



## FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

### PARENT TO PARENT

**PURPOSE:** PARENT TO PARENT IS A FOUR-WEEK, FACILITATOR-LED, VIDEOTAPE-BASED PROGRAM THAT EMPOWERS PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN FROM BEING IMMERSSED IN TODAY'S TOXIC CULTURE OF VIOLENCE, AGGRESSION, VULGAR LANGUAGE, LACK OF RESPECT, DRUG/ALCOHOL USE, PEER PRESSURE AND LACK OF SELF-RESPECT. THE DISTINGUISHING FACTOR OF THIS PROGRAM IN CONTRAST TO OTHER PARENT EDUCATION IS THE ENVIRONMENT WITHIN WHICH PARENTS NETWORK, CONNECT, AND TROUBLE-SHOOT WITH EACH OTHER.

To implement this program:

- Establish a calendar of dates of sessions which will be offered during the Fall and Spring semester. Four weeks in September and four weeks in October/November work well, without running dates too far into November (this far into the "busy" season will probably not reap high attendance)
- Schedule space for each class through a Facility Usage form. Typically, the meeting room in the Media Center is a functional space. A vcr/tv unit must be provided in the room.
- Commit and train facilitators for each session.
- Utilize the enn newsletter and PTSA website to advertise the program and register participants.
- Organize all hand-outs and class materials that accompany each video. Make enough copies for each class member.

This program always sets the tone for the PTSA to bring awareness to the community, in order to prioritize the health and wholeness of the children in the AHS community. With that in mind, this program must be used as a catalyst to encourage parents by partnering with the Administration, the Athletic Department, the YMCA, etc. Their endorsement of this program must always be pursued.