

2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT





Support Information Tools Education

Parent Resource Center

Working together with parents, schools, and the community to help students succeed.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES THROUGH Parent Engagement



Interim Superintendent's Message

The Department of Family and Community Services was created in 2013 to provide parents with practical tools that inform them of the school system, and incorporates strategies and resources conducive to children's cognitive, academic, social and emotional growth. Our intent is to bring the community into the schools, as research confirms that the involvement of parents and families in their children's education is critical to students' academic success.

We are very proud of the development and implementation of six Parent Resource Centers (PRCs). The PRCs function as one-stop centers where resources and opportunities for parents are available throughout the school day. The PRCs connects students and families to community resources that strengthen and support students' learning and well-being. Program services include classes to improve fluency in English, complete degrees and certifications, computer skills, learn to navigate the school system and a host of fun educational programs designed to build as better parent advocates and learn to network with other parents and families.

The staff of the Department of Family and Community Services are dedicated to the empowerment of the family for the benefit of our students. As Interim Superintendent, I wholeheartedly support this effort, and believe that the foundation for the success of all of our children lies in building strong families.

We look forward to demonstrating continued progress during FY 2017/2018.

Meet the Board of Education



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Director's Message

The Department of Family and Community Services is pleased to present this Annual Report designed to provide key information on the 2016-17 parent engagement initiative progress for Madera Unified.

2016 marked an accomplishment of year-three of the parent engagement initiative. We focused on integrating diverse programs and services with the support of program providers, community volunteers and the implementation of six Parent Resource Centers to meet the unique needs of our parent community. We aim to continue to provide centrally located services and resources to support our families and empower them to play a more exemplary role in their children's education and by extension strengthening their academic performance.

The generosity of community volunteers continues to serve as the foundation for the success of a significant cadre of support services such as parent education and leadership, family literacy, health and wellness workshops and outreach. Working together we are achieving many of the objectives as outlined in the district's Strategic Plan.

Special recognition to the MUSD Board of Trustees, administration, teachers, students, parents, PRC staff and the many individuals and organizations who continue to provide valuable support as we work collaboratively to provide the best possible quality educational opportunities, allowing parents to engage in the education of their children.

David Hernández
Director of Family and Community Services





Mission Statement

"To empower parents as their child's first teachers, thus making them great partners in education and increasing student achievement."



Department of Family and Community Services

The Department of Family and Community Services works in partnership with a host of community agencies, teachers, students, parents and families. The department staff offers the needed resources either directly or through contracted providers and community referrals, which promote community involvement. Services are built on strengthening families' knowledge and skills to support and extend their children's learning at home and in the community.

Madera Unified School District is committed to sustaining Parent Resource Centers that offer educational services and support within school communities with an emphasis on supporting all families. Personnel and educational materials are made available to the PRC through funding from the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), 21st Century After School Program, Categorical Programs, and a strong partnership with Madera Adult School.







2016-2017 Goal Statements

Each year, the Department of Family and Community Services develops new and forward-thinking goals directly tied to our Local Control and Accountability Strategic Plan.

These goals speak to parent engagement, educational programming, student learning, staff productivity, and community partnerships.



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The Department of Family and Community Services and community volunteers have combined resources with various community based organizations such as, City of Madera, Community Action Partnership of Madera County, Madera Coalition for Community Justice, Workforce Assistance Center, the Ministerial Association, and the local housing authority to close the academic achievement gaps and systematically address the needs of each child. MUSD is proud of its innovative non-traditional services to parents offered in conjunction with community based organizations. This partnership is transforming parental collaboration and an increase in parent engagement in the LCAP process

2016-2017 Accomplishments

- ***Dream To Lead Youth Leadership Conference**-Impacted 200 middle and high school students ranging from 8th to 10th grade.*
- ***Expanded the Adopt-A-School Program**-45 volunteers currently assist with classroom support, PRC activities, music performances, and festivals.*
- ***Expanded services from the Fresno Mexican Consulates Office**-mobile services offered same day process of consular identification, passports, birth certificates and legal advice.*
- ***Expanded Health Fair Services** to Alpha and Millview and incorporated the PEP Coordinator to promote nutrition, health and fitness.*

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Six PRCs were developed and are currently providing relevant comprehensive academic services. The PRCs work in partnership with parents, volunteers and community agencies to assist families in their caregiving roles, strengthen informal support among families, offer needed resources either directly or through community referrals' and promote lifelong learning opportunities.

Four full-time and five part-time Parent Resource Center (PRC) Assistants are responsible for maintaining a strong presence within each PRC. PRC Assistants provided academic resources and information to parents through a series of workshops, family-based activities and trainings.

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*1816 Howard Road, Suite 2, Madera, CA 93637 * (559) 675-4417*
*Monday-Friday * 8:00 AM-8:30 PM*

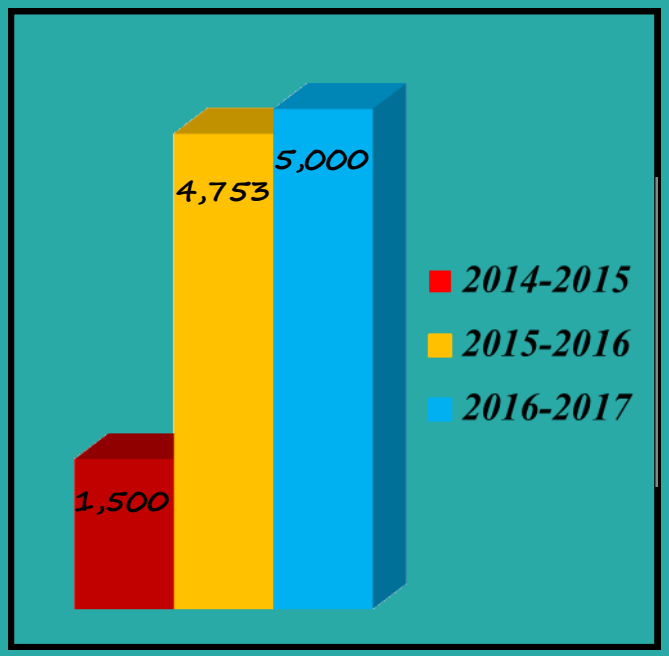
Alpha Elementary ***RM 33*** ***900 Stadium Road*** ***(559) 661-4101 Ext 233*** ***Also serving:*** *Furman, Madison, MHS, MSHS and Ripperdan*	***Lincoln Elementary*** ***RM. 707*** ***650 Liberty Lane*** ***(559) 675-4600 Ext 1707*** ***Also serving:*** *Adams, Dixieland, Howard, LaVina and TJ*	**** Millview Elementary*** ***RM. 25*** ***1609 Clinton Street*** ***(559) 674-8509 Ext 225*** ***Also serving:*** *MLK, Mt. Vista and Washington* **** Open 8:00AM-11:30AM***	***Monroe Elementary*** ***RM. 27*** ***1819 N Lake Street*** ***(559) 674-5679 Ext 227*** ***Also serving:*** *Berenda, Desmond, Nishimoto and Pershing*	***Sierra Vista Elementary*** ***RM. 35*** ***917 E. Olive Avenue*** ***(559) 674-8579 Ext 177*** ***Also serving:*** *Chavez, Eastin-Arcola and Parkwood*

Small Fry Preschool located at Howard Elementary School
*13878 Road 21½, Madera, CA 93637 * (559) 673-3825*

Small Fry is a play-based program that focuses on language and social development as well as Early Learning Content Standards with emphasis on parent participation.

Education , Leadership, Empowerment,

Three Year Comparison of Parents Served



5000 Parents Served

43 Volunteers

3000 Volunteer Hours

650 Parent Leadership graduates

460 Adult English Learners

48 Adult English Learners Promoted

to State Center Community College







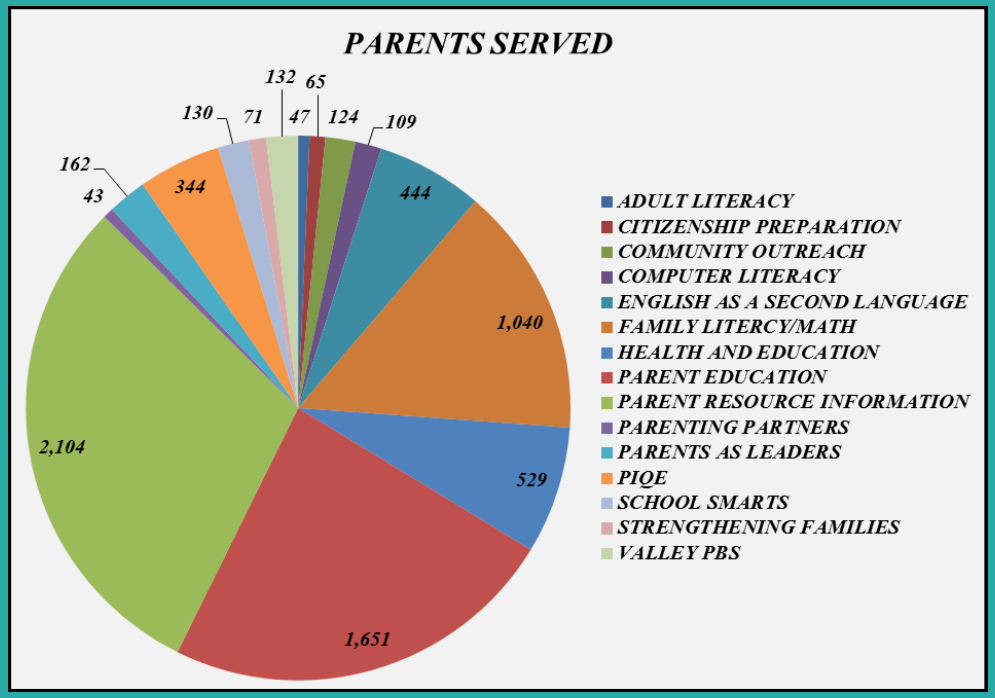
Culture, Family and Community



Evidence of Success

Accomplishments:

- ***Hand-N-Hand Program****-Parents and children learning and playing fun academic activities targeting 2nd-3rd grade students at Millview Elementary*
- ***Expanded Family Math Nights*** *to Alpha and Nishimoto*
- ***Promotion of ESL/PRC students to State Center Community College****-40 students received a certificate of promotion*
- ***Expanded PRC support to school sites*** *as well as parents, during parent teacher conferences*
- ***Increased collaboration between MUSD departments (VAPA, Athletics, Curriculum and Instruction)*** *to provide staff to support district sponsored programs, events and special projects*
- ***Implemented Financial Literacy Workshops-*** *Open to all MUSD parents and staff*



Parent Institute for Quality Education

PIQE educates parents on how to foster a positive educational environment for the children, both at home and at school, and allows parents to become the architects of their children's educational futures. The program focuses on various topics that help engage parents in meaningful discussions on how to communicate effectively with teachers and counselors to determine their children's progress relative to grade level standards and prepare their children for post-secondary education. The program serves elementary and secondary school parents and is available in English and Spanish.

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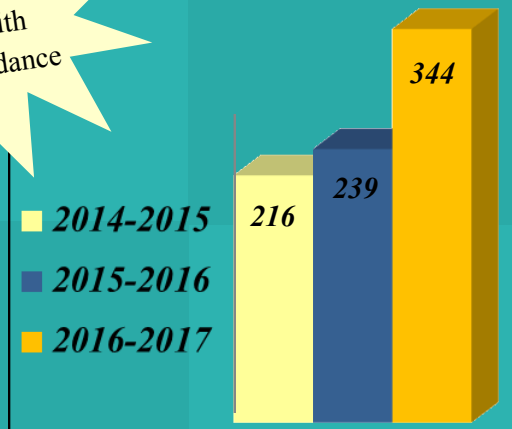
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Parents Enrolled

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Parent Graduates



Parents Served



Parenting Partners

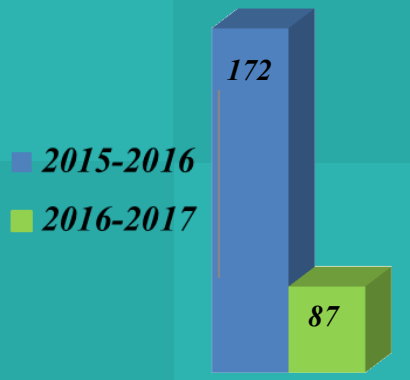
Parenting Partners' workshops combine parenting and leadership skills that empower parents to become vital contributors to their children's academic success. The eight-week comprehensive workshops are presented by each school's trained facilitator team, multiple times year-round in multiple languages, to create a sustainable source of parent leaders. Parenting Partners Program was offered within four elementary schools.

87

Parents Enrolled

69

Parent Graduates









Parents as Leaders



The Parents as Leaders Program is delivered in partnership with the Madera Coalition for Community Justice (MCCJ). This program provides training to parents to become school leaders with a focus on bolstering parent involvement through participation in school site councils, parent clubs, ELAC, DELAC and as volunteers in support of the Parent Resource Centers. Participants learn how to overcome language and cultural barriers, gain an in-depth understanding of their responsibilities as parents in the American public education system and expand their knowledge of (LCFF) and (LCAP). Parents also learn the functions of various MUSD departments available to support students. The program serves elementary and secondary school parents and is available in English and Spanish.

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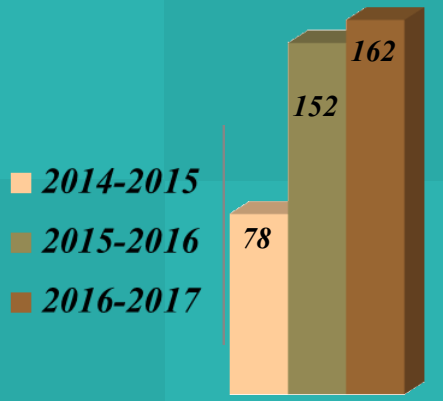


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Parents Enrolled

139

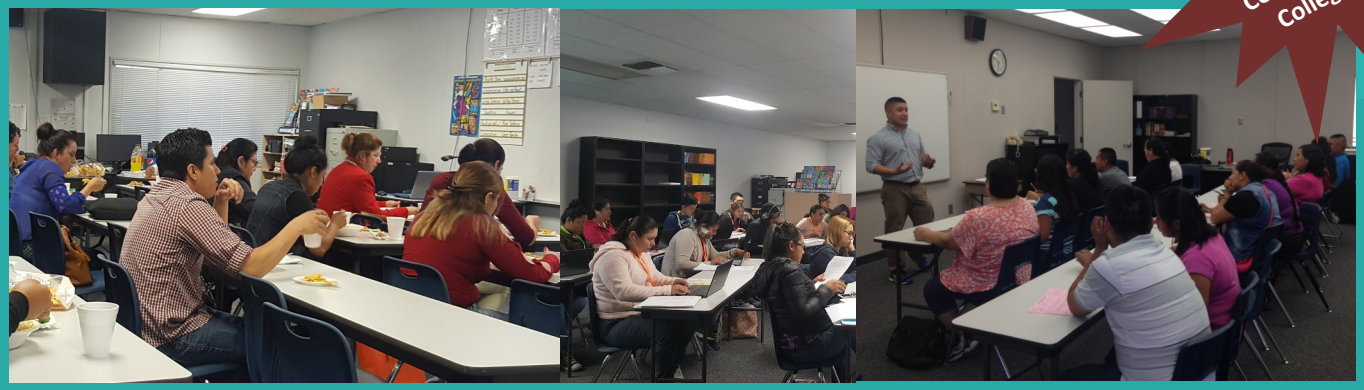
Parent Graduates



Madera Adult School

The Madera Adult School, English as a Second Language (ESL) program is designed to provide students with the literacy and language development skills necessary to participate effectively both within and outside of their communities as productive citizens, workers and family members. The program supports and complies with current guidelines pertaining to standardized assessment practices in California's adult literacy programs receiving WIA Title II funding.

Class levels range from beginning/low to advanced/high. Class sessions include group and individual work; distance learning materials, text books, and computer based learning activities.



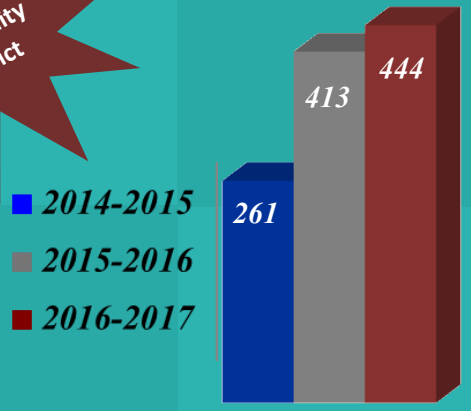
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Parents Enrolled

191

Advancing Levels

43 Promoted to State Center Community College District



Parents Served

Strengthening Families

Strengthening Families Program

The Strengthening Families Program is an evidence-based enrichment program to support parents of English Learners. Each session is designed to strengthen families by providing parenting skills, children's life skills, and family skills training. The program helps parents engage in structured family activities, practice therapeutic child play, conduct family meetings, learn communication skills, practice effective discipline, reinforce positive behaviors in each other, and plan family activities together. The program serves elementary and secondary school parents and is available in English and Spanish.





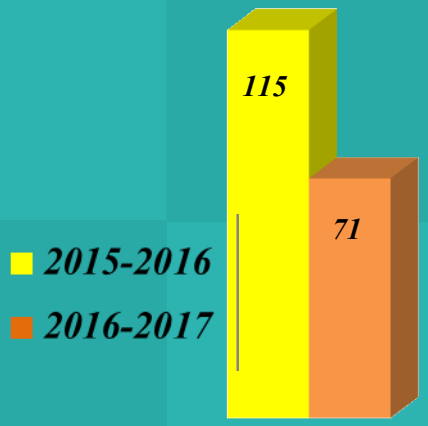


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Parents Enrolled

32

Parent Graduates



Parents Served

School Smarts

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PARENT ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The School Smarts Parent Engagement Program is a model for creating meaningful and diverse parent involvement that helps parents navigate the educational system, communicate effectively, and advocate for a quality education. It brings parents from all backgrounds together in support of their common interest. Emphasis of program is on the arts in the classroom. Projects are taken home for parents to reintroduce and model to their children. The program serves elementary parents and is available in English and Spanish.





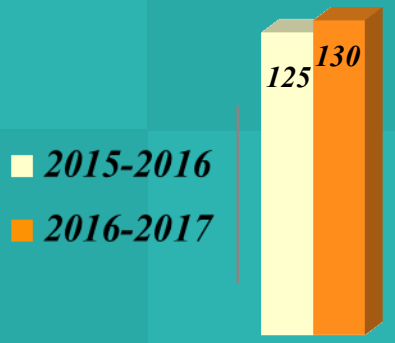


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Parents Enrolled

115

Parent Graduates



Parents Served

Valley PBS-Ready To Learn

Ready to Learn parent workshops teach parents how to create fun and effective learning experiences for their children in the three ways that children learn best: viewing, reading and doing. ValleyPBS-trained instructors teach parents how to use guided questioning to get their children to think about educational concepts embedded in books and projects-concepts like the main idea of the story or how to count and perform math facts. The parents and children engage in fun reading and math activities while children are learning foundational common core concepts. The program serves elementary parents and is available in English and Spanish.







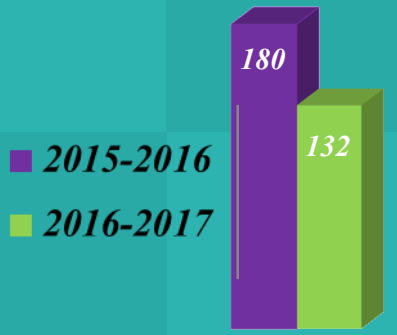


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Parents Enrolled

74

Parent Graduates



Parents Served

Pequeños Empresarios

The Pequeños Empresarios Program concentrates on developing the social, and emotional domains of children, and provides opportunities for them to develop multiple hidden talents and lifelong skills.

Children learn and engage in entrepreneurial skills, leadership, money sense, public speaking, etiquette, respect for self, the environment, and community involvement. The program is hosted at Sierra Vista Elementary and serves children ages 7-12.

56

Children Enrolled

33

Completed Program







Small Fry
Parent Co-Op Preschool
Celebrating 65 years of service to Madera's children

Small Fry is comprised of parents of preschool-aged children 3-5 years of age, and creates a learning environment that fosters the development of the "whole child", with parent involvement playing a critical part in the child's preschool experience.

The primary purpose is to provide fundamental pre-kindergarten skills. These skills include developing fine and gross motor skills, social interaction with peers within a safe and nurturing environment. All parents and guardians serve duty days (usually one day per week, per child) to assist the teacher with the organizing, implementing, and planning of activities.

25

Children Enrolled

11

Promoting to Kindergarten







Community Outreach



A significant achievement has been realized through the implementation of programs. The number of unduplicated parents served represents an increase of 3253 from last year where we served 4753. The duplicated number of parents served is estimated at 2400.

Important Numbers and Websites

Area Code is 559

Madera Unified School District	*675-4500*
www.madera.k12.ca.us	
Department of Family and Community Services	*675-4417*
www.madera.k12.ca.us/prc	
Alpha Parent Resource Center	*661-4101 ext. 233*
Lincoln Parent Resource Center	*675-4600 ext. 1707*
Millview Parent Resource center	*674-8509 ext. 225*
Monroe Parent Resource Center	*674-5679 ext. 277*
Sierra Vista Parent Resource Center	*674-8579 ext. 177*
Small Fry Parent Co-Op Preschool	*673-3825*
Madera Preschool	*675-4490*
http://www.madera.k12.ca.us/Domain/936	
Madera Adult School	*675-4425*
http://www.madera.k12.ca.us/Domain/910	
Madera Unified School District Transportation Department	*673-2288*
http://www.madera.k12.ca.us/Domain/19	

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PARENT ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

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