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## Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC)



The first meeting for the Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC) for the 2015-2016 school year took place at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida on September 11 & 12, 2015. Elizabeth Ochoa welcomed members and called the meeting to order. There were members present ten members present. Members were reminded that they have the opportunity to discuss and share any comments and concerns with Ms. Carol Gagliano, Florida Migrant State Director.

#### **Presentations**

Mr. David Peñaflor, songwriter and



folklorist, gave a presentation titled "Mexico's Independence 1810-1821 Background, Development, and Culmination". He told members an inter-

esting fact that Mexico was the first country to free slaves.

Ruby Luis, a recruiter for CAMP, presented on the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). She outlined the eligibility requirements for

both programs and also how the programs help migrant students be successful.



Joseph Spencer, form the Florida Portable



Assisted Study Program (PASS), presented on the Florida Portable Assisted Study Sequence Program (PASS). The program is nationally recognized to provide middle and high school

students with opportunities to develop academically and obtain high school credits.

Elizabeth Ochoa, FMPAC President, be-

gan the leadership training with Chapter 1 Orientation from the Mexican American Legal Defense Education Fund binder. She reviewed the Parent School Partner-



ship Curriculum. She also showed a video that demonstrates how working together can help remove obstacles.

Isaac Altamirano, PAEC Migrant Education Technical Assistant, provided a training on creating an email. He talked to members about the importance of keeping passwords safe and how to create a complex password.





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## Message from the FMPAC President:

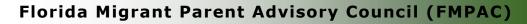


Thanks to everyone who participated in making our 1st FMPAC meeting of 2015-2016 so successful. Especially our wonderful guest presenters David Peñaflor (Folkloric), Ruby Luis (HEP/CAMP), & Joseph Spencer (PASS). Each presenter shared valuable resources that are available to us and our districts, so let's use them. I would also like to

welcome our new parents who will be joining our committee this new school year. Your commitment to FMPAC's purpose will help change lives. As always, thanks to all the FMPAC members who attended this meeting, we know your time is valuable and appreciate your dedication. In closing, I would like to give one last "thank you" to our State Director Carol Gagliano for making this committee possible. Without your support and presence in every meeting FMPAC would not be the same.

From my heart to yours, Eli Ochoa FMPAC President







# PSP's Program Goals

Equip parents with the tools to support their children's academic success



Provide opportunities to build parents'

<u>leadership skills</u>

Develop cadres of leaders who are civically engaged and who will help ensure children receive a quality education in their schools.



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# Participant Survey Results

| Trainings/Workshops:  |  |
|---|--|
| Robert's Rules & By-Laws  | Strongly agree = 3 Agree = 1             |
| MALDEF: Chapter 1 Orientation   | Strongly agree = 5 Agree = 1             |
| Folkloric Presentation  | Strongly agree = 6 Agree = 1             |
| HEP/CAMP  | Strongly agree = 6 Agree = 1             |
| PASS Program  | Strongly agree = 6 Agree = 1             |
| Computer Training   | Strongly agree = 7 Agree = 0             |
| Literacy Parent Survey  | Strongly agree = 5 Agree = 0             |
| Accommodations  |  |
| Hotel (your room) was comfortable.  | Strongly agree = 7 Agree = 0             |
| The food was of good taste.   | Strongly agree = 7 Agree = 0             |
| The hotel staff was kind.   | Strongly agree = 7 Agree = 0             |
| PAEC staff was helpful during the conference preparations.                  | Strongly agree = 7 Agree = 0             |
| The meeting room was comfortable (it was not too cold or too hot).          | Strongly agree = 6 Agree = 1             |
| The material used was easy to understand                                    | Strongly agree = 7 Agree = 0             |
| Meeting times, location, and childcare:                                     |  |
| Weekend meetings.   | Strongly agree = 6 Agree = 0             |
| Childcare available.  | Strongly agree = 5 Agree = 0             |
| Central area in Orlando.  | Strongly agree = 6 Agree = 0             |
| Central place (in Orlando instead of another Florida city) for all members. | Strongly agree = 5 Strongly Disagree = 1 |

## References

Leadership & Social Action, Methodology Guidebook, (2004). MALDEF Parent and School Partnership. Understanding Group Process.

Visit the FMPAC website <u>myfmpac.org/espanol</u> for this PowerPoint presentation in Spanish and <u>www.myfmpac.org</u> for other presentations.

