DCCCD Incentive Funding
Retention Awards
Executive Summary

PLANNING AWARDS:

Promoting Parental Involvement

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Parents of students have become a major constituency of colleges and universities in recent years. But despite this observation and a growing national interest in parental involvement, little attention is paid to how Latino parents define and embrace their level of involvement in their children's education. Recently, the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) examined what constitutes parental involvement for Hispanic-serving institutions, Latino students, and their parents. The findings of this study, combined with staff perceptions at Mountain View College, have formed the basis for this planning proposal – Promoting Parental Involvement.

With support from the District's Office of Student Retention, Mountain View College (MVC) staff hopes to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to address the issue of Latino parental involvement and develop a system in which Latino parents will see themselves as true partners in their child's education.

In developing this project, MVC Vice President Dr. L. Garrett considered parental involvement in four overarching categories:

1. Latino parents' perceptions of how they should be involved in the education of their children.

2. Latino students' perceptions of how parents and families should be involved in their education.

3. Advising staff's and faculty expectations of parental involvement.

4. Programmatic initiatives to introduce and encourage parental involvement.

Based on these categorical parameters, MVC staff is pleased to present a program design which will (1) develop and disseminate clear goals and objectives for increasing parental involvement, and (2) initiate an array of family-friendly activities for parents and families of MVC's FTIC Latino students.