

FACT SHEET

DLOPI

Different Levels of Parent Involvement

INTRODUCTION

Different Levels of Parent Involvement (DLOPI – pronounced de-low-pee) is a parent program with five modules designed to encourage parents to become involved in their child's education, whether at school or at home. This program provides teachers with a simple computerized format for determining levels of parental involvement by assessing the student's classroom performance and behaviors as measured by the parent or guardian's interaction in their education.

This dynamic training is a collaborative outreach effort by the Florida Department of Education's Bureau of Family and Community Outreach, and Audrey Lewis, Parent Services Coordinator from Gadsden County, Florida.

PURPOSE

The general purpose of the program is to offer training to parents and educators on the five levels of DLOPI to develop and strengthen parental involvement in their child's education from Pre-K through 12th grade.

DIFFERENT LEVELS OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT

LEVEL 1 – RESPONSIBILITIES & ATTENDANCE

- See that my child attends school regularly and on time
- Equip my child with necessary school supplies
- Provide the school with current demographic information
- Provide a home environment that encourages learning
- Encourage positive school feelings

LEVEL 2 – COMMUNICATION & SUPPORT

- Meet my child's teacher
- Communicate regularly with my child's teachers by phone/letters
- Talk with my child about school activities every day
- Encourage my child's efforts and be available for questions
- Insist that all homework assignments be completed
- Provide a quiet, well-lighted place to study
- Support the school in developing self-discipline in my child

LEVEL 3 – LITERACY & TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE

- Encourage my child to read at home and monitor TV viewing
- Read with and let my child see me read
- Acquire a library card for my child
- Provide tutorial assistance for my child if needed
- Stay aware of what my child is learning

LEVEL 4 – VOLUNTEER & MENTORING

- Visit my child's classroom
- Maintain regular contact with the teacher
- Volunteer in a needed area at school
- Volunteer to assist on field trips
- Send materials or supply items to assist in classroom activities
- Attend at least three PTSO meetings a year
- Become involved in planning school activities and fund raisers
- Attend all parent-teacher conferences

LEVEL 5 – LEADERSHIP & PARTNERSHIP

- Become an officer of the PTSO/PTA and school advisory council
- Participate in the decision-making process
- Attend trainings and workshops
- Train other parents and share information
- Become knowledgeable of current educational laws
- Maintain contact with lawmakers to help ensure the best educational support for all children
- Form a parent-teacher support group
- Maintain an open line of communication between the school and the community



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DLOPI Workshops

WORKSHOP THEME

Each level of the five DLOPI modules is exciting and fun-filled, and provides parents an opportunity to assess their level of involvement. All workshop sessions are interactive, allowing for an exchange of ideas and strategies for communicating with teachers, school administrators and peers. View the five levels of DLOPI at www.dlopi.org.

WORKSHOP TRAINING MODULES

- **Train-the-Trainer** (facilitator session), an overview of the five modules, is presented along with specific activities. CDs include a one minute PSA of DLOPI and five skits of positive and negative reactions of parents at different levels.
- **Educators** are provided information on how to encourage, involve, and measure parents' involvement at different levels by using a computerized database system.
- **Parents** are provided with the five modules and interactive activities on how to interact in their child's education, whether at school or at home.

RELATED TRAINING

Translations of DLOPI materials can be provided in several different languages. In addition, a special version of DLOPI for Spanish-speaking parents is available to meet the special needs of Florida's migrant worker families. It is our goal to provide the needed support and direction as a means of increasing parent involvement.

WORKSHOP SITES

- DLOPI workshops will be conducted during the full calendar year in communities and schools around the state.
- Statewide train-the-trainer (facilitator), parent (five modules), and educators (training/measurement) workshops will be offered at statewide meetings and conferences.
- A train-the-trainer workshop will be offered in each region and district upon request.

ABOUT THE TRAINER

Audrey Lewis brings a wealth of experience to the area of parent involvement, including 20 years as a Coordinator for Parent Services in North Florida. Lewis began a teaching career as a Speech & Language Pathologist, and then expanded her career by coordinating public relations, community engagement, faith-based and parent involvement services. Lewis created the Different Levels of Parental Involvement (DLOPI) program, a data-based accountability system which measures parent participation in relationship to student performance. She is looking forward to sharing the DLOPI model with parents and educators across the state.

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