

Reaching out to parents as partners in education

PARENTS REACHING OUT GRANTS

The Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grants support parents in finding local solutions to help more parents get involved and support their child's success at school.

There are 2 types of Parents Reaching Out grants:

- 1) grants for schools** are available to school councils. School councils can apply for grants to support initiatives that focus on reaching parents who face barriers to being involved in their child's education such as language barriers, being new to the Ontario school system, or other factors.
- 2) grants for regional/provincial projects** are available to parent organizations and to school boards, non-profit organizations and postsecondary institutions working in partnership with parents.

What kinds of projects have been funded through Parents Reaching Out grants?

Thousands of projects have been funded across Ontario. Some of these include:

- “*Their Success Depends on Us!*” at St Gregory Separate School – Powassan (Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board)

A Parent Support Centre offering parents hands-on workshops and resources covering topics such as effective communications with the school and at home as well as a numeracy support group for parents to help their children succeed in school.

- “*Books for Breakfast*” at CC Carrothers Public School – London (Thames Valley District School Board)

A series of breakfast and read sessions for parents and children. Guest authors talked to parents and children during the breakfast session and then provided a short program for parents discussing ways to build and enhance literacy skills and foster a love of reading.

- “*Homework Survival Strategies*” at Britannia Public School – Mississauga (Peel District School Board)

Workshops for parents focusing on homework strategies, knowing your child, parenting skills and how to support their school work at home.

- **Read more Parents Reaching Out success stories at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/success.html**

- **How to apply:**

More information and application forms are available at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.html

- **Questions?**

If you need more information on the *program*, please call **416 325-2929** or toll free **1-800-387-5514**. Persons with a hearing disability should call **1-800-268-7095**.

If you need *technical* help with the application form, please send your questions to support@smartsimple.com.