

Parents train to become education advocates

Twenty Fayette County parents are taking part in a program designed to help them become more effective advocates for their children's education. The Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership program is an initiative of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence. Since it was established, the program has trained more than 1,300 Kentucky parents.

As part of the training institute, participants will attend three two-day training sessions designed to increase their understanding of school performance and encourage them to think of ways families can help improve their children's schools. Each parent will be responsible for completing a project to help accelerate the academic achievement of students and engage other parents in the process.

The following Fayette County parents have been selected to participate:

Devon Adams – Booker T. Washington Academy, Tates Creek Middle
Mary Arthur – Bryan Station High, Bryan Station Middle
Dominique Battle – Leestown Middle
Mike Bratcher – SCAPA
Garland Bryant – Cassidy Elementary
Mary Beth Carter – Stonewall Elementary
Stacy Casey – Dixie Elementary
Leslie Cole – Rosa Parks Elementary
Janice Derrickson – Rosa Parks Elementary, Paul Laurence Dunbar High
Teresa Forbes-Lopez – Maxwell Elementary
Carol Gray – Booker T. Washington Academy
Melissa Lairson – Johnson Elementary, Lexington Traditional Magnet School
Amariah Leasor – Julia R. Ewan Elementary
Tammy Liles – Southern Middle
Karen Lozano – Squires Elementary
Natasha Murray – Millcreek Elementary
Rick Passmore – Millcreek Elementary, Maxwell Elementary
Monique Richard – Lexington Traditional Magnet School, Lafayette High
Natasha Sanford – Bryan Station Middle
Natalie Young – Millcreek Elementary

For more information about the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership and how to register for the next training program, visit www.cipl.org or call 859-233-9849 ext. 231.