will develop a questionnaire for First Nations families with school age children to find out their perspectives about barriers to parent/family engagement in Ontario schools and ideas for overcoming these barriers. Information sessions will build upon the responses gathered through the questionnaire.	\$ 25,000
Community Builders	Parents for Inclusive Schools: Parents Engaging Parents in Scarborough Schools	The Community Builders project will provide parents in Scarborough with opportunities to develop practical leadership skills through a train the trainer workshop for parent leaders and an advanced leadership training workshop for existing parent leaders. Sessions will also be held to provide parents with information on helping foster safe, inclusive and accepting schools.	\$ 7,500

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Delta Family Resource Centre	Bridging the Gaps: Supporting Parent Leadership and Engagement	Delta Family Resource Centre will support parents to become more actively engaged in their children's education. DFRC will conduct community consultations with parents and school administrators to identify barriers to parent engagement; identify strategies to improve parent-school communication and overall student success; and help bridge gaps to support parents who may not be heavily involved in their children's education due to barriers such as language or socio-economic factors.	\$ 10,000
District School Board Niagara - Parent Involvement Committee	SuperEmpower Parents: Engaging the Powers of Parents to Increase Student Achievement	The Parent Involvement Committee for District School Board of Niagara will develop parent resources, seminars and workshops on topics such as success in mathematics for elementary and secondary parents, social media safety, mental health and well-being, engaging First Nation parents, Early Learning Programs, and transitioning from grade 8 to high school. Key speakers will give parents insights about keeping children safe, supporting mental well-being and learning how to make schools more inclusive.	\$ 15,000
Dufferin Parent Support Network (DPSN)	DPSN Helping Parents Raise Resilient Children Who are Prepared To Achieve Their Potential	Through information and discussion sessions, Dufferin Parent Support Network will enhance parents' understanding of mental health, reflective listening and behaviour to support the development of resilience in their children. Parents will also be provided with opportunities to connect with community supports.	\$ 7,500

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Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)	Digital Learning Community for Parents	The Dufferin-Peel Central Committee for Catholic School Councils aims to create a virtual community for parents to help them connect to on-line learning modules and offer overviews of current teaching / learning experiences as well as initial tips about how parents can contribute to the learning at school and at home. The on-line learning modules will be created and presented to parents through a learning session.	\$ 14,000
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee (S.E.A.C.)	Diversity Inspires Learning For All	The Dufferin-Peel Catholic Special Education Advisory Committee (S.E.A.C.) will hold a series of workshops to help to engage, empower and provide tools for the parents of students with differing abilities. Workshop sessions, co-facilitated by S.E.A.C. members, will be offered to parents on a variety of topics including transition planning, math strategies, promoting well-being and mental health awareness, technology in the 21st Century, and Catholic culture and caring community.	\$ 10,000
Durham Catholic District School Board	Sharing of Excellence	The Durham Catholic District School Board, in partnership with the Special Education Advisory committee, Student Services department and community agencies, will develop resources and facilitate workshops for parents. Workshops will include guest speakers on topics related to supporting children/youth and understanding Ministry policy and program requirements related to transition planning and education and career/life planning. Topics covered include: Augmentative Communication Systems, Technology, Self-Regulation, Play-based learning, Motor Development, Individual Education Plans, and Applied Behaviour Analysis.	\$ 10,000

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Durham Catholic District School Board - Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee	Parent Engagement Webinars	The Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will organize a series of online seminars to provide parents with practical resources, understanding and perspective to be active participants in their child's education. Webinars will focus on topics including Literacy, Mathematics and 21st Century Learning. Education experts will provide insights into the most effective ways to assist children, present the core student learning objectives for each topic area and outline the techniques being used in the classroom.	\$ 15,000
Durham District School Board	Assistive Technology Parent Training Evenings	Through the provision of workshops, this project will provide parents from Durham Region with an opportunity to increase their understanding about the assistive technology available to support their children's learning at home, and how the software is used to develop literacy and numeracy in children.	\$ 6,500
Easter Seals Ontario	Enhancing Parent Understanding of the School System and Special Education	Easter Seals Ontario will hold a one-day conference featuring speakers in interactive webinars. This project will enhance parents' understanding of the school system, and how it supports success for students with physical disabilities. There will be a focus on the unique needs of students with physical disabilities, including medical and personal care, special equipment, assistive technology (AT) and Augmentative and Assistive Communication (AAC).	\$ 9,500

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Eritrean Parents Liaison Council	Parent Leader Series	Eritrean Parents Liaison Council will provide workshops for newcomer parents on topics including the Ontario school system, strategies for being more involved in their children's education, and available resources online and in the community.	\$ 10,000
Filipino Canadian Parents Association in Catholic Education	Filipino Parents Conference: Meeting the Challenges of Filipino Parents in Catholic Education	The Filipino Canadian Parents Association in Catholic Education will hold a conference for parents that will include a key note speaker and workshops. Parents will be provided with information about the Ontario public education system and strategies to enhance parent engagement.	\$ 5,000
Frontier College	It All Adds Up: Helping Families Develop Numeracy and Literacy Skills	Parents from First Nation, low-income and newcomer communities will be engaged to continue to build their strengths and knowledge to support their child's education. Parents from these communities will be provided with information on how to effectively support their child's development of math understanding and problem solving. The project will also include train-the-trainer workshops to build capacity of individuals to support the children's numeracy and literacy competencies.	\$ 7,500

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Greater Essex County District School Board - First Nations, Metis, Inuit Indigenous Parent Committee	Indigenous Understanding and Perspectives	The project of the Greater Essex County First Nations, Metis, Inuit Indigenous Parent Committee addresses Aboriginal parent engagement, empowerment and self-efficacy by providing opportunities for families in the Windsor-Essex County area to learn and engage about culture, history and colonization. The Indigenous Parent Committee (IPC) will plan workshops on topics such as residential schools and the intergenerational impact it has had on the individual, the family and the community at large, followed-up with culturally sensitive healing circles, led by qualified Indigenous counsellors, to provide further supports for parents in their process to heal and reconcile.	\$ 20,000
Halton Catholic District School Board - Halton Catholic Parent Involvement Committee	2015 Parent Speaker Series	The Halton Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will host events and webinars over the school year in key areas such as Math curriculum, Health and Physical Education curriculum, Anxiety and Mental Health, Full-Day Kindergarten and Aboriginal Education. In addition, videos will be created specifically to address math and a conference will be held for self-identified Aboriginal parents and families.	\$ 15,000
Halton District School Board Parent Involvement Committee	2015 Annual PIC Conference	The Halton Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) will organize the Halton District School Board's 2015 Annual PIC Conference. Working in collaboration with the board, the PIC will organize speakers, plan workshops, share community resource in an inclusive open environment. The conference will address a broad range of needs and topics and the main theme will centre on Building Healthy Relationships.	\$ 15,000

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Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	Parent Conference	The Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board will offer a one-day parent conference featuring a keynote motivational speaker, followed by a series of workshops on a variety of topics. Information booths will also be set up to provide parents more information about specific group and programs that operate within the board.	\$ 8,500
Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter of Native Women Incorporated	Supporting Healthy Relationships	Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter of Native Women Incorporated will support Aboriginal mothers to build healthy relationships with their children who have witnessed domestic violence. Parents will be provided with skill building opportunities to support their children's development of healthier interpersonal skills and empowerment to make more positive health and behavioural choices.	\$ 15,000
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	Promoting Equity and Inclusion for LGBTQ Youth	This Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board project promotes the engagement of parents of transgender and gender non-conforming youth within the Hamilton-Wentworth DSB in collaboration with a community agency. Parents of lesbian, gay and bi-sexual youth will participate in a series of discussion sessions and build relationships with a variety of community agencies that support the LGBTQ community.	\$ 5,600

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Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	Engaging Parents from Newcomer and Diverse Communities	The goal of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's project to empower parents/guardians of English language learners to participate in and support their child's learning through technology and inquiry-based approaches, regardless of their English language proficiency. The board will host parent engagement sessions, developed by English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers, which will be followed up by a series of school-specific workshops in which parents can continue their learning at their local schools.	\$ 7,900
Harmony Movement/Harmony Education Foundation	Creating Safe and Inclusive Schools and Communities: Building Parent/Caregiver Capacity	Harmony Movement/Harmony Education Foundation's project includes a series of workshops for parents served by the two co-terminus boards in the Waterloo Region. Workshops will focus on fostering safe, inclusive and accepting school environments that support increased student success, and identifying and addressing barriers to meaningful parent engagement.	\$ 15,000
Hastings & Prince Edward District School Board - Parent Involvement Committee	Family Mathletes Celebrations	The Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board Parent Involvement Committee will organize a series of Family Mathletes Celebrations. The goal is to provide positive Math experiences for students and parents engaging families in Mathematical thinking. Children will have the opportunity to see that their parents value Math while parents participate in Math activities in a non-threatening environment so they can engage as partners in student learning.	\$ 10,000

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Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board - Catholic Parent Involvement Committee	Supporting Parents with their Child's Mathematics Learning	The goal of the Huron-Perth Catholic Parent Involvement Committee project is to strengthen and support parents' ability to help their children with mathematics learning and use the technology that accelerates their learning in mathematics. Resources will be developed to direct parents to the website to provide them with the tools to support their children in mathematical learning.	\$ 5,000
Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Restorative Practice and Emotion Focussed Parenting	The Huron-Superior Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will offer workshops for parents in Restorative Practice and Emotion Focussed Parenting to support and foster their child's well-being. The workshops will be offered by experts in the field.	\$ 1,150
Jamaican Canadian Association	Family Empowerment Workshop Series	The Jamaican Canadian Association will support parents, guardians and families to enhance their leadership skills to be more involved in their children's education through a series of parent workshops on topics such as leadership, strategies to support learning at home, mental health, and inclusion. Parents will be equipped with the knowledge and skill sets to navigate the school system, overcome barriers and challenges, help foster a safe and inclusive environment, and partner with schools to support student achievement and well-being.	\$ 10,000

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Jane Alliance Neighbourhood Services	Parent Power and Student Success	Jane Alliance Neighbourhood Services will support newcomer parents be more involved in the Ontario school system and support their children's success. The project will include workshops and support meetings on topics such as the Ontario school system, school councils, effective communication with school staff, and parent leadership.	\$ 7,500
Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	Parents as Partners! KPR Learning Resources	With the support of the Parent Involvement Committee, Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board will provide parents with resources comprised of research-based materials to help them support their children's learning at home. Workshops will be provided to engage parents in hands-on activities to demonstrate how to use these learning tools at home.	\$ 15,000
Kwayaciiwin Education Resource Centre	KERC Parenting Outreach Project	Kwayaciiwin Education Resource Centre will provide workshops for parents in three First Nations communities within the Sioux Lookout District. The workshops will focus on how parents can support their children's education to improve graduation rates within their community. Topics will include: supporting children's learning at home; the early years; reading with children; the importance of student attendance; bullying prevention; and preparing children who will be transitioning to an off-reserve secondary school.	\$ 20,000

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Learning Disabilities Association of Halton	Parent Engagement Workshops	The Learning Disabilities Association of Halton will provide a series of workshops and presentations for parents on how learning disabilities may affect their children's mental health, well-being and learning at home and at school. Topics include mental health, accessing supports at school, executive functioning and impacts of having a learning disability.	\$ 12,500
Learning Disabilities Association of London Region	Engaging Parents in their Child's Technology Journey	The Learning Disabilities Association of London Region will provide parents in London, Middlesex, Oxford and Elgin counties with information to support the learning and well-being of their child with a learning disability. Workshops will be delivered focusing positive perspectives toward learning differently and assistive technology (AT) programs.	\$ 6,500
Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region	H.O.P.E. Helping Others Parent Effectively	The goal of the Learning Disabilities of Association of Niagara Region (LDANR)'s project is to deliver regular support meetings for parents of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Guest speakers will provide parents with information, tools and resources to help them support their children's learning and well-being.	\$ 6,000

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Learning Disabilities Association of Peterborough	Engaging Parents in Digital Learning	The Learning Disabilities Association of Peterborough will host workshops to engage parents in digital learning and the use of assistive technology in the classroom and at home. Parents, teachers, students and community members will benefit through shared knowledge and a common language that will increase communication and understanding of the learning that is taking place in classrooms.	\$ 2,500
Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury	You Are Not Alone: Empathy and Empowerment for Parents of Children with Learning Disabilities	The Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury will connect parents and families of students with learning differences in smaller communities, using technology and one-on-one support to create a parent network across Northeastern Ontario. Parents will also be invited to attend workshops and will have access to resources focused on mindfulness and the development of social and personal wellness skills in their children.	\$ 12,500
Learning Disabilities Association of York Region	Building Awareness on Learning Disabilities, Mental Health and Well-Being	The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region will provide a conference, workshops, and resources in Farsi, Urdu and Chinese languages to support parents learn more about learning disabilities, mental health and well-being both at home and school. Parents will develop strategies to increase their child's self-esteem, resiliency and well-being, and reduce levels of stress and anxiety at home. Families will also increase their awareness of community services and supports.	\$ 12,500

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Malvern Family Resource Centre	Bridging Gaps: Parents Navigating Special Needs Support System	Malvern Family Resource Centre will develop an accessible handbook for parents to learn more about the supports and processes existing within local school boards for special needs children and their families. This project will support parents to be more involved in their children's learning and well-being, and will foster more collaborative relationships between parents, schools and community service providers.	\$ 6,000
Muslim Educational Network, Training and Outreach Service	Parent and Teachers Working Together	Muslim Educational Network, Training and Outreach Service will provide workshops for parents in Scarborough that will support parents to be more involved in their children's education at home and at school.	\$ 10,000
Ne-Chee Friendship Centre	AKWE:GO Parent Support and Advisory Group	An Aboriginal parent advisory liaison and support group will be developed to reach out and engage more parents to work with schools and foster inclusive school environments that support student achievement and well-being. Enhanced involvement of Aboriginal parents in schools will create increase the level of comfort, belonging and student engagement.	\$ 5,000

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Niagara Catholic District School Board - Parental Involvement Committee	Love and Learn; a Family's Educational Journey	The Niagara Catholic Parental Involvement Committee will provide the same parent workshops in four different areas in the Niagara region to increase the involvement of parents with their school. The workshop targets topics such as parents as partners in their children's education, skill-building opportunities for parents and ways to enhance communication between school and parents with a focus on the dialogue between parents, teachers and children.	\$ 10,000
Nipissing University	Biidaaban: Supporting Transitions into Community	The Schulich School of Education (Nipissing University) and Biidaaban Community Service-Learning will support Aboriginal adult learners and their families in their transition from Northern communities into the Nipissing First Nation and North Bay area. The parents will be provided with workshops and orientations based on the publicly funded educational system that their children are transitioning into, so they can be fully engaged to support their children's learning at home and at school.	\$ 15,000
Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board	Parents As Partners - Fostering Climates of Inclusion, Acceptance and Awareness For All	The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) in collaboration with the board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will offer a symposium to provide parents and educators with tips and techniques that will help them to build key skills and a deeper understanding of the many areas that contribute to raising a healthy child. Parents and educators as partners will also have the opportunity to discuss and learn and have discussion on topics such as inclusion, acceptance, raising socially responsible youth, mental health and awareness as well as Special Education.	\$ 15,000

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Nishnawbe-Gamik Friendship Centre	Supportive Families = Successful Students	The Nishnawbe-Gamik Friendship Centre of Sioux Lookout will offer information sessions, workshops and events for parents. The project will provide opportunities for parents to enhance their skills and knowledge with respect to the importance of education for their children, child development during the early years, pre-teen years and at times of stress, and strategies to support their children's learning at home.	\$ 3,000
Northeastern Catholic District School Board	Aboriginal Student Transitions Program	The goal of this Northeastern Catholic District School Board project is to ensure a meaningful and efficient transition for Aboriginal youth between their remote, fly-in community and the urban setting where they attend secondary school. The transition plan would include an opportunity for families to come to the school and the community for a two-day visit. By providing an opportunity for families to visit the school prior to students arriving in September, the board is building a welcoming environment that will allow parents to trust there will be support for their child upon arrival.	\$ 22,500
Northwest Catholic District School Board - Catholic Parent Involvement Committee	We Learn Together - Teachers, Parents and Students Collaborating for Innovative Education	The Northwest Catholic Parent Involvement Committee aims to increase parents' awareness of how technology is being used and implemented in schools, so that they can use it at home to support student achievement. If parents can be engaged with programs their students are familiar with from school, it will help bridge the gap between home and school learning opportunities. A keynote speaker will travel to schools to present changes in education and 21st Century learning in the classroom and ways for parents to engage in their children's learning.	\$ 15,000

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Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education	OAPCE 77th Annual Conference	Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education will hold an annual conference where parents across the province attend workshops where they will acquire or enhance skills to support their children's learning and well-being. The objectives include fostering partnerships between parents, schools and community partners, equipping parents with a variety of resources and tools to support their children through their academic years and beyond, and empowering parents to become active in their child's education.	\$ 20,000
Ontario Brain Injury Association	Resources for Training Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Members	The Ontario Brain Injury Association's project will develop online training modules and other resources to support effective engagement of parents and volunteers on Special Education Advisory Committees (SEAC) in English and French. The training resources will enable SEAC members to be constructively involved and maximize their contributions. It will also enable the Provincial Parent Association Advisory Committee (PAAC) and SEAC members to work together to consolidate training resources and create training modules in English and French.	\$ 17,400
Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations	Promoting Parents as Leaders at Home and School for another 100 Years	Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA) will provide a provincial conference for parents to further both OFHSA and local leadership capacity related to supporting the education system, parent engagement, partnerships with school boards, and parent to parent outreach. Workshop themes will include mathematics, children's mental health, current issues in education, and an opportunity for current members to learn from past experiences, and parent leaders in support of the conference centennial year theme "Cherish the Past Celebrate the Present, Challenge the Future".	\$ 20,000

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Ontario Library Association	Forest of Reading Engagement Videos	The Ontario Library Association (OLA) will create an accessible, online, interactive toolkit as well as several short instructional videos to promote the Forest of Reading program and foster a love of reading. The toolkit and videos will be available 24/7 from the OLA website. The project will encourage family participation in the Forest of Reading program through their children's school library program, a school council initiative or at their local public library.	\$ 7,500
Ontario Rett Syndrome Association	Literacy and Communication Pre-Conference Workshop	The Ontario Rett Syndrome Association will provide video examples of students with Rett syndrome who can read, write and communicate; provide parents and caregivers with practical steps for teaching emergent literacy to students with Rett syndrome. The project will demonstrate the use of high tech (eye-gaze technology) and low tech (partner-assisted scanning) strategies for use in the classroom and at home; provide parents with information regarding steps to accessing augmentative technology in Ontario. Parents will gain information regarding Special Education Plans and approaches for supporting literacy for students with Rett syndrome at school.	\$ 10,000
Ottawa Catholic District School Board - Parent Involvement Committee & Catholic School Parents' Association (CSPA)	Reaching Every Family Phase 3	The Ottawa Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the Catholic School Parents' Association (CSPA) will enhance communication and community engagement for English language learners (ELL), Aboriginal, and International Languages families and communities. The goal is to create welcoming and accessible opportunities for all parents and guardians of students to participate in educational activities that involve their children. Educational activities will be organized and implemented by the two parent organizations working with board staff and principals to develop ties with community agencies and plan events for parents.	\$ 15,000

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Ottawa-Carleton District School Board - Parent Involvement Committee	Connecting and Empowering Parents	The Ottawa-Carleton Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) will facilitate the Connecting and Empowering Parents project that will involve collaboration, the creation of parent video resources, and a speaker series. The PIC will host a School Council Training Day where parent video resources will be distributed. The Speaker Series, which has been very successful in reaching the broader parent community, has engaged parents by offering expert practitioners on topics of interest to parents. There will be a focus on new Canadian families, and fostering an inclusive learning environment.	\$ 15,000
Parents Advocating For Student Success	Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Parent Conference	Parents Advocating for Students Success (PASS) will host an all-day conference on the theme "Empowering Parents to Inspire the Next Generation of STEM Professionals". The objectives are to develop and coordinate fun and engaging STEM focused workshops for parents/caregivers, demonstrate STEM focused initiatives within the community, showcase STEM educational programs within the board and post-secondary institutions, link parents with various resources and spark interest in children to pursue STEM careers.	\$ 10,000
People for Education	People for Education Annual Conference 2015	Through its annual conference, People for Education aims at further enhancing parents' capacity to be involved in their own children's education, by providing them with practical tools to support their children's success. Topics will include supporting children to develop strong social-emotional skills, Special Education, School Councils and Parent Involvement, Creating a Shared Vision for Schools and Communities, Demystifying Report Cards and Assessment, and a focus group on the organization's Measuring What Matters initiative.	\$ 20,000

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Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Catholic District School Board - Catholic Parent Engagement Committee	Partnering with Parents to Develop Young Mathematicians	The Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Catholic Parent Engagement Committee aims to strengthen the school-home partnership to further support student achievement in Mathematics and Literacy; to foster a growth mindset (everyone can be successful in Mathematics); to raise awareness of teaching and learning Mathematics through real life applications that includes concrete and virtual manipulatives; and to help parents recognize where Math applications exist in everyday life.	\$ 15,000
Positive Space Network of Halton	Bridging the Gap: Connecting Parents through LGBTQ Race, Culture, Faith and Language Identities	Positive Space Network of Halton will provide multilingual and culturally competent resources to support parents in understanding LGBTQ youth issues in school settings. The goal is to bridge the understanding and acceptance gap in language, culture and faith for parents and youth around LGBTQ identities, and to provide resources for schools staff to engage parents in safe and inclusive school discussions in culturally proficient ways. In partnership with Halton Multicultural Council, parents from diverse language, cultural and faith communities will discuss safe and inclusive schools in the context of LGBTQ youth.	\$ 20,000
Rainbow District School Board	Developing a Growth Mindset by Engaging Parents	The Rainbow District School Board aims to build a Growth Mindset to support student perseverance and confidence in mathematics tasks through the creation of Growth Mindset online resources, pamphlets and homework strategies. Supporting parents' understanding of a Growth Mindset and how they can develop this mindset in their children will foster a sense of confidence, and strengthen the parent-child relationship.	\$ 15,000

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Rainy River District School Board - Parent Involvement Committee	Family STEAM Nights/Events	The Rainy River Parent Involvement Committee will facilitate Family STEAM events to engage parents of pre-school children to Grade 8 by participating in engaging activities that develop and extend science, technology, engineering, arts, and math learning at home. The sessions will be held in communities across the board and in partnership with the Best Start Network and other community partners including First Nation communities.	\$ 20,000
Renfrew County Catholic District School Board Parent Involvement Committee	The Journey from Worries to Wellness	The Renfrew County Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will hold a series of information sessions across the region about topics such as Brain Science, Tools and Techniques to help Deal with Anxiety, Self Regulation, Internet Use and its Effects, and Body Wave Technology. Professional mental health facilitators will lead sessions. Parents and community members will be equipped with new resources, ideas, thoughts and skills to support our students. Participants will feel better equipped to handle their own anxiety as well as their children's.	\$ 15,000
Renfrew County District School Board - Parent Involvement Committee	Voices of our Parents: Give and Take	The Renfrew County Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) will visit the Families of Schools on a monthly basis throughout Renfrew County to hold face-to-face meetings with parents to discuss best practices for School Councils and present specific strategies for parents to enhance their child's education. Through these meetings, PIC members will hear first-hand from parents about their successes and struggles. Creating these relationships and networks, the PIC will be able to support School Councils and parents more effectively.	\$ 10,000

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Rural Response for Healthy Children	Realizing School Success: Parent Engagement and Education Savings Strategies for Student Success	Covering Huron and Perth Counties, the Rural Response for Healthy Children's project, Realizing School Success: Parent Engagement and Education Savings Strategies for Student Success, will inform parents and the community about the benefits of post-secondary education for children, and share strategies that assist parents in fostering the desire for post-secondary education. It will inform parents about the Canada Learning Bond that is available to lower-income families who open Registered Education Savings (RESP) accounts.	\$ 10,000
Sarnia Lambton Rebound	Reaching Out	Sarnia Lambton Rebound will support a one-day family conference that focuses on helping youth in care as well as providing families with information on supports for mental health and wellness. The project aims to involve parents and caregivers as allies and co-learners with their children to build relationships. Parents will be active partners in the planning committee. The project will increase community collaboration between the social service sector and families and bring various community stakeholders together for a conference with students and parents on mental health and wellness.	\$ 7,500
Science North	Science Family Night	Science North will host Science Family Nights in English and French elementary schools throughout northern Ontario. The Science Family Night encourages parents to think and learn right alongside their children to help support learning at home and at school.	\$ 15,000

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Scientists in School	Family Science Night	Scientists in School's project will engage parents or primary caregivers in their children's learning, and provide them with the opportunity to be involved in their children's education and enrichment activities. In partnership with the Science and Technology Program Facilitator at the Durham District School Board, schools will host Family Science Night events where parents will be able to learn about science tips and activities to do with their children at home.	\$ 13,500
Simcoe County District School Board	Inclusive and Assistive Technology Awareness Exhibition	This Simcoe County District School Board project will bring awareness of inclusive and assistive technology to the parents within the board. Resources will be provided to parents to help them support their children at home. The board will host a Tech Fair to demystify assistive technology and demonstrate how it is becoming more mainstream and more widely available for all students. The board will also create an electronic and digital resource package for parents accessible through the board website and YouTube Channel; print copies available upon request.	\$ 7,500
Simcoe County District School Board	Transition Program for Students and Parents Involved with School Realignment and Closure	The goal of this Simcoe County District School Board project is to build positive relationships between families affected by school closure and the receiving consolidation schools in support of student achievement and well-being. Events and activities include workshops regarding transition planning and mental health management, and carousel evenings to introduce families to community partners.	\$3,000

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Simcoe County District School Board	We're All Outside Together	We're All Outside Together will engage parents and families in Simcoe County District School Board's endeavour to enhance the frequency and quality of outdoor learning experiences to support student achievement and well-being. Together with parents and the Back2Nature Network, the board will co-construct outdoor learning sessions, supporting each of the five geographical areas. Each session will have a brief keynote to share evidence in support of outdoor learning and interactive hands-on experiences for children and families.	\$ 7,500
Simcoe County District School Board - Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)	Circle of Learning - Family of Schools Outreach	Simcoe County District School Board Parent Involvement Committee and school councils members will work with school staff to organize events/activities that will introduce parents to skills to support healthy eating, increase physical activity outside of the school day, improve parental understanding of learning strategies used in the classroom (mathematics) to address student achievement challenges, develop social emotional and self-regulation skills and gain a better understanding of play based instruction in kindergarten and primary classrooms and technology as a learning tool.	\$ 15,000
Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	Working Together in a Digital World	The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board will work in partnership with the County of Simcoe to invite all parents, including those who do not speak English, to attend an event to learn how to support children and youth to become safe digital citizens of the world. This will include a brief checklist (with translations) for parents who want to use technology to support learning at home and help ensure their children are safe online.	\$ 15,000

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St. Clair Catholic District School Board	Supporting Parents for Student Well-Being	The St. Clair Catholic District School Board will host events for parents and educators with renowned experts in neuroscience who will share the research, insights and strategies to support students in developing resilience and self-regulation. Parents need information, strategies and tools to assist children in developing coping skills to overcome the pressures of today's society. Parents will be provided with resources (books, articles) that can be used at home to support the development of their child's resilience.	\$ 15,000
Sudbury Catholic District School Board Parent Involvement Committee	The Power of Relationships - Parent Series	The Sudbury Catholic Parent Involvement Committee aims to build parental capacity in collaboration with the school community to create strength-based social environments focused on healthy relationships. This will be achieved through the offering of a series of parent-educator sessions focused on creating healthy relationships.	\$ 15,000
Superior North Catholic District School Board	The Importance of Positive Connections	The Superior North Catholic District School Board will host parental engagement evenings on the theme of healthy child development in the early years, featuring a leading researcher in the area of childhood development. Given its vast borders, the board will host these sessions in four district hubs. Parent councils of each of the schools in the district hubs will plan and build the evening's agenda with area schools.	\$ 20,000

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The Nook Children's Program	Learning Together: A series of Workshops on Parents as Partners in their Child's School Experience	Through a series of workshops, parents will be provided with information to better support their children's learning and to enhance their communication and collaboration with their children's school. Workshop topics will include bullying prevention, homework and technology, literacy, numeracy, what to do with your children on the weekends, and effective collaboration and communication with schools in support of student achievement and well-being.	\$3,000
The Parent Resource Centre	Talk, Sing, Read, Write, Play - Ready for Life Workshop Series	Under the umbrella organization The Parent Resource Centre, The Early Literacy Specialists (ELS) of Eastern Ontario will provide parents in the Ottawa region with information about the importance of talking, singing, reading, writing and playing with their child (0 to 6) to set the early foundations for lifelong learning and well-being, and to ease the transition to the Ontario school system. Workshops will be provided in English and French and integrate theoretical concepts and hands-on activities for early literacy development. A family literacy kit will be developed and distributed for each workshop in the series.	\$ 5,000
The Story Garden	The Story Garden	In partnership with Peel District School Board, Story Garden will offer workshops for parents in the Erindale and Sheridan Park communities to learn more about reading strategies to support their children's oral and written communication skills. Parents, including newcomer parents will also be provided with strategies to enhance parent-school collaboration, to become involved as school council parent members and to volunteer as tutors in their children's schools to help children develop their literacy skills.	\$ 9,000

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THRIVE Child and Youth Trauma Services	Partners in Prevention: An Educational Symposium for Parents and Caregivers to Foster Child Safety and Healthy Development	In collaboration with Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, and Hamilton Police Service, THRIVE will deliver a symposium to provide parents and caregivers with information about available community supports and effective strategies to foster child safety, family resilience, and healthy child development. Key parts of the symposium will also be shared on line.	\$ 10,000
Toronto Catholic District School Board	Parents as Partners: From Breaking Down Barriers to Building Capacity	The Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to providing its parent community with the knowledge, tools, strategies and confidence to be fully engaged with their children's education to ensure student achievement and well-being. The project aims to provide support parents new to the system, increase the level of involvement for all parents and enhance the capacity of parent leaders. Events will include: a Newcomer Conference, a Parent Involvement Week and a Conference for Catholic School Parent Councils.	\$ 12,500
Toronto Catholic District School Board - Advisory Committee for Spanish-speaking Communities	Empowering Spanish-speaking Mothers to Increase Student Academic Success and Well-being.	The Toronto Catholic Advisory Committee for Spanish-speaking Communities will hold a one-day conference in Spanish during International Women's Day in order to celebrate women's role in the family and provide Spanish-speaking mothers with key information to support their children's academic success and well-being. Educational speakers will discuss the importance of being well informed about the school system, specific resources for Spanish-speaking families at the school board, and post-secondary education.	\$ 10,000

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Toronto Catholic District School Board - Catholic Parent Involvement Committee	Parent Volunteer Skill Building and Networking	The Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education--Toronto will jointly host a series of events including a Newcomers to Canada Meeting and Resource Fair; Workshops for School Parent Council Chairs and Co-Chairs; and Parent Involvement Summit. Parents will learn how to be more involved with the learning of their children at home and at school. The exchange of ideas will create a deeper understanding from parents' viewpoints of the different socio-economic issues within culturally diverse areas of Toronto.	\$ 12,500
Toronto Catholic District School Board - Portuguese-Speaking Advisory Committee	Raising Awareness, Building Capacity: Engaging Portuguese-speaking Parents in Student Success Conference	The Toronto Catholic Portuguese-Speaking Advisory Committee will hold a one-day parent conference aimed at raising awareness of the importance of parent involvement in their child's education. Parents will be provided with tips and tools to help them support their children's academic progress. The project also aims to help parents become better advocates for their children. They will learn about the education system and student success policies. The keynote speaker will be a Youth Studies expert whose body of work can speak to the importance of parent engagement in student success.	\$ 10,000
Toronto District School Board - Parent Engagement Committee - Mental Health and Well-Being	Mental Health and Well-Being Parent Symposium	The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) will host a Fall and Spring symposium on mental health to help increase parent engagement in supporting mental health and well-being of their children; raise awareness regarding mental health issues; and provide an opportunity for parents to gain an understanding of what mental health and well-being supports are available within the TDSB and the community.	\$ 12,500

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Toronto District School Board - Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)	PIAC-SEAC Special Education Parent Conference	The Toronto Parent Involvement Advisory Committee will hold a conference aimed at engaging parents to improve student achievement and well-being and will include workshops on topics such as advocacy, bullying, IEPs, belonging, IPRC process, assistive technology, and transitions. Parents will also have the opportunity to obtain information related to the exceptionality of interest to them from various providers and non-profit organizations that can be helpful to students with special education needs both inside and outside school.	\$ 13,500
Toronto District School Board (Model School for Inner Cities)	2016 Parent Academy Conference: Collaboration, Community, Curriculum	The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) will hold a 2016 Parent Academy Conference: Collaboration, Community, Curriculum. It aims to bring together board departments, community agencies and parents/caregivers to inform, collaborate and share in discussion. The goal is for parents/caregivers to gain knowledge and supports for both their own and their children's achievement and well-being. Resources and modules will be made available provincially and a brief video will be prepared speaking to the process and development of the print resources and the Parent Academy Conference.	\$ 10,000
United Achievers' Club of Brampton	Canadian Parent Engagement Symposium (CAPES)	United Achievers' Club of Brampton will coordinate the Caribbean and Afro-Canadian Parent Engagement Symposium (CAPES). Workshops will provide parents across the Peel District School Board with information to support their children's well-being and mental health, build collaborative relationships with school staff, and partner with schools to support children to be successful and independent citizens.	\$ 7,500

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Upper Canada District School Board - Parent Involvement Committee	Parent Engagement Development Project	The Upper Canada Parent Involvement Committee will undertake an asset-based community development approach to the issue of parent engagement and building new school councils. Using the community café concept, an open forum where the attendees will lead the conversation and direction that will be taken. Before the community cafés, there will be train-the-trainer events with Facilitation Guides. This is an opportunity to build capacity, skills and strength in school and parent communities.	\$ 15,000
Upper Grand District School Board - Parent Involvement Committee	Breaking Down the Barriers Through Parent Engagement	The Upper Grand Parent Involvement Committee will host a series of events that bring together parents, teachers and administrators from each school in the board to learn about parent engagement. Building on the success of previous events, the PIC will focus on Aboriginal literacy and inclusivity. An event in the Spring will tie together the learning from the events with a broader parent engagement perspective.	\$ 15,000
Upper Grand District School Board - Special Education Advisory Committee	Parents, Schools & Community, Building the Yellow Brick Road to Student Success in Special Education	The Upper Grand District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee will hold a number of dynamic and interactive seminars for parents and interested community partners. The event will be organized with a future and forward focus, with the child's learning pathway, student success and community connections as topics. Local provincial associations will provide information displays and resources.	\$ 12,000

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VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children	Training Program for Parent Leaders/Mentors	VOICE for Hearing Impaired Children will develop a training program for parent leaders/mentors; develop a manual to assist parent leaders; provide parents with strategies on how to become strong and effective leaders; create a portal where parent leaders can access resources to support students with hearing loss and exchange information and successful strategies with other VOICE parent leaders; and expand VOICE online resources for parents and students. This project targets parents who hold positions as Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) representatives or VOICE chapter chairs. The training program will be delivered during two annual VOICE events: the SEAC workshop and the VOICE Conference for parents and educators across Ontario.	\$ 15,000
Waterloo Region District School Board - Parent Involvement Committee	Strengthening Family-School Relationships: Achieving Excellence and Well-Being for All Students	The Waterloo Region Parent Involvement Committee will plan and host a one-day conference for school community families aimed at helping to build parents' skills to encourage parent engagement. The keynote will encompass the character development and well-being focus, emphasizing the whole child. Topics include: perseverance, resilience, empathy and the growth mindset. Local community groups and services that align with the goals of the conference will be invited to set up displays for parents. Attendees will be provided with speaker presentations, tip sheets, community resources and other Parent Involvement Committee resource materials to support parents.	\$ 15,000
Waterloo Region District School Board - Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils	SafeTALK Training for Parents/Guardians of the Waterloo Region District School Board	The Waterloo Region Assembly of Public School Councils (WRAPSC) will deliver safeTALK training to parents/guardians in the community. The more people in the community who are trained to help people access the proper professional services, the safer children will be. The focus will be on those parents of Grades 7-12 children who are most at risk. Parents will work closely with staff to organize Training for Trainers sessions throughout the year.	\$ 12,500

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Wellington Catholic District School Board - Wellington Catholic Parent Involvement Committee	Parents as Partners: Continuing to Build Relationships and Promote Success	The Wellington Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will host a conference to provide parents with networking opportunities, information, support and resources on a wide range of topics (e.g. strengths in motion, tools for life, mental health and well-being, pathways to success, promoting lifelong learning, parents guiding their children into success).	\$ 15,000
Woolwich Community Health Centre	Low German High School Promotion and Information Video and Family Focused Event.	The Woolwich Community Health Centre will develop a video resource in Low German for Low German families to see the options available for learning to eighteen. The video will feature Low German students and their perspectives on the benefits of school. Teachers and parents may be asked to participate in the video, addressing some of the issues around high school among Low German families. The video resource will help to make the school a more welcoming environment because it will give parents a glimpse into an actual high school as well as an introduction to the teachers and students.	\$ 9,000
Workforce WindsorEssex	The Career Toolkit for Parents: Resources to Use as You Help Your Children Navigate the World of Careers	In partnership with Windsor-Essex Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, Workforce WindsorEssex will create a career toolkit for parents of grade 7 and 8 students that includes information on local promising sectors, potential career pathways, occupational guides, and career navigation strategies. This toolkit will support parents to assist their children as they look ahead to high school and the course and career related decisions that they will need to make during that time.	\$ 10,000

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York CDSB - York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (YCPIC)	Supporting Enhanced Parent Engagement	The York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee will hold a Conference and Regional Forums to support and enhance parent engagement. Workshops will provide parents with an opportunity to build awareness and develop a common language in the area of Mental Health & 21st Century Learning in order to imbed strategic parent involvement as a key component of all initiatives that support student achievement. Parents will have the opportunity to network and further develop a sense of community in supporting their children's success and social/emotional well-being.	\$ 15,000
York Region DSB	Parent Voice Matters	The York Region District School Board will host a 2016 Regional Parent Symposium (RPS) built around feedback from the successful 2015 event where parents indicated a preference for a coordinated, collaborative approach to parent engagement and information delivery. The 2016 Symposium will focus on the three pillars of learning for YRDSB: Modern Learning, Mathematics, and Mental Health. Removing barriers to engagement for newcomer families, families with diverse family structures, families living in poverty and other marginalized groups who do not feel connected will continue to be the priority. Some workshops and information will be available in multiple languages for parents/caregivers to ensure that this barrier is removed or minimized.	\$ 15,000
YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin	Elgin Parents and Community Care	YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin will deliver a series of workshops in schools and community sites across Elgin County. Themes will include: Anxiety, Parenting Through the Storm - Learning Disabilities, Early Years, Preventing Homelessness, Safe Talk, Bridges Out of Poverty, Resiliency, Parenting Through the Pain of Drugs, Yoga, and other practical tools. The project will increase parent engagement and awareness of community supports and services thereby influencing student academic and social success.	\$ 10,000