

Community P Networking Meetings

Aurora Public Schools

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Aurora Public Schools (APS) is divided into several Communities; each Community has Pre-K, elementary, middle, and high schools. Community P has nine schools including, Hinkley High School, East Middle School, Vaughn, Laredo, Elkhart, Sable, Altura, Sixth Avenue Elementary and the Laredo Child Development Center. Many of the students enrolled in Aurora Public Schools transition from the child development center and finish their education in other feeder schools within the Community. The family liaisons in Community P saw a need to network within each feeder school to reach more families by providing parent meetings.

Family liaisons from schools within Community P created networking meetings with a goal to engage families, both to help them in supporting the academic success of their children and in navigating the public school system. The community meetings were held at the primary level and at the secondary level to differentiate topics based on age level. Each parent event had childcare, food, interpretation, and many school supplies to give away.

Schools within APS' Community P took turns hosting the parent meetings. Families from each school within the community were invited to attend all of the events, regardless of which school hosted.



Community P meetings held at Altura Elementary school focused on attendance and the challenges parents face getting their children to school on time. Parents had the opportunity to share thoughts and strategies and support each other in the process. Incentives were set in place for parents during and after the meetings.



Community P meetings held at Hinkley High school focused on marijuana prevention. Tips and tools were provided from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment to prevent their child from using marijuana and strategies to talk to their child about the drug.