

### **About the Latino Policy Forum**

The Latino Policy Forum is the only organization in the Chicago area that facilitates the involvement of Latinos at all levels of public decision-making. The Latino Policy Forum strives to improve education outcomes, advocate for affordable housing, promote just immigration policies, and engage diverse sectors of the community. It does this by conducting analysis to inform, influence, and lead, all with an understanding that advancing Latinos advances a shared future.

#### **Our mission**

To build the power, influence, and leadership of the Latino community through collective action to transform public policies that ensure the well-being of our community and society as a whole.

#### **Our Vision**

The Latino Policy Forum envisions societal prosperity, unity, and equity in our nation and in the global community.

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**Abriendo Puertas**  
**Opening Doors**

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**BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE  
THROUGH PARENT LEADERSHIP**

**The nation's first evidence-based comprehensive  
program developed by and for  
Latino parents of 0-5 year old children.**



## HOW TO ENGAGE LATINO FAMILIES

The Latino Policy Forum trains and equips staff from school districts and non-profit organizations to engage Latino families early on in their child's education. Through the Forum's *Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors* Facilitator training, staff become equipped to increase opportunities for effective parent engagement within their schools. *Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors* is an evidence-based parent engagement program for primarily Spanish-speaking parents with children 5 years and under. The program equips parents with the knowledge and tools to prepare their children for kindergarten by supporting their early development.

## COST EFFECTIVE PROGRAMMING

The Forum's train-the-trainer model enables school districts to reach parents in their schools and communities, and continue implementation of the program on an as-needed basis. The three-day training prepares staff members to:

- Deliver the curriculum and enhance their facilitation skills
- Use culturally relevant activities to develop parent leadership
- Enhance parent engagement programming through innovative recruitment and retention strategies
- Use the curriculum on its own or combine with other parent engagement programs

## CURRICULUM KIT

The user-friendly curriculum kit was designed to increase parent engagement within the public school system. The 10-session kit comes fully equipped with modules that include detailed agendas, objectives and comprehensive scripts for each session. Available in Spanish and English, the 10 sessions foster school readiness, family well-being, and advocacy by addressing best practices in:

- **Early childhood development**
- **Language & Literacy**
- **Health**
- **Attendance**
- **Advocacy within the public school system**

## MAJOR BENEFITS FOR STAFF

Staff members trained in the *Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors* curriculum enhance their capacity to:

- Heighten parent interest and awareness in early childhood programming
- Increase parent knowledge in early childhood development
- Improve parent engagement within the public school system
- Foster parent leadership skills

Trained staff members receive:

- *Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors* curriculum kit
- Certificate of completion
- Technical assistance and coaching

## MAJOR BENEFITS FOR PARENTS

After participating in the programming, parents apply what they learned by:

- Building language and literacy skills in their children
- Incorporating healthy nutritional habits with their families
- Promoting social emotional wellbeing in their children's development
- Assessing and selecting childcare providers or early education programs
- Advocating within the public school system

## TRAINING INFORMATION

- DATES: March 1 – 3, 2017
- TIME: 9:00AM – 5:00PM
- LOCATION: Chicago

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Friday, February 3, 2016
- Application can be found [here](#), or
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