

What is the Charter Teacher Family Engagement Professional Learning Community?

Flamboyant Foundation is excited to launch the DC Charter Teacher Family Engagement Professional Learning Community (PLC). This professional learning community gives teachers the opportunity to learn research-based family engagement best practices around (1) relationship building, including home visits (2) academic partnering such as high quality parent-teacher conferences and student-led conferences and (3) ongoing communication with families. PLC participants who meet the measures of success will receive a \$1500 stipend at the end of SY15-16.

Who can apply?

A successful candidate...

- Believes that all families have the ability and desire to support their child's academic achievement.
- Is interested and capable of leading family engagement work at their school.
- Teaches in a Washington, DC public charter school.
- Will not be working at a Flamboyant Family Engagement Partnership School in SY15-16.
- MUST apply with a "buddy" teacher from their school. Only one application per pair of teachers is required.
- Will attend at least 6 of the 7 meetings. See the second page for the dates of the PLC sessions.
- Is an early childhood or elementary school teacher.

"Flamboyant has been an amazing support for my development as a teacher, as well as offering great support and resources for me to use with my families. Having a buddy teacher was a great way to have DAILY support, as I had someone at my school who knew what my goals were and what I wanted to do. It was great!"

*~Pre-K Teacher
Capital City PCS*

What do I get out of the Charter Teacher Family Engagement Professional Learning Community?

- **Develop your practice:** Participate in high quality professional development on family engagement including sessions on home visiting, high quality parent teacher conferences, and ongoing communication.
- **Collaborate with peers:** Participate in a professional learning community of peers committed to engaging families in student success.
- **Strengthen your school community:** Take advantage of opportunity to lead family engagement work.
- **Better outcomes for kids:** Engage families and your students will do better.
- Receive a \$1500 stipend if you meet the measures of success.

What level of commitment is required?

Note: There will be two separate PLCs for ECE (PreK-Kindergarten) and Elementary (1st-5th) teachers.

Participants must:

- Attend at least 6 of the 7 meetings
- Prepare two presentations to share family engagement strategies with PLC members (5-6 hours of preparation total)

Early Childhood and Elementary School Teachers' Measures of Success:

- Complete at least 24 home visits with "buddy" teacher
- Conduct 3 parent-teacher conferences with 75% of families in their homeroom or target group
- Communicate individually at least quarterly with 100% of students' families

When do the sessions take place?

- **The initial session will be offered twice, once on Tuesday, June 2 from 5pm-8pm and again on Wednesday, June 3rd from 5pm-8pm at Flamboyan Foundation.** All accepted PLC members **MUST** attend one of the initial sessions.
- Fellows will attend 4 sessions in Fall 2015 and 2 sessions in Spring 2016. The complete schedule of sessions will be released to accepted candidates before the initial session.

"The most important thing that I learned from this PLC is that high quality family engagement is not only great for building relationships with families, it also helps get families on board to supporting academic growth and success."

*~3rd Grade Teacher
Capital City PCS*

How do I apply?

- Visit < <http://goo.gl/forms/7MkeMSmufs> > and fill out the application **by Friday, May 1st**. You and your "buddy" teacher should complete one application.
- Successful, first round candidates will be interviewed in May.
- Accepted candidates will be contacted by May 25th.

How do I find out more?

Please contact Diana Suarez at dsuarez@flamboyanfoundation.org with questions.