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Local Schools Receive Funds to Engage Parents in Student Learning

The New Jersey State Parent Information and Resource Center (NJPIRC), a program of Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey, has awarded stipends to twenty-one of New Jersey's public schools and early care centers to host family activities in recognition of Parent Involvement Month this October.

Funds will enhance partnerships between schools and the families by fostering opportunities for parents to be more knowledgeable of, and involved in, their children's school systems. Supported activities help create a parent-friendly school environment and facilitate effective communication between parents, students and school staff. New Jersey public schools and early care centers selected to receive this competitive award:

- Burlington County Alternative High School in Pemberton, NJ
- Delsea Regional High School in Franklinville, NJ
- Elmer Elementary School in Elmer, NJ
- George J Mitchell School in Little Egg Harbor, NJ
- Gregory School in West Orange, NJ
- Grenloch Terrace Early Childhood Center in Sewell, NJ
- Hannah Caldwell Elementary School in Union, NJ
- Jersey City Early Childhood Department in Jersey City, NJ
- Jugando Aprendemos in West New York, NJ
- Leroy Gordan Cooper Elementary in Cliffwood, NJ
- Mi Casita Day Care Center in Camden, NJ
- Mount Arlington Public School in Mount Arlington, NJ
- Neptune Early Childhood Center in Neptune, NJ
- Parsippany High School in Parsippany, NJ
- Pennsauken High School in Pennsauken, NJ
- Pine Grove Manor School in Somerset, NJ
- Quality of Life Schools 1, 9 & 11 in Passaic, NJ
- Regional Day School in Jackson, NJ
- Robert B. Jaggard Elementary in Marlton, NJ
- South Plainfield High School in South Plainfield, NJ
- Union Elementary School in Rutherford, NJ

"We know that when parents believe, their kids achieve," said Rush Russell, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey. "Research consistently demonstrates that students prosper both academically and socially when their home and school communities work together. NJPIRC is working to build these partnerships so that all students in New Jersey, particularly those in low performing districts, achieve high academic performance with strong educational outcomes."

For more information about these events or about NJPIRC, a program of Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey, visit www.njpric.org or call 1-800-CHILDREN.

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