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The third meeting of the Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC) for the 2015-2016 school year took place at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando, Florida on February 19 & 20, 2016. Elizabeth Ochoa welcomed members and called the meeting to order. Nine members attended. The agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The next meeting is scheduled on April 8 & 9, 2016.

Presentations

Pedro Hernandez, Outreach Representative for the Florida Department of Education, presented a workshop on scholarships and financial aid. He discussed key points regarding the FAFSA, scholarships, and private scholarships. He highlighted the importance of filling out the application on time as there are several documents that need to be gathered.



Dr. Maria Pouncey, FMPAC Coordinator, presented on Chapter 10: Developing an Action Plan from MALDEF. She highlighted the key components of an action plan. Members were charged with developing an action



plan based on an opportunity for improvement in their districts. Each member will present their action plan at the next meeting.

Elizabeth Ochoa, FMPAC President,



presented "Be the Cat that Catches the Rat". The presentation focused on topics such as social media and cyberbullying. The objective

of her workshop was for members to feel secure when their children are using the internet. She talked about various social media outlets and asked them to become familiar with them in order to protect their children.



Isaac Altamirano, PAEC Migrant Technical Assistant,

guided members on how to use Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2013. He showed them how this program can be used for preparing presentations. Members were asked to create a five slide presentation. Due to time, members will present their projects in the next meeting.





Florida Migrant Parent Advisory Council (FMPAC)

Message from the FMPAC President:



Hello Everyone,
Wow!... I am super excited and very impressed with all the hands-on learning that took place at our last meeting. We were equipped with some awesome resources, so let's continue to implement them in our districts for the benefit of all. Thank you Dr. Pouncey for sharing with us from the MALDEF book on how to properly create a plan of action. I personally enjoyed how we worked in small groups to put what we are learning into action. The same was true for Isaac's presentation on PowerPoint. Isaac patiently took the time to teach and guide us without hesitation. And lastly, please know that both Dahlia and myself are working hard on the presentation for the upcoming National Conference. We look forward to presenting and representing each of you.

Respectfully yours,
Eli Ochoa
FMPAC President

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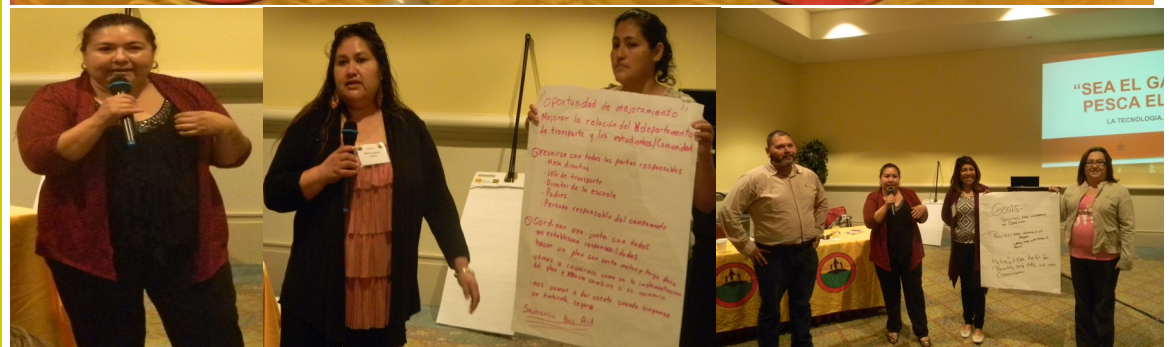
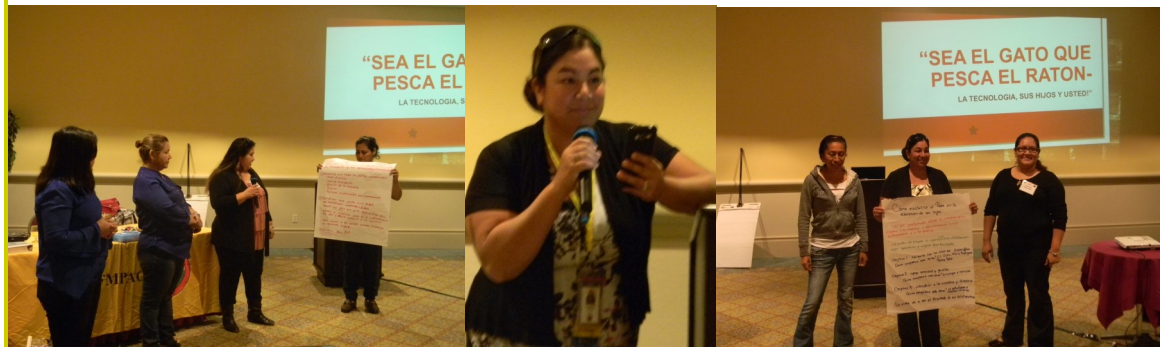
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Naela Jimenez

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Katie Amaral

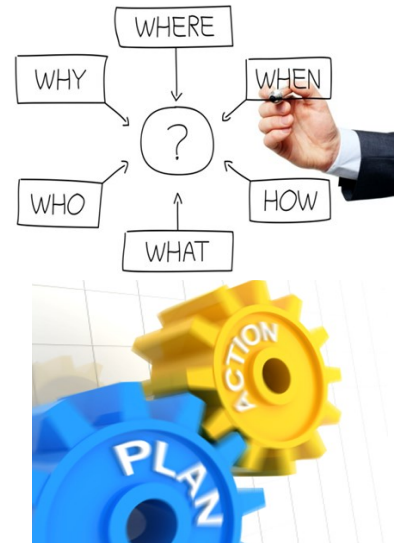




Developing an Action Plan

Key Components of a Plan:

- ◆ Define the Opportunity for Improvement
- ◆ Goal
- ◆ Outcome/Results
- ◆ Objectives
- ◆ Resources and Timeline
- ◆ Evaluation



Scholarships and Financial Aid

FAFSA

- ◆ ☐ 2016-17 FAFSA opens January 1, IRS Data Retrieval Tool opens February 1 and allows students to import PRIOR year tax data
- ◆ ☐ 2017-18 FAFSA opens October 1, IRS Data Retrieval Tool opens October 1 and will allow students to import PRIOR year tax data
- ◆ www.FAFSA.gov

Please note that the first letter in the acronym FAFSA stands for FREE. Please make sure you are using the correct website: fafsa.gov. There are other websites with a similar look and feel that can assist you in completing the FAFSA for a CHARGE. You do not need to pay someone to assist you in this process.

FFAA

- ◆ ☐ The Florida Financial Aid Application opens online December 1 of the student's senior year
 - ◆ ☐ Apply early - must be completed prior to graduation
- ◆ ☐ One application is used for multiple programs, not just the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
 - ◆ Must log-in to check status, online notifications and award history
- ◆ www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

Students often refer to the FFAA as the "Bright Futures" application. It's actually more than that! This one application assists OSFA in determining eligibility for a variety of state grants and scholarships. One common misconception is that students do not need to complete the application if they do not feel they will qualify for the Bright Futures program. ALL students should complete the application.



Participant Survey Results

Trainings/Workshops:	
Scholarships and Financial Aid	Strongly agree = 9 Agree = 0
MALDEF: Chapter 10 Developing an Action Plan	Strongly agree = 9 Agree = 0
“Be the Cat that Catches the Rat”	Strongly agree = 9 Agree = 0
Computer Training: PowerPoint 2013	Strongly agree = 7 Agree = 1 Neutral = 1
Accommodations	
Hotel (your room) was comfortable.	Strongly agree = 8 Agree = 1
The food was of good taste.	Strongly agree = 8 Agree = 1
The hotel staff was kind.	Strongly agree = 9 Agree = 0
PAEC staff was helpful during the conference preparations.	Strongly agree = 9 Agree = 0
The meeting room was comfortable (it was not too cold or too hot).	Strongly agree = 9 Agree = 0
The material used was easy to understand	Strongly agree = 9 Agree = 0
Meeting times, location, and childcare:	
Weekend meetings.	Strongly agree = 9 Agree = 0
Childcare available.	Strongly agree = 9 Agree = 0
Central area in Orlando.	Strongly agree = 9 Agree = 0
Central place (in Orlando instead of another Florida city) for all members.	Strongly agree = 9 Agree = 0

References

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

Florida Department of Education

Visit the FMPAC website myfmpac.org/español for more information in Spanish.

