



Tellin' Stories Family Partners Series **Application for Schools**

With support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Teaching for Change is launching a new and unprecedented training series for D.C.-area schools to develop meaningful family engagement strategies. Schools selected to participate in the Tellin' Stories Family Partners Series will send teams comprised of a parent coordinator, parents, teachers or support staff, and (where desired) community partners to participate in trainings in August, October, November, January, March, and May, school year 2014-2015.

Please visit **www.TeachingforChange.org** for complete information.

All applications must be submitted online, by fax, or postmarked by **Friday, May 23, 2014**.

Name of person applying: _____

Role or title of person applying: _____

e.g. Parent, Parent Coordinator, ESL Teacher, Vice Principal, Community Partner

If the person applying is a community partner, please include the name of your organization: _____

Email address of person applying: _____

Phone number of person applying: _____

School name: _____

Please use the official school name

City, State: _____

Please check the following eligibility criteria that apply to your school

Select all that apply

- The school has an early childhood program (pre-K, preschool, Head Start)
- The school is a Title I school
- The majority of families are low-income, immigrant, or racial and ethnic minorities
- The school is located in the D.C. metro area
- The school is a public or public charter school
- The school has a Parent Coordinator or Parent Liaison on staff at least 1/2 time (20 hours a week or more)

Principal's full name and email address: _____

Please check the requirements your school's principal agrees to:

Please confirm with the principal before completing

- Commit to creating a welcoming school environment
- Participate in an interview with Teaching for Change during the week of May 27-30
- Participate in a spring orientation the week of June 23
- Participate in a fall principals' meeting in August
- Dedicate time and resources (including space for a parent center, and a budget for parent meeting supplies)
- Hold a monthly meeting with parents
- Meet monthly with a representative(s) of the Family Partners Team
- Support the recommendations and initiatives developed by the Family Partners Team

Please list 3 dates AND times the principal can be available for a 30 minute interview from May 27 - May 30

Please confirm the appointment days and times with the principal before submitting the application

- 1) Date _____, Time _____
- 2) Date _____, Time _____
- 3) Date _____, Time _____

Include any comments about principal availability (not required)

Please check the participation requirements your school agrees to meet:

Please confirm with the principal before completing

- Form a Family Partners Team (including a Parent Coordinator, parents, and teachers/support staff)
- Share student academic data as appropriate
- Participate in evaluation (surveys, interviews)
- Participate in documentation (photography, videography, written reports)
- Provide time, space, and resources for family engagement activities
- Send a team to EACH training in the series (trainings will be 10am - 2pm on a weekday in August, October, November, January, March, and May)
- Have an open door policy for parents

Potential members of your school's Family Partners Team: Parent Leaders

Write the names of 2-3 parents likely to participate in the Family Partners Series.

Potential members of your school's Family Partners Team: Parent Coordinator

Please list the parent coordinator's name, title, and primary duties at the school

Potential members of your school's Family Partners Team: Teachers and School Staff

Please list the names and titles of 2-3 teachers, administrators, or support staff likely to participate in the Family Partners Series (e.g. vice principal, Title I specialist, teacher, etc.)

Potential members of your school's Family Partners Team: Volunteers and School Partners

Please list the names, titles and organizations of any volunteers or school partners who may participate on your school's Family Partners Team

Why is your school interested in the Tellin' Stories family Partners Series? What do you hope to get from participating?

Max 400 words, may be attached separately

Describe 2-3 strengths of your current family engagement efforts.

Max 400 words, may be attached separately

Describe 2-3 challenges your school faces engaging families

Max 400 words, may be attached separately

How did you hear about the Tellin' Stories Family Partners Series?

Please indicate that this application is being submitted with the full knowledge and support of the school's principal.

- Yes, the principal has approved and fully supports this application.
- No, the principal has not reviewed or approved this application.

Submission information:

- Friday, May 23, 2014** is the deadline to apply.
- Please review all information about the Tellin' Stories Family Partners Series before applying – <http://www.teachingforchange.org/tellin-stories-family-partners-series>.
- Applications may also be completed via the online application available at TeachingforChange.org.
- Paper applications should be faxed to 202-338-0109, or mailed to: Teaching for Change, P.O. 73038, Washington, DC 20056.
- Applicants will be contacted soon after applying to schedule principal interviews.

Questions may be emailed to Erika Landberg at elandberg@teachingforchange.org, or call (202) 588-7204 x31.

