

A photograph of a man and a young boy looking at a calculator on a desk. The man is leaning over the boy, who is holding a pen and looking at the calculator. A woman's hand is also visible, pointing at the calculator. The scene is set in a classroom or office environment.

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION BRONX PARENT CENTER

Since 2012, Mercy College's Bronx Parent Center has been working with Bronx schools to promote and expand parent engagement and leadership to improve student achievement. The goal of the center, run out of Mercy College's School of Education, is to close the achievement gap for students in grades Pre-K-12 in the Bronx through parent engagement.



Parent Engagement and Leadership for Student Achievement

“ The Center is an innovative model of college/community partnership for parent engagement, delivering a broad platform of workshops, seminars, and institutes to parents and teachers in Bronx schools that empowers them with information, collaboration, and tools to support the development, learning, and success of their children. ”

Center Director and Mercy College Literacy and Multilingual Studies Associate Professor
Dr. Aramina Vega Ferrer



AT NO COST TO THE PARENT, THE CENTER OFFERS A MENU OF WORKSHOPS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH ON:

- Managing children's behaviors in everyday situations
- Reading aloud strategies
- Developing language skills
- Common Core Standards in English Language Arts, Pre-K-12
- Common Core Standards in Mathematics, Pre-K-12
- Promoting health and nutrition
- Family financial literacy
- Learning English as a second language
- Preparing at home for the NYS standardized tests, Grades 3-8, and
- Understanding the High School Regents exams

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Center is supported in part by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. who has partnered with Mercy College by providing capital funding for computers, SmartBoards and video conferencing equipment.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

The Center was founded on the idea that parents are one of the most neglected part of the education equation. The faculty, many of whom are practitioner-scholars with Pre-K-12 experience in urban and suburban educational settings, enthusiastically took up this charge. The faculty includes recognized experts in early childhood and childhood education, special education, second language learning and bilingual education, literacy Pre-K to grade 12, and mathematics and science.

NATIONAL ATTENTION

The efforts of the Mercy College School of Education Bronx Parent Center have received national attention in the *Education Week* feature article entitled, "Partnership in Bronx Aims to Build Skills on Behalf of Parents: Mercy College Education School Reaches Out."



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