

## *OUSD Parents Raising the B.A.R.* Parent Leadership Training 8 Week Series Overview

### **Purpose and Goals**

There are two main purposes for this training. First, it is designed to build parents' knowledge around three important topics that are critical to student success -- positive **behavior**, **attendance**, and proficient **reading**.

Along with a focus on learning the behavior, attendance and reading content, we will also focus on building parent skills as a facilitators and workshop leaders. These are skills parents can use for a lifetime.

### **Defining the B.A.R.**

The term **B.A.R.** is shorthand for three keys areas necessary for student school success: *Behavior, Attendance, and Reading*. Research and experience tell us that if we can turn things around in these areas, then we can see greater student success.

This leadership training program is designed to empower parents to address three big issues that are getting in the way of student success

- Negative student *behavior* in and out of class
- Chronic *absences* in the form of too much time out of school
- Low *reading* skills

### **Topics Covered**

There are eight session, covering topics related to our **B.A.R.** theme:

1. Orientation
2. Understanding School Data and the CSSSP
3. Parent-Teacher Academic Partnerships
4. Building the Team: Power of Relationships
5. Chronic Absence
6. School Culture/Behavior
7. Common Core and Reading
8. Facilitation and Action Planning

### **Structure of the Training**

Each training session starts with community building activities so that everyone gets to know each other.

After community building, the day's topic is introduced. Participants will engage in hands-on activities to learn the key skills and content.

Each session ends with a review of how participants can use the information when connecting with and organizing parents at your child's school.

### **After the Training: Putting It into Action**

Our work does not end after the 8 week training series! We will hold regional meetings to support the development and implementation of our parent leaders' Site Action Plans. This is critical to our success. We will use student data as well as surveys for all stakeholders to assess the effectiveness of our work.

We will also invite interested parent leaders to support with planning and/or take up a facilitator role during the 4 district wide parent conferences we offer each year as well as other district or regional opportunities for leadership.