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2016 October News for Home Visit Champions



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Registration ends this Friday Oct 7

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Get ready for the most inspiring home visit conference ever!

Training news: NYC Marathon

Five days. Nine trainings. Three cross-district meetings. 20 new sites. 145 preK-12 educators from all five boroughs trained in PTHV!

All this was done last week by one training team - Carrie Rose, Executive Director, Miesha Sanders, MN HUB Coordinator, and Don Diehl, veteran teacher who pioneered PTHVP in Colorado - with on-ground support from the NYC DOE Family and Community Engagement, Middle School Quality Initiative and Community Schools.

PTHVP Online

Have you seen the [Harvard X online course Introduction to Family Engagement in Education](#) from the Harvard Graduate School of Education? It is free and self paced.

Here are two new video clips from the course regarding Parent Teacher Home Visits:

[Melissa Bryant: teachers and parents from Stanton Elementary](#)

and

[Steve Sheldon, Johns Hopkins University](#)

PTHV In the News

DC Schools Leader Kaya Henderson cites family engagement and home visits in "[Five Lessons from An Outgoing Chancellor](#)" in EdWeek



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Network News: Our logo!

Here it is folks - the debut of our new logo:



As you can see, we've taken feedback from our partners and developed a new look that reflects our organization's past, present and future. The logo's three circles represent the people who both create and benefit from home visits: our families, our educators, and central to it all, our students. The three circles also represent the collaboration between school districts, teachers unions and community organizations that is essential to our model.

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, crosscultural 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. www.pthvp.org www.facebook.com/pthvp twitter @pthvp

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In the abstract, the logo represents our theory of change as it relates to the power of relationships to transform outcomes and institutions. Spheres of context, connection and influence, if you will.

And we love how the circles move toward a gold ring (an Olympic medal? A sun? The bright light in every student!) because home visits give families and educators the opportunity to share their definition of success for their children, and the chance to work on common goals, from gold stars to graduation and beyond. We decided to stay close to our old color palette, to help the transition and because we associate green with growth, and blue with calm and stability.

You'll also notice that we've shortened our name, because it's clear that after 17 years, we're not just a project anymore – we're a proven and sustainable organization. Another nifty feature: every location that is using the model can customize the logo ie "Montgomery, AL" or "New York City"

The Parent Teacher Home Visit Project was formed as a proactive response to the cycle of blame and mistrust between families and teachers. We think it's neat that circles don't have sides, because when it comes to quality education for all children, we're all in this together. We hope you agree, and display our new look with pride.

Network News: Our [new website](#) went live today!

The paint isn't quite dry, but we encourage you to run down the halls of our new website and poke your head into new rooms like the Toolbox and remodeled areas that explain the who, what, where and why of high-impact, relational Parent Teacher Home Visits.

The address is the same ol' www.pthvp.org. Have fun and we would really appreciate feedback, corrections and comments.

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
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