Why we need parents in education

Why does the ESL In-Home Program focus on educating parents with non-to-limited English knowledge? Evidence-based parent engagement programs promote positive parenting practices that build strong parent-child relationships, provide parents with home learning activities and effective teaching strategies, encourages strong parent-teacher partnerships, and emphasizes the importance of child nutrition and physical health.

Following is a report about school policies to include parents

The reason to involve parents in a child’s education is not just theoretical. Existing research has shown that parent involvement can boost the academic outcomes of students. According to a 2005 meta-analysis by William H. Jeynes, students living in a home with involved parents had an “academic advantage” of higher grades and test scores than less involved parents. Reading and communicating to a child mattered a great deal to student achievement, but parental expectations actually had a greater effect on student outcomes. In a 2012 meta-analysis, Jeynes identified four programs that had statistically significant, positive effects on student achievement: share reading (parent and child reading together); a parent-teacher partnership; checking homework; and increased communication between parents and teachers.

From another study (Strong Families, Strong Schools) “studies of individual families show that what the family does is more important to student success than family income or education. This is true whether the family is rich or poor, whether the parents finished high school or not, or whether the child is in preschool or in upper grades.” The most preferred form of home-school communication, increased interaction between parents and teachers, is a medium parents “can use in meaningful ways to understand and support their child’s learning.”

While parents are not exactly looking to school districts for answers on how to raise their children, our nation’s education system will benefit from more engaged parents. The same is true for nonprofits, corporations, and the faith community. In turn, this process will refocus our attention to education not just as a means to an end, but as the foundation for a healthy and productive civil society.

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The report further stated:

We want all parents to have the opportunity to increase a child’s capacity for learning during the preschool years by building early attention, memory and problem-solving skills,” said Bierman. “When children are ready for kindergarten with strong language, thinking and self-management skills, it sets the stage for success in elementary school and beyond.”

Since the ESL In-Home Program reached out to schools for space to accommodate one of our tutors and 3-4 parents of ESL school children, we have been approved by the School Districts in Carson, Washoe and Douglas Counties. We receive many thanks from school teachers, saying that their classes are running smoother since parents are now helping their children with homework and other school activities. As word-of-mouth is reaching other schools we are receiving more requests for our tutors to conduct ESL/GED/Computer/Citizenship classes for the parents of their ESL students.
We truly can't say how effective our organization would be in fulfilling its mission without the help of our volunteers who give their time and energy and commitment to help others. The outcome? See Below.....

SOME STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

The ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada, was founded in 2004 to serve the Northern Nevadans who have less than a fifth-grade level of literacy. Since that time, ESL has grown to provide free tutoring classes to over 5,000 students and their families. Here are some success stories........... there are a lot more.

(1) For one single mom — Mercedes M. — our program had a fundamental role in helping her achieve her dreams. Mercedes first came to ESL in 2013 for assistance in learning English language skills and obtain her GED in order to find a good job. She was working full time, but she knew she needed to make time for classes that would help her pass the GED test in order to find a better job. She began attending math classes offered by ESL working individually with a volunteer tutor. Because of her hard work, she was able to increase her math score enough to qualify to apply for her diploma, which she did receive. Our program was developed to help students like Mercedes who needed more individual attention than a traditional program.

Mercedes found that learning how to pass a GED exam in order to find a good job she also needed a computer literacy class. This proved to be a challenge but she worked hard to improve her computer skills, and with the support of her ESL instructors, she continued to stay motivated to pass her test. Her dedication was inspiring! She had weekly meetings with her tutor, where passionate conversations about test content and practice questions resulted into endless opportunities for learning. Mercedes never gave up; she worked tirelessly in class and with her tutor, and in early 2017, she passed the computer test! With the support of ESL, she was ready to take her next step to find a better job, which she did. Now she has since applied to TMCC where she is looking forward to continuing her education. We congratulate Mercedes for her dedication and commitment to achieve her American Dream.

(2) Tutor Terry H. Reno: Student Betty has applied and received a new job with better hours and better pay.

(3) Tutor Judy S., Gardnerville: Odelinda has felt comfortable enough with the English she has learned to help out a couple of times a month with a children’s group at her church. This is her way to giving back.

(4) Tutor Iris B., Gardnerville: Students Rocio and Norma are taking the citizenship class. Norma passed the test for her work training. Student Sagrario has a new job.

DO YOU NEED TO BE REMINDED? WE CELEBRATE WITH ALL MOM’S AND DAD’S:

On May 14th....

Happy Mother’s Day

On June 18th....

Happy Father’s Day

Our partnerships with donors and school districts are strong and as a total group we are making Northern Nevada an even better place to live.

We invite you to explore our website and hope it provides you with answers, opportunities, and a better understanding of how the ESL In-Home Program is battling illiteracy in Northern Nevada.

ESL In-Home Program website: www.eslinhome.org
What is Cinco de Mayo really about?

The holiday of Cinco De Mayo, The 5th Of May, commemorates the victory of the Mexican militia over the French army at The Battle Of Puebla in 1862. Cinco de Mayo is a minor holiday in Mexico and a celebration of Mexican culture in the United States. While many people in the United States believe Cinco de Mayo is Mexico's Independence Day, that holiday actually occurs in September. In Mexico, the September date remains the more important one and has larger celebrations. One theory about the importance of Cinco de Mayo in the United States is that the people who left Mexico after the battle continued celebrating the date in their new home.

How Do People Celebrate Cinco de Mayo?

There are various Cinco de Mayo traditions that are celebrated around the world. In Mexico, most of the Cinco de Mayo celebrations that take place occur in the town of Puebla (where the battle took place). There are large parades that feature people dressed up as Mexican and French soldiers. Vendors sell traditional Mexican foods as well as patriotic clothing and accessories for people to wear during the celebration.

In the United States and some parts of Canada, people often host Cinco de Mayo parties with their friends and family. The colors of the Mexican flag (red, white, and green) often appear in costumes and party decorations. People decorate for Cinco de Mayo with balloons, streamers, and flowers. Mariachi bands or other Mexican folk music is also played at these celebrations and there is often traditional Mexican dancing. Another common Cinco de Mayo tradition that takes place is a feast of traditional Mexican dishes such as tacos, enchiladas, and salsa and tortilla chips.

Citizenship Class Updates

1. Carson City
   Class to start May 20, 2017
   Carson City Library
   900 N Roop St, Carson City, NV 89701
   Saturdays for 12 weeks from 2-4:00pm

2. Douglas County
   Class to start May 2017
   St. Gall’s Catholic Church
   1343 Centerville Ln, Gardnerville, NV 89410
   Sundays for 12 weeks from 6-9:00pm

3. Washoe County
   Class started April 8, 2017
   Casa de Vida, 1290 Mill St. Reno 89502
   Saturdays for 12 weeks from 2-5:00pm

4. Yerington
   Class started April 24, 2017
   Holy Family Catholic Church
   103 N West St, Yerington, NV 89447
   Mondays for 12 weeks from 6:30- 8:30pm

These are recent students who have been sponsored to apply for their US citizenship

These students send sincere thanks to their sponsors, you know who you are!
And we are grateful for your support of our program.
**From the Executive Director**

I asked a new tutor why he was joining our program.

“I’m one of those people who believe English should be the official language,” he said. “My way of putting my time where my mouth is, is to help people learn English.”

How about You?

Donating money isn’t the only way to help and support causes you care about. You can give back with your time and expertise.

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**ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada**

In Carson, Washoe, Douglas, Lyon and Churchill Counties

We tutor English as a Second Language (ESL), GED Preparation, Work Place Communication, Computer Literacy, and U.S. Citizenship Study on a one-on-one basis or in small groups of 2-5 AT NO COST!!!!

**Mission Statement:**

ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada provides free adult educational programs that empower people, especially those of low-to-moderate income, to become more productive members of their local communities by providing them with the language and cultural skills necessary for life in America.

**TUTORS:** Invite your friends to become an ESL volunteer tutor! Tell them why you enjoy the experience. Invite them to learn more about our program on our website: [www.eslinhome.org](http://www.eslinhome.org).

It is not necessary for tutors to know a foreign language nor have prior teaching experience. We train one hour on your day/time/location.

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All donations are for purchasing books to start new students.

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