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April 2016 News for Home Visit Champions

Notable Quote:

"I left Joel's home excited by everything I'd learned and ready to use this new information in class. But even so, I didn't fully comprehend how much of a difference my visit would make until the weeks and months that followed.

In class, Joel's engagement skyrocketed. He'd always demonstrated talent in math, but began excelling far beyond where he'd been. His writing also improved dramatically, which I credit to the increased collaboration with his mom: When Joel put a lot of effort into a writing assignment, I took a picture and texted it to her so she could celebrate him at home—something I wouldn't have felt comfortable doing before the visit."

Sarah Thomas, Fourth grade teacher, McMeen Elementary, Denver, CO, quoted in [TNTP blog](#), March 8 2016



Photo courtesy of TNTP blog

HUB & Project Updates

Massachusetts: HUB meeting April 30 in Salem

Oregon: HUB meeting April 28 in Portland

Nevada: Mini-conference in Reno honoring home visit teachers and schools, training new folks, and breakout sessions including SEL, Equity & Diversity, and Restorative Justice. More info: Alicia Thomas, 789-4683,

Events

Free Webinars:

April 12, 11:00 EST:
[Attendance Works](#) -
Motivating Good

Attendance All Year Long
featuring Carrie Rose, Executive
Director, and Yesenia Gonzalez,
Training Coordinator, Parent/
Teacher Home Visit Project

April 27, 3-5:00 EST:
[NAFSCE](#) - Platform for Practice
Sharing Meeting *with guest
speakers:*

Carrie Rose, Executive Director,
Parent/Teacher Home Visit
Project

Kwesi Rollins, Director,
Leadership Programs, Institute
for Educational Leadership

Mid-Atlantic Equity
Consortium, Inc.

Call for photos & videos

When Dr. Karen Mapp of Harvard Graduate School of Education talks, we listen. And what was her message to the PDI in Boston? **Document our hard work and share it.** Your photos of visits with families and educators, and your written and video

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Minnesota: Congrats to St. Paul Federation of Teachers, who successfully achieved new contract language incorporating home visits, including restoring funding for classified staff to do visits alongside teachers. More info: Nick Faber nick@spft.org.

California: Outreach around Local Control Funding Formula, an opportunity for districts to budget for home visits as part of their Local Control and Accountability Plan. For info contact Gina Martinez-Keddy: gina@pthvp.org.



California HUB team, Gina Martinez-Keddy & Francisca Garcia, and Carrie Rose, ED, gear up in St. Paul with MN HUB coordinator Meisha Sanders.

Strategic Plan

Ten months in, and we have met or exceeded the Year 1 objectives of our 5-year strategic plan. On to Year 2! The focus of the upcoming Board Meeting (Reno, NV, April 15-16) will be to develop detailed objectives for Years 3-5.

Here are the five goals of our 5-Year Strategic Plan, in brief:

1. **Build Regional infrastructure** (HUBs)
2. Visit over **100,000 students in at least 880 participating schools** with priority given to low-income students.
3. Conduct **national body of research**
4. **Train 1000 student teachers** per year
5. Be considered the **Leading family engagement strategy** for national policy and practice.

Membership

Thank you for everyone who participated in our first annual Individual Membership drive, March 15-31, helping us build our grassroots base of support. It's not too late to donate through [Paypal](https://www.paypal.com), or send your donation to PTHVP, 2411 15th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. With a gift of \$20 or more, we'll

testimonies, help us tell the high-impact story of home visits. Please send to elaine@pthvp.org.

Save the Date National Gathering

Washington, DC

October 20-22, 2016

PTHVP In the News

["In DC, A Radical Shift Toward Parent Involvement,"](#) Boston Globe

["Teacher Homevisits: School-family partnerships foster student success"](#) Education Next

["Building Bridges Between Schools and Families"](#) A Discussion with D'Lisa Crain of Reno, NV, a "Leader to Learn From"

["DPS Targets 10,000 Home Visits."](#) North Denver Tribune

About Us

At Parent/Teacher Home Visit Project, we train school teachers and staff to form a relationship with their students' families, starting with a home visit. These visits help build trust, mutual accountability, cross-cultural understanding, more relevant instruction, leadership opportunities and improved academic, social and emotional development for all children. Our model has been successfully adapted in 17 states by grassroots collaborations between parents, schools, teachers and community organizations.

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**sign you up as a member & send you a bright yellow totebag
full of high-impact family engagement!**

Thanks for reading our news! As always, please don't
hesitate to contact me with your questions, concerns,
kudos, photos and stories about home visits.

With warm regards,
Carrie Rose
Executive Director
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