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Parent Information and Resource Center: FSM

BACKGROUND

Pacific Resources for Education and Learning operates a Parent Information and Resource Center (PIRC) in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). The established purposes of the FSM PIRC are to: (a) develop and strengthen the relationship between parents and their children's school and (b) further the developmental progress of children assisted by the project.

The FSM PIRC has offices in Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap from which PIRC staff assists schools to implement a parent-inclusive governance structure known as Cluster PTA. Schools implementing the Cluster Model of school reform demonstrate increased involvement of parents in their children's education, improved learning environments, improved child development, and enhanced reading readiness among participating children. The FSM PIRC staff also delivers services to implement the project's early childhood education components. The FSM PIRC has full-time staff members in both Chuuk and Pohnpei and half-time staff in Kosrae and Yap.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives of the FSM PIRC include the following:

- Goal 1: Develop and strengthen partnerships between parents and schools to improve educational outcomes for students at risk of educational failure.
 - Objective 1.1: Establish a school reform model at all FSM schools.
 - Objective 1.2: Increase parents' roles and responsibilities as partners in children's education.
 - Objective 1.3: Increase parents' school-based participation in meeting the educational needs of children.
- Goal 2: Ensure that the children of families assisted by the FSM PIRC are ready for school.
 - Objective 2.1: Improve parents' understanding of early childhood development.
 - Objective 2.2: Increase parents' exposure to early literacy materials.

PROGRAM SERVICES

To meet its objectives, the FSM PIRC offers the following services:

- Replication of the Cluster PTA model to ensure parents understand standards, parents demonstrate an increased involvement in their children's schooling, and young people are better prepared for success in school
- Disseminating and implementing Parents as Teachers and/or other early childhood parenting programs
- Translating early childhood education materials into the languages of the four states
- Workshops for parents on how to involve themselves with schools
- Workshops for teachers and administrators on how to encourage parental involvement
- Network development to bring communities and schools together
- Parent leadership training
- Parenting classes
- Radio and television spots on parenting and educational issues
- Information dissemination on parenting, parental involvement, and early childhood education

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Sprouting and taking root in the islands of the Pacific, the coconut symbolizes our children as they grow and are molded by the diverse learning environments and cultures of the Pacific.