

# **T.A.C.T. TRAINING SOLUTIONS PARENT ACADEMY WORKSHOPS**

## **PURPOSE**

Research has concluded that families have a major influence on their children's achievement in school and throughout life. When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more.

**Students with involved parents are more likely to:**

- Have lower rates of absenteeism than students whose parents are not involved
- Earn high grades and test scores, and enroll in higher-level programs
- Pass their classes, earn credits, and be promoted
- Have higher self-esteem and ability to overcome obstacles
- Graduate and go on to postsecondary education.



## **OVERVIEW**

T.A.C.T. Training Solutions (TACT) provides a variety of effective and practical, research-based Parental Involvement Programs that are designed to equip parents with the best strategies and resources available to help their children succeed in school, across all grade levels, and go on to do well in life.



## **STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS**

**TACT Parent Academy Workshops are research-based and aligned with Common Core State Standards, and will be tailored to support achievement of your specific School Improvement and Parental Involvement goals.**

- Collaborating closely with our schools and collecting data ensures that **the educational content is always valid, relevant and engaging** for the parents being served.
- We have a **keen understanding of the rules:** Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended (ESEA), has specific guidelines and goals for Parental Involvement that funded schools must comply with. TACT's Parental Engagement **School Partners have received high scores during audits for parental involvement activities.**
- TACT Meeting Facilitators are professional and personable. We value the perspectives of all parents; and know how to make learning interactive and fun.

**What are your Big Ideas? Let T.A.C.T. make a positive IMPACT for your school today!**

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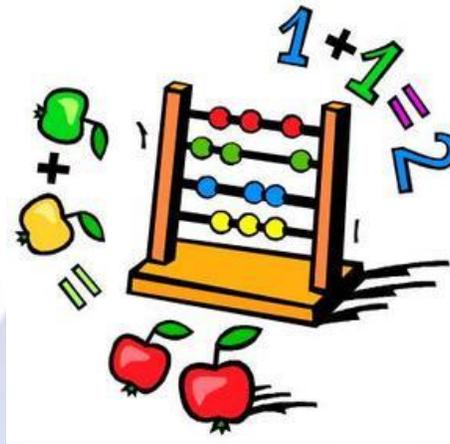
## **T.A.C.T. TRAINING SOLUTIONS PARENT ACADEMY WORKSHOPS**

### **Help Your Child READ and Succeed**

- Studies show that students who do not read by grade three have greater difficulty mastering other skills and core subjects and eventually these students simply drop out of school. This Workshop is designed to build parents' capacity to help their children learn to read, enjoy reading, improve reading speed and comprehension, and complete reading and ELA assignments at home.

This workshop will increase participants' knowledge in the following areas:

- Common Core State Standards for Literacy
- Understanding assessments
- Components of a Comprehensive Reading Program
- Ways to help your children learn to read, enjoy reading, improve reading speed and comprehension at home.



### **Help Your Child Learn and Love MATHEMATICS**

- This workshop will help to ensure that MATHEMATICS homework given to students can be understood by parents; and give parents teacher-approved MATH tips and lessons for working work with their children at home.

Participants will:

- Explore the new Common Core State Standards for MATH
- Learn how to help students with MATH assignments at home; and get them engaged and learning MATH in everyday activities
- Get **hands-on experience** with methods and manipulatives used in the classroom to teach their students MATH.

### **Ready for Common Core:**

### **Getting Your Child College and Career Ready**

- Helping parents to understand the new Common Core State Standards, exposing parents to methodology and providing activities and opportunities for practice will help to ensure that parents can assist their children with learning, homework and to be on-track to being career and college ready upon graduation.

This workshop will increase participants' knowledge in the following areas:

- **Using technology and tools** strategically in learning and communicating
- Using **argument and reasoning** to do research, construct arguments, and critique the reasoning of others
- **Communicating and collaborating** effectively with a variety of audiences
- **Solving problems**, constructing explanations and designing solutions.



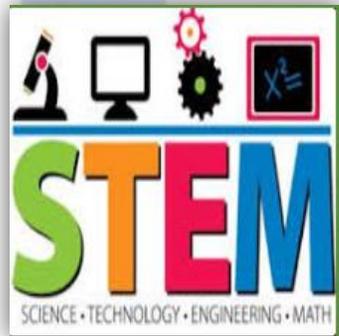
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## **STEM1: What is STEM and How Do You Do It?**

- This is a team-project based learning. Educating parents on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education, program rationale and resources used by their children will help to ensure that STEM related assignments given to students can be understood by the parents, and that they can assist with their children's engagement and achievement in STEM subjects.

This workshop will increase participants' knowledge in the following areas:

- STEM education facts and its need
- The Next Generation Science Standards
- Helping with STEM problem solving at home
- Completing an Engineering challenge
- Discuss ways to apply the new skills.



## **STEM 2: Immerse Yourself and Your Child in STEM Problem Solving, Programs and Careers**

- This is a team-project based learning. This workshop will equip parents with a better understanding of STEM programs and provide additional hands-on experience with STEM activities, access to resources and knowledge of the applications of STEM beyond primary school. Thus, enhancing parents' own interest in STEM fields and providing the tools to foster their students' interest and achievement in STEM.

This workshop will increase participants' knowledge in the following areas:

- Current STEM initiatives and resources
- **Post-secondary STEM education and training programs, career fields, salaries and requirements**
- Competing in a team-project based Science or Engineering challenge
- Where to find STEM clubs, camps & low-cost programs.

## **Intro to Using Personal Technology: Computer Literacy**

- An increase in technology knowledge and utilization by both parents and students is needed to increase students' overall academic achievement. Educating parents on computer terminology and how to use computers will help to ensure that parents are informed, involved, and able to assist their children with technology-related assignments and learning at home.

Participants will:

- Become familiar with Common Core State CTE Standards
- Learn technology-related terminology and components of the computer in an interactive activity
- Get a hands-on lesson on operating the computer, navigating to the internet and using research engines
- Create and send e-mail.



**CATEGORIES:** Understanding Technology, Increasing Academic Performance, Supporting Your Child's Education

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### **Engage Students Using Personal Technology For Learning (Math and Reading)**

- Parental involvement and an increase in technology knowledge and utilization by both parents and students are needed to increase students' overall academic achievement. Educating parents on how everyday personal technology can be used to increase positive family engagement and academic achievement will build parents' capacity to increase students' academic performance at school.

Participants will:

- Explore highly-ranked learning and productivity phone apps, tablet apps, video games, audio books, CDs, DVDs and software
- Practice using the technology and learn where to find free resources
- Discuss ways that they will engage students in learning activities using personal technology every day at home.



### **Using the Parent Connect Online Portal for Improved Student Success**

- This family and school connectivity tool allows parents, schools and teachers to connect around individual student progress. Parents will learn all about the Parent Connect portal and accessing current information about their students' grades, attendance, homework and more. The correlation between parents staying



connected to the school, expressing high expectations for achievement and monitoring students' progress to their child's academic achievement in school is the focus of this workshop.

Participants will:

- Learn about your school's Parent Connect portal
- Get a hands-on lesson and experience using this technology
- Practice proven ways to connect with students, teachers and the school and improve student success.



### **DiSC and Differentiated Instruction: Strategies for Connecting with and Improving Each Student's Success**

- Parents will learn about Differentiated Instruction, and teaching students using individualized plans for optimal performance and engagement in class. Also how adults and children have identifiable communication styles, ways to understand these differences and improve communication and learning.

Participants will:

- Learn what Differentiated Instruction is and is not, and how teachers use classroom data to develop individual learning plans
- Learn of DiSC parenting styles and student behavior styles, and their impact on interpersonal communication and relationships
- Discover how to recognize these styles, to understand their student's unique strengths, avoid pitfalls and use strategies that will improve communication and academic success.

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## **Set SMART Goals and Craft a Vision Board For Your Family's Success**

- Parents will learn how to turn their wish list of goals for their students' academic and overall achievement into written goals that are Specific, Measurable, Action-oriented, Realistic and Timed (SMART) using a project-based method. Evaluating their goals, completing goal-planning sheets, and then creating a personal goals board to keep everyone focused and taking the steps to goal obtainment will give parents a valuable tool to help their children to increase their achievement in school.

Participants will:

- Understand SMART Goals and how to determine if it's SMART
- Research and write out steps to accomplishment and explore possible obstacles and develop solutions
- Create your own vision board to stay focused on success.



CATEGORIES: Conflict Resolution, Social and Emotional Skills Development, Increasing Academic Performance, Establishing Routine, Rules & High Expectations for Your Child, Building Family and School Connectivity.

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## **Solving Conflicts with Love and Setting Limits**

- Conflict is a natural and unavoidable consequence of people being around each other. Properly handled conflict strengthens communication, character and resolves problems in positive and lasting ways. Unresolved conflict can lead to angry behaviors, poor choices, resentment and negative consequences that carry over into the classroom and beyond. Children, adolescents and teens need and want parents to get involved and make the



tough, mature decisions that they can't.

Participants will:

- Learn a conflict resolution strategy called SOLVED
- Explore the types of conflicts and issues that require setting limits
- Discuss rules for appropriate behavior at school
- Practice setting clear limits and high expectations that prevent negative outcomes and maximize academic success.

## **Common Sense Parenting® Series**

- *Common Sense Parenting*® workshops presented by T.A.C.T. provide parents with proven strategies for helping children succeed in school, building good family relationships, preventing and correcting misbehavior, using consequences and praise, teaching problem-solving, self-control, good decision-making skills and other *vital life skills for success in today's world*.

**Common Sense Parenting Workshop Titles:**

- **Helping Kids Succeed in School**
- **Teaching Children Self Control**
- **Preventing Problem Behavior**
- **Correcting Misbehavior**
- **Building Relationships**
- **Teaching Kids to Make Good Decisions**

**Target Audience:**

- Parents of children from 6 to 16 years old.
- These workshops are a popular choice for Schools, Employee Enrichment Programs, Lunch & Learns, Conferences, Churches and Community and Adult Education.



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### **Parenting Skills that Prevent Student Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use**

- Drugs impair a student's memory, alertness and academic achievement; and tear down a young person's ability to think clearly and to develop. **Studies show that parents are the key to whether a child will use drugs or not.**



Effective drug prevention requires that parents keep adolescents (aged 10-14) from using any drug in the first place.

- This parental involvement workshop supports parents in the prevention of substance abuse and the subsequent decline in academic achievement for their children.

Participants will:

- Learn the elements that research identify as critical to preventing adolescent drug, tobacco and alcohol use.
- Become informed and equipped to educate students about the harsh realities about alcohol, tobacco and drugs.
- Practice developing and communicating clear rules and expectations for healthy choices and high academic achievement.

### **Bullying 101 for Parents: Bullying Awareness and Effective Response**

- A school with a bullying problem is not a safe place for students to learn. The data shows that bullying usually does not stop without adult intervention. If trained to educate their children about bully prevention, and to respond positively and effectively when it occurs, parents are the key component to preventing bullying in the schools, improving the learning climate and student academic achievement.

This workshop will increase participants' knowledge in the following areas:

- The school District's policy on bullying
- Strategies for talking with your children and school staff when bullying is expected or occurs
- What bullying is and what it is not, how to recognize the warning signs your child may be involved in bullying as the victim or the perpetrator
- Steps to follow to resolve bullying positively.

*\*NOTE: TO ALIGN WITH BEST PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE BULLYING PREVENTION EFFORTS, ON-GOING PARENT, STAFF AND STUDENT EDUCATION SHOULD BE DONE. LEARN HOW T.A.C.T. CAN MEET YOUR SCHOOL-WIDE BULLYING EDUCATION NEEDS.*



### **Bullying 201 for Parents: Teaching Students Prevention and Protective Strategies**

- Bullying is a serious problem that effects every one: bullies, bully victims and on-lookers; and takes away from learning, contributes to absenteeism, depression, anxiety, low self-esteem and other factors that **reduce student academic achievement and degrade the quality of the school.**

This workshop will increase participants' knowledge in the following areas:

- Cyber safety and how to detect and stop cyberbullying
- The bullying circle and the effects of bullying on the whole community
- Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) skills that equip students with appropriate bullying recipient and bystander responses; and competencies that reduce negative behaviors and outcomes.

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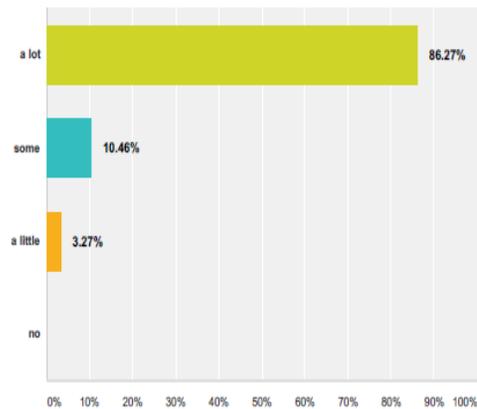
## PAST PERFORMANCE OF RECENT AND RELEVANT CONTRACTS

TACT has conducted a variety of Parental Involvement Workshops within Detroit Public and Charter Schools, as well as other Metropolitan-Detroit organizations, with consistently-positive evaluations and feedback from participants and interested parties. TACT uses summative evaluations upon completion of each Parental Involvement Workshop. This summative evaluation looks at the impact of the program on the target group.

### Parental Involvement Workshop Evaluation & Feedback

#### Q2 Enjoyment: I enjoyed the course

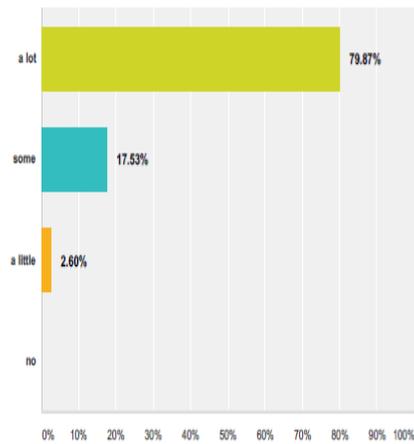
Answered: 153 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
a lot	86.27%	132
some	10.46%	16
a little	3.27%	5
no	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>153</b>

#### Q3 Learning Transfer: I learned useful new information

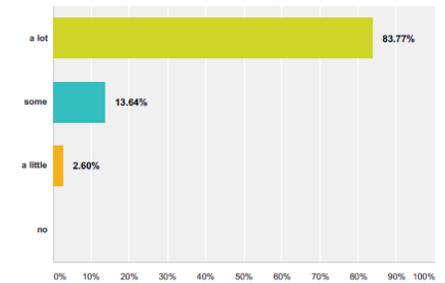
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Answer Choices	Responses	
a lot	79.87%	123
some	17.53%	27
a little	2.60%	4
no	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>154</b>

#### Q5 Effect on results: I think that this information will increase my effectiveness with the subject

Answered: 154 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
a lot	83.77%	129
some	13.64%	21
a little	2.60%	4
no	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>154</b>

TRAINING SOLUTIONS

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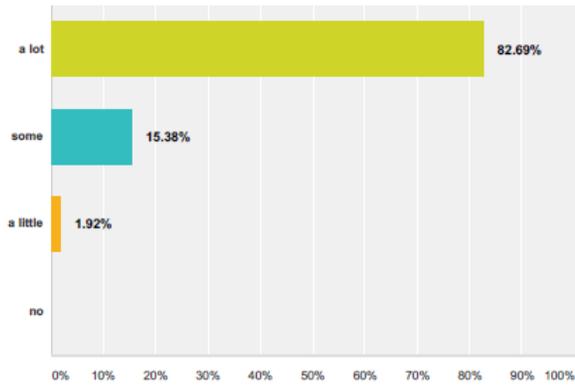
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**Q6 Based on this activity, how likely are you to attend another Parental Involvement workshop or activity here?**

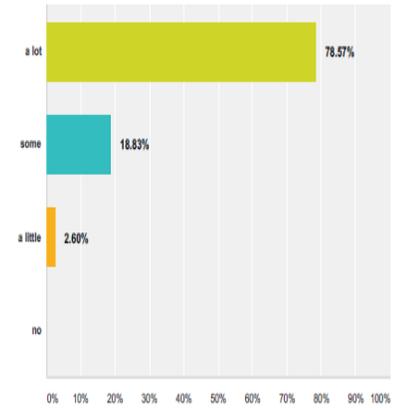
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
a lot	82.69%	43
some	15.38%	8
a little	1.92%	1
no	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>52</b>

**Q4 Applying the learning: I plan to use the information and ideas**

Answered: 154 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
a lot	78.57%	121
some	18.83%	29
a little	2.60%	4
no	0.00%	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>154</b>



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