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The PEN Boot Camp Initiative

Please join us in experiencing a quality training that provides up-to-date knowledge, skills, and practical hands-on strategies for improving relationships between parents and educators.

What: The PEN Project is offering a free Boot Camp Training series to assist Florida's parents and educators to work together even more effectively to resolve conflicts and increase academic success in their children with disabilities.

How: This program will offer 2 day training sessions that culminate in the development of an action plan for resolving conflicts, strengthening relationships between educators and parents, and creating family friendly schools resulting in increasing student achievement! Participants will receive a free tool kit that will contain materials to help them begin this process in their schools and districts.

Who: PEN will select from the participants who apply from Broward, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach school districts. Each application represents a team. The team consists of three chosen individuals from your school district. There must be one parent of a child with a disability, one educator and one district representative in each team. Teams that are chosen will be expected to commit to and implement the information and strategies provided in the two day sessions, and to share and train others in their school district.

Where: PEN will be responsible for providing an appropriate site for all Boot Camp sessions. This training will be held at a hotel in Clearwater, a central location. Lodging and training location will be sent to all teams with advance notice.



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Why: Research states that effective Parent Involvement will help to create family friendly schools, which will increase children's success rate academically. Participants will gain knowledge on how to promote successful partnerships with other parents and school professionals.

Cost: This initiative is free to all participants. FND will fund the trainer, training materials, in addition to all travel and lodging expenses. FND will make all necessary hotel reservations for participants.

What does research say?

- Just about all families care about their children, want them to succeed, and are eager to obtain better information from schools and communities in order to remain good partners in their children's education.
- Just about all teachers and administrators would like to involve families, but many do not know how to efficiently and effectively build positive and productive programs and, consequently, are fearful about trying.
- Just about all students at all levels want their families to be more knowledgeable partners about schooling and are willing to take active roles in assisting communications between home and school.

Sample topics of the Boot Camp training include:

- Authentic Parent Engagement and Planning for Parental Involvement
- The Great IDEA in Collaborative Planning Processes
- How to end conflict with the perfect resolution
- Creating Family Friendly Schools



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When: July 13th and July 14th, 2013.

If you would like to participate in this exciting and innovative Boot Camp initiative, please complete the form attached and return it to Margarita Montalvo or Frances Pehna by June 21st, 2013. Please note substitutions for participants will not be accepted. Please be sure to reserve these dates on your calendar. Apply soon! Spaces will fill quickly!

Parent Name:

Educator Name:

LEA Representative

Name:

School/District:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Please fax your completed application today to: 727-523-8687, or email it to either: margarita@fndfl.org or franchoise@fndfl.org