A student tells his mom, siblings and teachers his hopes and dreams for the future at a recent home visit in Sacramento, CA.

**Kaiser Permanente Funds PTHV in community health initiative**
Early success in pilot collaboration between SCUSD, EGUSD and PTHV

(SACRAMENTO, CA) Home visits to new parents have a long history in health care, especially to infants at risk. But you may be surprised to know that the home visits Kaiser Permanente is funding as a community health initiative in South Sacramento are focused on school success in the K-12 grades.

The funder’s big-picture vision of community health includes supporting positive relationships between families and their children’s schools. The Kaiser Permanente Community Fund awarded a $20,000 grant in September to a cross-district effort aimed at strengthening community ties in South Sacramento. The collaboration involves elementary schools from both Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) and Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD), and the Sacramento-based nonprofit Parent Teacher Home Visits (PTHV), which trains teachers to connect with the families of their students, starting with a voluntary home visit.

“School success impacts the factors that we know have long-term implications for the health of individuals and ultimately the whole community,” says Carol Serre, Community Benefit Manager, Kaiser Permanente, Greater Sacramento Area, which funds health initiatives that impact low-
income, underserved and at-risk populations. “Parent Teacher Home Visits improve the school climate for the students, the families and the educators, and leads to increased college and career opportunities for students.”

Read the article

Notes from the Hubs

Roaring Fork School District, located in a beautiful Colorado mountain community, became our newest Parent Teacher Home Visit partner. Thirty five staff members representing schools across the district were trained in Parent Teacher Home Visits in February. District leadership and staff are working with the PTHV Colorado HUB, Denver Public Schools, Climb Higher and the Rose Foundation and are excited about implementing PTHV as a high impact family engagement strategy.

Patsy Roybal, Colorado Hub Coordinator

Have you seen the Videos section of the pthvp.org Toolbox? In addition to some good overall introductory videos, you'll also find individual testimonies from families, teachers, administrators and a researcher! 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

March
Baltimore, MD - Intro X 3
San Jose, CA - CTA
Human Rights & Equity Conference
Dearborn, MI - Intro
Elk Grove, CA - Intro
Duluth, MN - Intro
Salt Lake City, UT - Intro
Oakland, CA - TO

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This was Framingham’s first PTHV training to kick off its pilot home visits program. The training was February 16th at Fuller Middle School and there were approximately 40 principals, teachers, school support staff, and central office staff in attendance. A shout out to Roberta and the trainers who did a wonderful job making everyone feel comfortable and confident about making visits. Our Parent, Marie Belony, and our Teacher, Kelly Feurt, were originally trained by 1647, our partners in Dorchester. Everyone was especially moved and inspired by the personal experiences of Marie and Kelly and the many testimonies to how home visits impacted their lives and careers.

Jennifer LaBollita, Assistant Director, Bilingual Education Department, Framingham Public Schools

A Family's Experience: "I never received a positive phone call before."

“When the teacher first called I thought my son did something wrong. I have two older boys and we never received a positive phone call before, especially a teacher wanting to come to our home. I thought for sure my son did something wrong.

We loved the home visit. It was completely positive the whole time and my son felt really proud to have his teacher in our home. I think it is very important for the teachers to take the time to know their students and families outside of the school. After the home visit I now feel very connected to the school and to my son’s teacher. I hope more schools do this.”

Elizabeth Mariano, Parent, Elk Grove, CA

Special thanks to Lisa Levasseur, Family and Community Engagement for Elk Grove Unified School District, for her help with educator and family testimonies in preparation for the story on Kaiser Permanente funding for PTHV (See above)

Support Home Visits

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.

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Staff News

The Board of Directors Personnel Committee is evaluating applications for the position of PTHV
Executive Director, as Carrie Rose will be stepping down this summer. Interviews will be held in March, with recommendation to hire the top candidate going to the Board for approval in April.

In the Media

**Breaking through bias with Parent/Teacher Home Visits**, By Nick Faber, Schoolhouse News

Lincoln Park Middle School teachers: what are parents' hopes and dreams for their kids? by Lisa Johnson, KUMD Public Radio (text and audio)

**Home Visits with a STEM Twist** by Brenda Iasevoli, Education Week

Laying the groundwork for safe, welcoming schools by Mike Rose, American Federation of Teachers

**How did Lawrence, Mass., turn its schools around? Cooperation.** by Josh Kenworthy, EqualEd Fellow, The Christian Science Monitor

Teacher home visits help connect school and families at Lincoln Park Middle School (video & print) by Kati Anderson, KBJR6 News

Home visits offer students, parents and teachers a chance to build better relationships by Jana Hollingsworth, Duluth News Tribune

Embracing parents as partners by Editorial Staff, Brooklyn Reporter, from Letter to the Editor by Maria Giron, parent at J.H.S. 50, New York, New York.

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.

Learn more
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, success stories, challenges, kudos and suggestions.
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