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- Starting in 2010, the Springfield City School District (SCSD) initiated Hispanic Outreach Program
- Focus initially was on helping our Hispanic students achieve academic success
- Hispanic Outreach Program was created to design, implement and manage efforts to achieve this goal
- We discovered that there were notable cultural and socio-economic differences that needed to be addressed

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- Another important factor in achieving this goal was the support of the parents.
- We concluded that we had to start working directly with the parents in our outreach efforts as well as the children.
- To that end, we enlisted the help of our Learning Café to support family and community learning for our Hispanic community.
- Learn more about what we have done and learned at our session!



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- Involving families revealed a new set of issues:
 - Over 93% of the families are of Mexican descent
 - Less than 5% of the parents were proficient in English
 - Many families could not read or write Spanish
 - Many live in fear of being deported
 - 98% of the families had income levels below poverty line
 - Over 47% of the new registrants are US born citizens

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- Over 83% of our new registrations were elementary level students
- Hispanic student growth has increased at a rate of 48%
- Over 60% of all Hispanic students are in the ESL program and have parents who have little to no formal education and/or do not speak English.
- Of this 60%, 90% of all ESL students are in grades K-2

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- Given the demographics of the Hispanic student population, early intervention is critical particularly in light of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.
- Given the challenges, SCSD recognized that family involvement was critical.

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- The response of the SCSD Hispanic Outreach Program was to work to improve communications among teachers, administrators, and parents.
- Be the central contact for Hispanic students, their families and community.
- Create effective learning opportunities within and outside of the classroom, thus igniting intellectual, personal and civic growth.
- Assist in developing an inviting cultural environment to encourage involvement.

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- Family Involvement in activities like the Elementary Community Engagement Process was encouraged and participation increased.
- Hispanic Outreach Program participation in educational initiatives such as IEP and parent meetings improved communications.

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- Incorporated our new Learning Café at Springfield High School
 - Free child care
 - Provides free dinner for children and adults
 - Free transportation
 - Other activities that enhanced cultural integration and language acquisition include a Thanksgiving cooking class, dinner and being a part of the Homecoming Parade
 - The Learning Café is open Monday-Thursday, 2:30-8:30 p.m. at Springfield High School

Learning Café success

- Cultural aspects were considered
 - Importance of dinner with family
 - Family participation
- Sense of belonging and giving back
- Instructional framework that is responsive to local needs
- Personnel with knowledge of the language, understanding of local Hispanic community culture, sensitivity and appreciation

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To watch a video of one of our Conversational English student visit <http://www.spr.k12.oh.us/videos.cfm?vid=11938>