

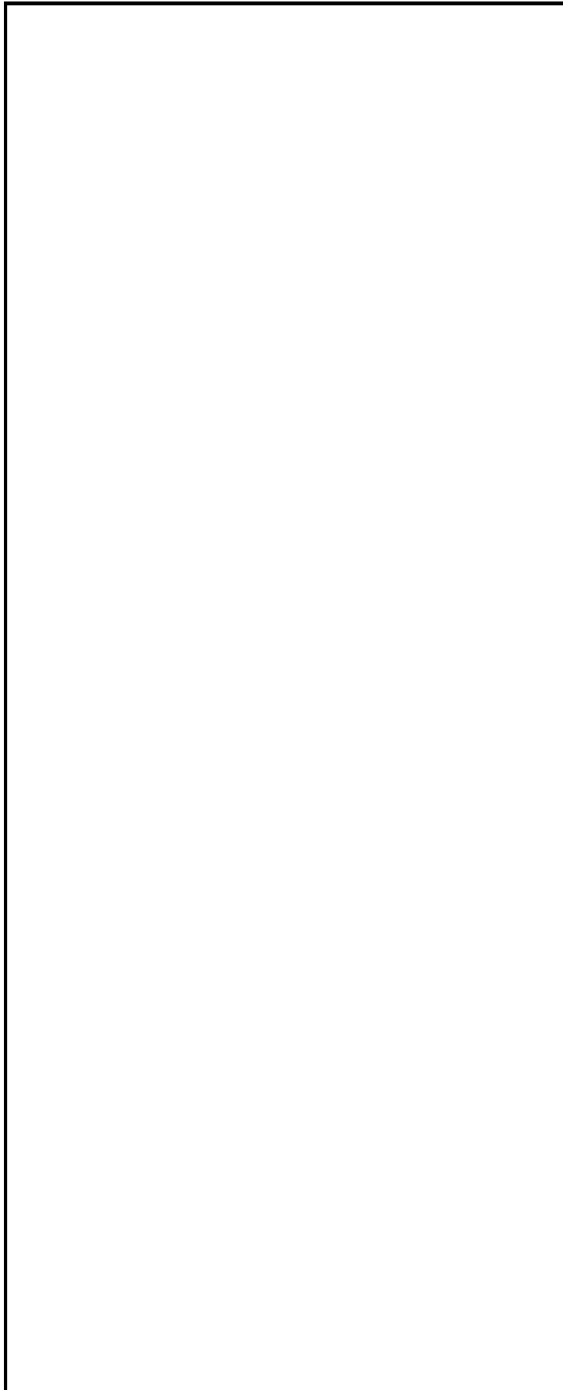


The Education Policy and Leadership Center was established in 1998 as an independent, non-partisan, and not-for-profit corporation based in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The mission of EPLC is to encourage and support the development and implementation of effective state-level education policies to improve student learning in grades P-12, increase the effective operation of schools, and enhance educational opportunities for citizens of all ages.



The Children's Coalition of the Lehigh Valley, established in 1993, is a community-based, nonpartisan, member supported advocacy organization. Its mission is to advocate for the creation and support of policies and practices that protect and promote the well being of children in the Lehigh Valley. Towards this end, the CCLV is committed to:

- Developing effective advocacy strategies that communicate to community leaders the needs and interests of children and their families
- Providing opportunities to hear from community members and child advocates as to what are the pressing problems facing children and families, and what priority actions are needed to address those problems
- Informing the community about the policy positions of elected officials regarding children's issues
- Presenting forums to enhance the community's understanding of the needs of Lehigh Valley children



The Education Policy and Leadership Center and Children's Coalition of the Lehigh Valley present the

Parent and Community Leadership Institute

Fall 2008



For people who want to know more about education policy issues and want to join a network of community leaders who are able to influence important statewide and local education policies

Parent and Community Leadership Institute

Sponsored by The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC) and the Children's Coalition of the Lehigh Valley, the goals of the Institute are to:

- Develop an informed cadre of citizens who can influence public policy on education issues.
- Enhance the knowledge and skills of local education policymakers and potential school board candidates with a focus on quality decision-making.
- Build community networks of support and advocacy for sound education policies and initiatives that strengthen families and enhance the growth and development of children.

Applications are encouraged from a broad range of current or emerging community leaders that will include parents, business and professional persons, educators, civic leaders, local elected officials, school board members, prospective school board candidates, and others.

The Program

The Parent and Community Leadership Institute is a free, 12-hour program, held on four Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:15 p.m.

Session #1 - Thursday, October 2

Topic: Governance of Education

Session #2 - Thursday, October 16

Topic: Standards, Assessments,
and Accountability

Session #3 - Thursday, October 23

Topic: Financing Public Education

Session #4 - Thursday, November 6

Topic: School and Community
Partnerships, Public Advocacy

All sessions will be held at:

Moravian College
Hauptert Union Building
1200 Main St.
Bethlehem, PA 18108

A light dinner will be provided at 5:30, immediately preceding every session.

For more information about the Institute, please call EPLC at 717-260-9900.

Application

Although there is no registration fee, you must apply and be accepted to participate in the Parent and Community Leadership Institute. **The deadline is Thursday, September 25, 2008.** You can **apply online** at **www.eplc.org** or you can complete the form below, and tear off and mail your responses to EPLC at the below address

Please print your responses.

Name _____

Position or Title _____

Affiliated Organization _____

Home Mailing Address _____

Home or Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

Online registration at www.eplc.org

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