




Parent Involvement and the Dropout Rate.

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Parent Involvement-

A major foundational element in a comprehensive drop out prevention strategy.




PTA is the nation's
primary parent
involvement
association in the
world.

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The parent involvement focus can range from helping your 1st grader with homework to visiting colleges to prepare for the freshman year.



The parent involvement focus can range from helping in the cafeteria to decreasing the dropout rate.

Facts about Dropping Out

Over 1 million students drop out per year.

About half of African American and Hispanic youth fail to graduate on time.


Of those who do graduate with high school diploma, only 1/3 are ready for college.

Casey




Dr Grasmick supports the concept of parent involvement in Maryland.

Parent involvement can help decrease the student drop out rate.



In 2003 Dr. Grasmick established the Maryland Parent Advisory Council (M-PAC) to study parent involvement in Maryland.

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In 2005 a final report was presented by the M-PAC Council to the State Board of Education, based on research and input from Maryland parents, families and communities.

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Beyond the M-PAC report

Parent and family input and comments that supported the final M-PAC report also supported the concept that parents, family and community play a large role in preventing student dropouts.



**Parent involvement
commitments that have
an impact on decreasing
the student drop out rate.**



Begin Early

With a strong foundation and high expectations prior to entering school.

- Use public library
- Computers
- Family nights
- Establish rules



Make commitments to:

- **Become an informed advocate for your child beginning day one.**
- **Understand the school system programs.**
- **Constantly monitor, reassess progress, and adjust the home/school connection**

Make a commitment to:

- Transition with the child from grade to grade.

- Transition parent involvement styles-

**Elementary involvement becomes
different at middle and high school.**

Baltimore City parent



Make a commitment to:

Create a team

Teachers

Student

Administration

Parent

Social worker

Police officer

Mental and physical specialist

Extended family

social worker – Baltimore Co.



Make a commitment to:

Develop a strong home /school connection, involve student.

Create Plans of Action to review periodically involve student.

Baltimore County parent



Make a commitment to:

**Help establish at least one
adult in the school
building to be the
student's leadership
coach/mentor.**

Washington Co. parent




Make a commitment to:

Connect a child to some type of college experience as soon as possible.

Develop excitement , awareness and value for college

Prince George's County family



Parent and family commitment to be an informed partner who is willing to create an effective team and manage the educational resources will have a positive impact on decreasing the student dropout rate.

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