National Evaluation: Study 1 Mindset Shifts
Results are In!

Numerous studies indicate that unconscious assumptions about race, socioeconomic status and culture, also known as implicit bias, contribute in part to the achievement/opportunity gap among students of color and students in poverty.

A recent study helps explain not only that implicit bias can change, but also that PTHV is in alignment with the most effective interruptions.

Independent researchers at RTI International evaluated Parent Teacher Home Visits (PTHV) and found it in alignment with research-supported strategies that interrupt implicit bias. An evaluation of PTHV across four large school districts in different states found positive changes in the mindsets of both educators and the families of their students following Parent Teacher Home Visits training and practice.

This multi-city study was possible thanks to the generous support of the Flamboyan Foundation, National Education Association, Stuart Foundation, WK Kellogg Foundation, the participating school districts, and individual donors. Read more about the study's findings

Educator Grants available
Speaking of mindset shifts...

If you know of any schools or districts that are looking for funding to pay for a home visit effort (and I'm guessing you do), you might steer them to this website: https://www.tolerance.org/about/educator-grant-guidelines. Teaching Tolerance recently did a profile on PTHV home visits, and in combination with our recent evaluation on mindset shifts and home visits, a good case may be made for this grant. There are no deadlines.

Registration for the IEL 2018 National Family and Community Engagement Conference is now open!

The 2018 National Family and Community Engagement Conference, hosted by the Institute for Educational Leadership, is an excellent opportunity to examine how schools and communities around the country are realizing mutual goals and maximizing impact through productive family-school-community partnerships.

Under the theme, Organize. Harmonize. Amplify., this year's conference will categorize it's 75+ workshops based on attendees level of expertise.

With over 1.3K attendees expected to attend and a plethora of site-visits, pre-conference sessions, and workshops, participants are sure to leave the conference will strategies, tips and tools they can immediately apply to their work. To learn more, please visit: http://bit.ly/2myqltB.
Thanks again for a wonderful conference in Sacramento!

Thank you to participants, presenters, volunteers, sponsors and friends who made the conference in Sacramento so inspiring! We're thankful for our dynamic network's growth and development over the past year.

Photo gallery: 2017 Conference

Photo gallery: 20th Anniversary Gala

As 2017 heads into our season of celebration, let's be both grateful and proud of what we've accomplished as a network this year. We as educators and families are getting better at hearing each other, and finding our own voices, as we work together for the sake of all children.

Please remember Parent Teacher Home Visits in your end of year giving - whether your contribution is $70 (the average cost of a home visit) or $7,000 (the average expense to train a school), your support of home visits helps transform communities and their ability to support their children's education.

In thanks and peace,
Gina Martinez-Keddy
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