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FAMILY ENGAGEMENT: Home Visits 101, by Cristina Santamaria Graff, Edutopia

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Lincoln Park school lauded for outreach to community by Jana Hollingsworth, Duluth News Tribune



Photo: PTHV staff and board members join Flamboyant Foundation staff and researchers from RTI International and Johns Hopkins University to kick off the national evaluation. Washington, DC.

We're thrilled to kick off our national evaluation! While individual projects, such as Sacramento, St. Paul and Washington, DC, have done evaluations in their local districts, this will be the PTHV network's first multi-site study.

"The first phase of the evaluation will begin January 2017, with a final report and recommendations by January 2018," says Teresa Cummings, an educational consultant who is helping PTHV coordinate the study. "The regions that will participate directly in this phase are Denver, Reno, Sacramento, and Washington, DC, but both the tools and the final data will be available for use by all PTHV Network HUBs and Projects."

The Flamboyant Foundation has been instrumental in supporting this effort, by contributing funding and invaluable technical assistance from Dr. Anita Drever, Flamboyant's Managing Director of Evaluation and Learning.

The first phase looks at the effect of home visit training and practice on teacher mindsets about the families of their students. We are looking at the interplay between teachers' beliefs about families, home visiting, and home visit training. We hope to explore how home visits may play a part in building education equity and cultural connection in all schools, with possible implications for other relational interventions, such as restorative justice and social emotional learning.

PTHV Board of Directors is still seeking additional funding, estimated at \$250,000, for Phase II, which is a program review/process evaluation which compares site implementation, and Phase III, which will measure outcomes.

Hub Leaders Meet in Sacramento for Strategic Session



Teaching Tolerance
webinar **Equity Matters:
Parent Teacher Home
Visits**

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Tools

Have you seen the Teachers' Union section of the pthvp.org [Toolbox](#)? We've just added a contract variance example from MT. Check it out.

Did you know our training manual is available in Spanish translation? If you would like a copy, please contact Yesenia@pthvp.org

Upcoming Trainings

February

Elk Grove, CA - Intro X 3
San Diego, CA - Intro
Framingham, MA - Intro
Butte, MT - Intro
Helena, MT - Intro
Great Falls, MT - Intro
Paulson, MT - Intro
CSUS, CA - Multicultural Ed Conference
Washington, DC - Flamboyant Fellowship
Commerce City, CO - Intro

We are headed to Utah and New York in March!

For more information, please contact Yesenia Gonzalez, Training Coordinator, yesenia@pthvp.org



Photo: A serious moment as Hub leaders prioritize their "must-wins" in a strategic planning meeting held in Sacramento two weeks ago. From l-r Roberta Hantgan (MA), Stacey Hodges (TX), Betsy LaBorious (CT), Miesha Sanders (MN), Yesenia Gonzalez (Training Coordinator), April Ybarra (CA), Patsy Roybal (CO), Jen Calder (MT and Board of Directors). Also present were Francisca Garcia (CA), Carrie Rose (Executive Director), Gina Martinez-Keddy (National Network Consultant), Lysette Lemay (Sacramento Coordinator and Trainer), Elaine Smith (Marketing Communications Coordinator) and Helen Westmoreland (Strategic Planning Consultant).

PTHV regional training and support Hubs from CA, CO, MA and MN were joined by representatives from states who are in Phase I of HUB development for the coming year: CT, MT and TX. Topics covered in the two-day retreat included strategic planning, training, quality implementation, marketing communications and fund development, all in the context of the organization's national strategic expansion plan. We are grateful to have the insights, experience, passion and good humor of these wonderful leaders!

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Staff News

Welcome to April Ybarra, who joins the California Hub as Assistant Hub Coordinator! April is a PTHV parent trainer and family engagement advocate in Sacramento, her home town. She has two children, and previously worked in finance and customer service.

The Board of Directors is searching for candidates for the position of PTHV Executive Director, as Carrie Rose will be stepping down this summer. Would you please [pass along this link to the job description and application info to your colleagues?](#)

PTHV is a nonprofit grassroots network that must fundraise its operating budget every year. Like the local home visit projects we help, our network is sustained by collaboration at the grass roots. We are a small organization with a big impact!

Your gift of any amount goes a long way towards helping PTHV say YES to communities that ask us for help in starting and sustaining home visits.

Parent Teacher Home Visits Advances as Semifinalist in Harvard's 2017 Innovations in American Government Awards

The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, recognized today Parent Teacher Home Visits as one of the 100 programs named as Semifinalists in this year's Innovations in American Government Awards competition. Parent Teacher Home Visits has completed two phases of evaluation, and will advance in the competition for the \$100,000 grand prize in Cambridge this spring.

Parent Teacher Home Visits (PTHV), was evaluated from a pool of more than 500 applications from all 50 states, and was selected by the Innovations Award evaluators as an example of novel and effective action whose work has had significant impact, and who they believe can be replicated across the country and around the world.



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Thanks for reading our newsblast. And thank you for your support of Parent Teacher Home Visits! As always, don't hesitate to contact me with your questions, concerns, kudos and suggestions.

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About PTHV

Parent Teacher Home Visits are a fast, inexpensive and replicable strategy for engaging families, educators and students as a team. Our nonprofit network trains public schoolteachers and staff to make a meaningful relationship with the families of their students, starting with a home visit. In addition to proven increases in attendance and academic scores, these visits build trust, cross-cultural understanding, mutual accountability, more relevant instruction and leadership opportunities for the most important adults in a child's life - the family and the teachers.

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