

# 2010-2011 Annual Report

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW

# Parent Resource Center

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### **About Our Program**

Our Mission is to improve student academic achievement by facilitating the delivery of health, wellness, and educational services to the children, families, and staff in the School District of the City of Saginaw.

The Parent Resource Center offers management training and support services to students, staff and families through collaborative school and community-based programs. The major focus is in five areas: parenting programs, community networking, Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Health Education Services and Homebound Student Services.

Parent Resource Center houses parenting programs that include: Birth Through Five Educational Services, "Baby Think It Over", "Project FIND" and "Early On". Community networking occurs with university programs at Saginaw Valley State University, Delta College, Davenport University, Ross Medical, as well as community agencies. The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Health Education Services offers educational programs such as Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention, Violence Intervention Training, Anger Management, Parenting Education, abstinence programs, and Health Delivery, Inc. Special events include "Kick Butts" Day, and "Peace Awareness" Day. Other Trainings include Antibiotics & You, Medication Administration in the School Setting, Diabetes In-services, CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation), Blood Pressure Clinics, & Classroom presentations.

Parent Resource Center is equipped with a Lending Library that supplies school district employees and families of the School District of the City of Saginaw with videos, health curriculum and support materials, a resource directory and publications, health referral services and health resource publications. Michigan Model supplements and kits include information regarding Character Education, Classroom Management, Violence Prevention and Healthy Education lessons.

Finally, the Homebound Services teacher tutors students who are unable to attend school due to a medical condition. Physical challenges, behavioral problems and/or serious illness homebound students are provided educational services upon receipt of a doctor's statement identifying a diagnosis.

### **Showcasing Our Success**

1. We continue to promote a team approach, one that includes students, parents, district staff, and other community members in developing comprehensive prevention programs to attain safe and drug-free schools. Our programs are based upon the Michigan Model for Health curriculum. The past year, through our coordination, 6-12 teachers received ISD training in the Michigan Health Education curriculum, including HIV/AIDS and Sexuality Education. One of the district goals for the 2010-2011 school year is to operate safe schools with a positive climate for learning. The annual "Parenting Expo" is hosted by Ruben Daniels Middle School, and Parent Workshops.
2. The Parent Resource Center offered a variety of comprehensive services for Homebound Services to district families. Buildings are provided with copies of the medical statement and referral forms regarding homebound services. Referrals are followed-up with principals, secretaries and counselors once forms are completed. Overall, four hundred fifty-four (454) student visits occurred during the 2010-2011 academic year, two hundred fifty-four (254) first semester and two hundred thirty-one (231) second semester. Twenty-three (23) students were serviced during the four hundred fifty-four (454) student visits, eleven (11) first semester and ten (10) second semester. Ten (10) schools out of twenty-one (21) utilized these services. Homebound services were provided by one (1) homebound teacher during the school year.
3. The district "Medication Administration In Schools" booklet was updated. The district approved diabetes/asthma management protocols. The district nurse was available on a consultation basis for many kinds of medical questions and concerns from all staff in the district; I.E.P's Medical 504, and provided in-services per school requests.

## Challenges

1. A major challenge is to provide staff development and curriculum implementation as required by state mandates in a framework of limited substitutions for teachers' time to teach health due to the emphasis on MEAP.
2. The large volume of calls (an average of 400 per month) at the Parent Resource Center point out the need for continual parent and professional communication for at-risk conditions, behaviors and situations in our district.
3. To offer effective, comprehensive, and coordinated school health programs needed to stem the tide of problems that best beset school district children and impact individual learning. Included among these problems is the need for communicable disease interventions, medication administration planning, immunizations compliance, asthma/diabetes management, dental health, sexuality education, substance abuse and conflict resolution.
4. To train the large number of new teachers in all areas of health education, in particular the Michigan Model Health Education.

## Parent Involvement

The Advisory Committee for Safe and Drug-free Schools and Communities Act and Comprehensive School Health Education involves twelve (12) parents who are active members. The Parent Resource Center provides supplementary professional development, offered through Saginaw Public Schools, the ISD and other Safe Schools trainings throughout the region and state to staff, and families, via telephone, mailings and internet. In addition, Parent Resource Center staff housed a booth during the parent conferences and parent expo and provided consultation services, brochures, lending references, and community services/referrals. The District nurse also provides health services to parents on a regular basis.

## Technology

Parent Resource Center Provides articles for Board Briefs in order to provide awareness, prevention programs, and health related articles for district staff and parents. We are currently developing a PRC website for students, staff, and parents to utilize when seeking health, wellness, and educational services from our district. The website will also include local community agencies, links to educational and health related articles, and provide upcoming workshops or trainings for parents, staff, and students.

## Academic Core Curriculum

Academic core curriculum in Saginaw Schools is that set of essential academic learning that every student, K-12, is expected to know and do. Saginaw has adopted Standards for all academic content areas, for all students, and continues to develop and implement grade level benchmarks, assessments, and instructional techniques aligned with these standards.

Saginaw Schools offer all students a core academic curriculum aligned with National and State standards in history, geography, economics, science, mathematics, civics, and reading and writing.

The District continues to involve teachers at all levels in defining and refining the standards of these core areas. These standards, in addition to national standards, are directly tied to the District Mission and Graduate Standards. We recognize the need to continuously improve curriculum and to maintain a rigorous program of study for all students. Developing a core curriculum is a start not an end. Refining, managing and updating is a continuous job as we learn more about how students learn best and examine what all students need to know as they enter the world of work and continue their education.

Academic core curriculum documents in the areas noted above are available by contacting the office of Information Services at (989) 399-6630.

## Non-Discriminatory Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Education and the School District not to unlawfully discriminate on the basis of handicap, race, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, height or weight. The District reaffirms its policy to comply with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, the Michigan Handicappers' Civil Rights Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1998, and all other applicable Federal and State laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination.



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