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**Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC)**



The first meeting for the Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC) for the 2014-2015 school year took place at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida on September 5 & 6, 2014. Elizabeth Ochoa welcomed members and called the meeting to order. There were 14 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. The agenda and minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Presentations:**

Dr. Maria Pouncey, FMPAC Coordinator, gave the members an overview of the Migrant Education Program. She explained to the members how the Migrant Education Program is like the cherry on top of a cake. The program finds all the resources available through the schools and other programs before the migrant program uses its own resources.

Mr. David Peñaflor, PAEC Instructor for Adult Literacy gave members a presentation on the Treasures of Family Reading. He talked to the members about the importance of reading as a family. He gave examples of how reading as a family can benefit everyone. He gave away books with Mexico's curriculum. The gifts were greatly appreciated.



Isaac Altamirano and Fabiola Garcia introduced Learning.com. Members have expressed in-

terest in learning computer skills. Learning.com is a website that will be available for members to use. There are different units and lessons ranging from basic computer skills to creating a PowerPoint presentation.

Elizabeth Ochoa FMPAC President gave members an overview on chapters 1 Orientation & 2 Parent's Rights and Responsibilities from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) binder. She went over what MALDEF is. She talked about the legal cases that have helped the education system.

Veronica Gutierrez, a teacher from Hillsborough County, gave members a presentation on Parent Teacher Partnership from MALDEF. She went over the state standards and what is expected from each grade level. She also gave members ideas on how to prepare for a parent-teacher conference before, during and after the conference.

Lucia Esquivel, PAEC Migrant Coordinator, gave members a presentation on the Florida Service Delivery Plan. She explained the purpose of the plan. She also went over the needs that will be addressed this year.



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### FMPAC Members

#### By County

##### Gadsden

Luz Olguin

##### Madison

Vicente Reyes

##### Miami-Dade

Samantha Torres

##### Palm Beach

Maricela Paniagua

##### Polk

Rosa Flores

##### Putnam

Maria G. Rodriguez

##### Suwannee

Epifania Maya

##### Volusia

Irene Flores

#### FMPAC District

#### Members by County

##### Madison

Nicholas Gonzalez

##### Miami-Dade

Martha Torres

##### Orange

Olga Marquez

##### Suwannee

Naela Jimenez

##### Volusia

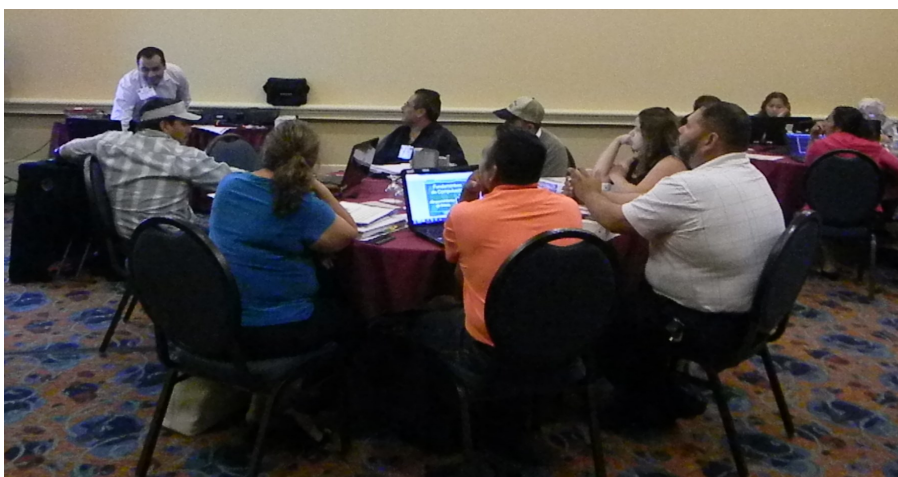
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### Message from the FMPAC President:

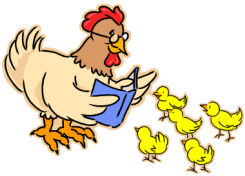
We have officially kicked off another school year 2014-2015. I want to personally thank everyone for their vote of confidence by allowing me to represent you as the new FMPAC president. First of all, I want to offer a sincere thank you to everyone for their participation in our first meeting. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new members voted in this new school year. As many of you know Dr. Pouncey announced we will each be giving a live presentation to our group. I challenge you to use this opportunity to share the leadership skills that each of us has to offer. I am looking forward to learning from each one of you. Also, just a reminder that part of our obligation as members is to bring back the valuable tools and resources shown to us to our districts. Each parent in our districts has much to offer, just as we do. However, it is up to us to educate them and provide them with the necessary tools to succeed. I have no doubt that this year we will achieve great things together! I want to hear about your successes. Please feel free to contact me at 352-515-0894 or by email at [bakedapplepie79@yahoo.com](mailto:bakedapplepie79@yahoo.com) anytime. Lastly, I would like to thank Dr. Pouncey and her awesome team for all the hard work and dedication in making these meetings a huge success!

Sincerely,  
**Eli Ochoa**  
FMPAC President





## *The Treasures of Family Reading*



“Read to Grow, Grow up Reading”

Parents are their child’s first teacher. Reading with your child is very important. There are many ways to implement reading. You can read when you are grocery shopping; while riding in the car, you can read the road signs and billboards.

The website Reading Is Fundamental is a very good resource for reading ideas. It has something for every child.

[www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org)



## *Parent Teacher Partnership*

Helpful tips you can do before a Parent Teacher Conference:

1. Talk to your child.
2. Prepare a list of questions.
3. Go to the conference prepared.
4. Remain calm.
5. Express your opinion clearly and listen closely.
6. Ask to find out about his/her strengths.
7. Take notes on important comments.
8. Follow up on any agreements.



*Make sure each party does what is agreed upon.*





# *Participant Survey Results*

<b>Trainings/Workshops:</b>	
Migrant Education Program	Strongly agree = 13    Agree = 1
Robert's Rules & By-Laws	Strongly agree = 9    Agree = 1
The Treasures of Family Reading	Strongly agree = 15    Agree = 0
Computer Training part I	Strongly agree = 14    Agree = 0
MALDEF: Overview of Chapters 1 & 2	Strongly agree = 12    Agree = 3
MALDEF: Chapter 3 Parent Teacher Partnership	Strongly agree = 12    Agree = 3
Florida Service Delivery Plan	Strongly agree = 11    Agree = 2
Computer Training part II	Strongly agree = 11    Agree = 2
<b>Accommodations</b>	
Hotel (your room) was comfortable.	Strongly agree = 14    Agree = 1
The food was of good taste.	Strongly agree = 13    Agree = 2
The hotel staff was kind.	Strongly agree = 14    Agree = 1
PAEC staff was helpful during the conference preparations.	Strongly agree = 14    Agree = 1
The meeting room was comfortable (it was not too cold or too hot).	Strongly agree = 13    Agree = 2
The material used was easy to understand	Strongly agree = 14    Agree = 1
<b>Meeting times, location, and childcare:</b>	
Weekend meetings.	Strongly agree = 12    Agree = 2
Childcare available.	Strongly agree = 12    Agree = 2
Central area in Orlando.	Strongly agree = 13    Agree = 1
Central place (in Orlando instead of another Florida city) for all members.	Strongly agree = 13    Agree = 1

## *References*

[www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org)

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Visit the FMPAC website [myfmpac.org/espanol](http://myfmpac.org/espanol) for this PowerPoint presentation in Spanish and [www.myfmpac.org](http://www.myfmpac.org) for other presentations.





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