



A Parent Engagement Program of Families In Schools



Vision & Mission

Families In Schools (FIS) envisions a public education system where all students have the opportunities and resources necessary to succeed in school and in life. We seek a residency prepared for lifelong learning, and active engagement in the civic and economic life of our democratic society. The mission of FIS is to involve parents and communities in their children's education to achieve lifelong success. We accomplish our work through our three key competencies:

- Curriculum & Professional Development
- Community Engagement & Advocacy
- Non-profit Sustainability

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance by phone, mail, and email is available to all registered schools implementing a College Knowledge Academy program. Contact Families In Schools at the address below:



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LESSON 1

The College Talk: Building Parent/Student Communication

Introduction

- Facilitator Introduction
- Parent and Student Introduction
- Program Overview and Expectations
- Ground Rules/Norms
- Lesson 1 Objectives

Parent and Student Communication

- Open Lines of Communication
- Improving Communication and Role Playing

Break

Setting Goals

- Setting S.M.A.R.T. Goals
- Future Road Maps

Closing

- Hispanic Scholarship Fund Video
- Pledge
- Wrap-Up

LESSON 2

The Path to College: College Basics Introduction

Welcome & Lesson 2 Objectives

- Continuum Activity

Levels of Education

- Levels of Education

Career Exploration

- Career Match Activity

Break

California Higher Education Options

- California Higher Education Options

College Requirements

- Entrance Requirements for Four-year Colleges/Universities
- A-G Requirements: HS vs. College

School to Career Action Plan

- School to Career Action Plan Project

Closing

- Wrap-Up

LESSON 3

College is Affordable: Costs and Resources

Welcome and Activity

- Welcome
- Financial Aid Myths and Facts Activity

Financial Aid Review

- Financial Aid Review
- California State Law Related to Financial Aid

Scholarships

- What is a Scholarship?
- Scholarship Tips and Resources

Break

FAFSA Application (optional)

- FAFSA Application

Closing

- School to Career Action Plan
- Wrap-Up

LESSON 4

Academic Success: Becoming a More Effective Learner

Welcome and Icebreaker

- Welcome
- Communication Circles

Learning Styles

- Exploring Learning Styles
- Assessing Learning Styles
- Making Your Learning Style Work for You

Break

Homework and Study Habits

- Defining Homework and Studying
- Homework and Study Tips

School to Career Action Plan

- School to Career Action Plan

Closing

- Wrap-Up
- Reminders for Next Meeting

LESSON 5

Culmination: Action Plan Presentations and Celebration

Welcome and Review

- Welcome
- College & Career Readiness
- GOT College! Game

Surveys

- Post Surveys

Break

School to Career Action Plan Presentations

- Action Plan Preparation
- Action Plan Presentations

Culmination Ceremony

- Awards and Recognitions