

WEBINAR SERIES

# Achieving Excellence and Innovation in Family, School, and Community Engagement

The U.S. Department of Education and its partners United Way Worldwide, National PTA, SEDL, and Harvard Family Research Project invite you to participate in the following webinar.

Webinar 1

## *Transforming Schools Through Family, School, and Community Engagement*

Research over the past 30 years has shown that engaging families in their children's education increases student achievement and decreases dropout rates. Effective family engagement is not a one-time program or the choice of a good school, but rather a set of day-to-day practices, attitudes, beliefs and interactions that support learning at home, at school, afterschool, and during the summer. To ensure that the students of today are ready for the careers of tomorrow, families, schools, and community groups need to work together to promote engagement that is systemic, sustained, and integrated into school improvement efforts.

*Achieving Excellence and Innovation in Family, School, and Community Engagement* is a series of webinars that aims to provide opportunities for stakeholders representing national, regional, and local organizations to learn about family, school, and community engagement research, as well as best practices and innovations from the field.

The first installment of the webinar series addresses the question, How can stakeholders build the capacity to transform schools through effective family, school, and community engagement?

This webinar will include real-life examples of innovative family and community engagement efforts, and discuss how to successfully integrate family engagement into student learning and how to sustain engagement efforts across the cradle-to-career pathway.

*Don't miss this important opportunity to learn first hand about ways to engage family and community in supporting student learning.*

April 29, 2010, 1:30–3:00 p.m. (EDT)

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Presenters include:

- **Jim Shelton**, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Office of Innovation and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education
- **Anna Hinton**, Director, Parental Options and Information, Office of Innovation and Improvement, U.S. Department of Education
- **Heather Weiss**, Founder and Director, Harvard Family Research Project
- **Nina Sazer O'Donnell**, Vice President, Education, United Way Worldwide
- **Ron Mirr**, Iowa State PIRC, RM Consulting

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