



# PRICHARD COMMITTEE

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## FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

### Family and Community Engagement in Public Schools

We provide a variety of workshops for school staff, families and community members to learn how to work in partnership to support the academic success of all students in their public schools. Along with our standard workshops, we can create content specific workshops which can address a variety of topics. We can also customize a workshop to meet your specific needs. Standard workshops are listed below for Kentucky:

- **Governor's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (GCIPL) – 5 days - \$145,000 (all expenses included)**  
GCIPL is our signature training that develops a network of skilled parents and community leaders who are engaged as partners in decision-making and grassroots efforts to support academic achievement for all students in public schools. It takes place over two Friday/Saturday sessions and one Saturday session with all materials, meals, and accommodations provided to participants. Participants receive a year of coaching to support a project in a public school to involve other parents, improve student achievement, and have lasting impact.
- **The Missing Piece of the Proficiency Puzzle – 1 day with follow-up - \$ 2,000 plus expenses**  
School or district teams use a rubric to evaluate current practices to engage families and community members to improve student achievement. Teams are comprised of teachers, administrators, family members, community members or anyone working with families of the students.
- **Parent Leadership 101 - 2 days - \$5,500 plus expenses**  
A subset of our GCIPL Institute for parents which introduces them to academic standards, school data, and effective leadership techniques.
- **Parents and Teachers Talking Together – 1/2 day - \$1,000 plus expenses**  
Parents and teachers come together around two questions: “What do we want for our students?” and “How do we get what we want?” Comprised of a group of 30-35 participants; ideally made up of near-equal numbers of parents and educators.
- **Authentic Parent Engagement – 1 day - \$2,500 plus expenses**  
A one-day workshop using a “train the trainers” model for educators (district teams) to build solid school-to-home relationships so that educators and parents work together to improve student achievement. Attendees receive a comprehensive notebook with complete curriculum, handouts, and more. Based on research showing parents will be involved when they know they should be, know they are capable, and feel welcome, educators will:
  - Assess their attitudes and practices
  - Link parent involvement to student achievement in their schools
  - Determine strategies to develop authentic relationships with parents
  - Obtain activities and tools to train school personnel

**Why We Do It:** Accountability for increased achievement for all students is bigger than a school activity. To be an effective lever to improve learning for all students, accountability has to be a community responsibility. We have proven over the years that given the right information, tools, and supports, families and community members will become motivated to ensure quality education for all children – not just their own.

**How You Can Do It Too:** For more information, contact Cindy Baumert at [cbaumert@prichardcommittee.org](mailto:cbaumert@prichardcommittee.org), (859) 233-9849 x 227.