



New Mexico Parent Information and Resource Center (NM PIRC)

Parents As Leaders (PALs) Volunteer Path

As the *New Mexico Parent Information and Resource Center (NM PIRC)* at Parents Reaching Out, our goal is to build upon the strengths, experiences and expertise of families to promote family leadership at all levels of family and school life. We rely on our network of community based volunteers that we call our Parents As Leaders (PALs). Our PALs come from all walks of life to implement meaningful family involvement that creates positive outcomes for all children.

The NM PIRC staff mentors our volunteers through training, mailings and phone conferences. Parents As Leaders are held to the highest standards of integrity in their volunteer efforts. The leadership path offers many opportunities to make a difference by learning new information and sharing it with others. Each PAL makes a personal choice to stay at a level or move through the path in a way that works best for them.

Level 1

- Attend foundational workshops (PRO 101, FLECHA and/or P2P, Telling Your Story)
- Attend the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) workshop
- Share general information about yourself with Parents Reaching Out by filling out a volunteer application
- Distribute information about Parents Reaching Out in your community
- Assist with PRO Information Booths

Level 2

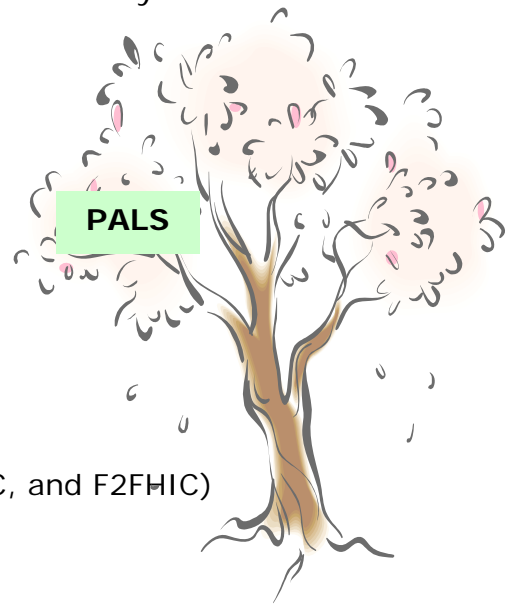
- Attend other NCLB workshops
 - o Supplemental Education Services (SES)
 - o Public School Choice (PSC)
 - o Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)
 - o Parental Involvement
- Attend Action Team for Partnership (ATP) workshop
- Assist and support other families through:
 - o Phone Calls
 - o Letters or Emails

Level 3

- Attend other PRO project/program workshops (FAF, PTI, DC, and F2FHIC)
- Host PRO Information Booths
- Co-present at workshops
- Assist and support other families by:
 - o Attending meetings with them
 - o Mentoring them

Level 4

- Present workshops
- Sit on a School Advisory Board
- Get involved in legislative issues
- Be a member of a School Action Team



*"By ourselves, we are just one voice. As a network, we can become a choir.
Together, we can make our dreams take flight"*