

UIC Parent Engagement Programs

Parent Outreach Programs

FREE Interactive Workshops for Head Start Parents

FAMILY LITERACY OUTREACH (FLO)



Head Start parents learn strategies to promote early literacy activities at home using the FLAME curriculum. Special workshops and events for Dads are offered through the Dads Reading Daily with Devotion (DRD) program. **FLAME workshop topics are scheduled by month.** Sites are encouraged to schedule at least four FLAME workshops.

FLAME Workshops for all: *DRD Offerings for Dads:*

- Oct: Library Visit
- Nov: Teaching ABC's
- Dec: Creating Home Literacy Centers
- Jan: Children's Writing
- Feb: Math At Home
- Mar: Community Literacy
- Apr: Book Fair, Book Selection & Book Sharing
- FLAME Workshops
- Mini Conferences
- Male Involvement Workshops for staff
- Male Gatherings
- *Special Events:*
- Mother's Day (May) & Father's Day (June) events

FINANCIAL LITERACY INITIATIVE FOR PARENTS (FLIP)



FLIP workshops are conducted using the ALL MY MONEY Curriculum developed by the University of Illinois Extension Program. FLIP workshops help Head Start parents gain skills in basic money management. Workshops do not offer individual consultations on personal finances. Sites are encouraged to schedule at least four FLIP workshops.

FLIP Workshops:

- Making Spending Choices
- Envelope Budgeting
- Planning Your Spending
- Understanding Credit
- Handling Credit
- Building Consumer Skills
- Taking Consumer Action
- Checks and Checking Accounts
- Savings

PARENT EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM (PEER)

The PEER workshops help Head Start parents get ready for work and school through an adapted curriculum based on various research-based programs. The PEER curriculum is divided into three modules. Each module has several workshops designed to help prepare parents to build a bridge to their futures. **PEER workshops are scheduled by module for maximum effect for Head Start parents.**

PEER Workshops:

MODULE A: Post-Secondary Education Readiness

- Educational Pathways to Careers
- Financial Aid & Applying to School

MODULE B: Job Readiness Skills

- Creating a Resume & Reference Sheet
- Cover letter & Thank Letter
- Job Search Strategies & Networking
- Interview Techniques & Dressing for Success

MODULE C: Workplace Success

- Barriers to Employment Success
- Professionalism & Workplace Ethics
- Soft Skills in the Work Place
- Conflict Resolution in the Workplace



Workshops 60-75 minutes in length

Head Start partner sites must be funded by Chicago Department of Family & Support Services. If interested, please contact Samuel Austin at 312-413-7403. Fax agreement form to 312-413-8887.