Cradleboard to Career: Activities to Engage Youth and Families

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OUR PREMISE: Children's language develops successfully in a strengths-based community approach that engages parents and children together.

Our Beliefs:
1) School success is largely based on “Academic English” proficiency
2) Attachment to family and community predicts language proficiency
3) Safe and stable family environments promote positive attachment
4) Parents’ post-secondary success correlates with children’s success
“Capable, Connected and Contributing”

The water is wide in the Salish Sea. Pulling together, we find our way “full circle”.

Strong family and cultural connections build language capability. Language helps us re-connect and contribute.
Some key **program support and partnerships**:

- Puyallup Tribe of Indians
- Puyallup Tribe Birth to Six Program
- Grandview Early Learning Center
- Takopid tribal health
- Kwawachee (tribal) Mental Health program
- Good Samaritan (community) Behavioral Health
- Puget Sound Educational Service District
Partnership building promotes program sustainability!

“I was close to a breakthrough when the grant money ran out.”
“Cradleboard to Career” Concept

CLS Mission: “inspire each student to achieve personal growth and cultural pride, value life long learning, and become a responsible contributing citizen...”

Parents
- CLS parent liaisons
- “Family Engagement Tool”
- CLS Parent resource dinners
- ECEAP & PTP preschool family resource specialists
- Tribal parent supports e.g., Granview Early Learning Center and Tribal 0-6

Partners
- Takopid Tribal Clinic
- Kwatchee Mental Health
- Puyallup Tribe birth to six (part B and C)
- Puget Sound Educational Service District
- Post-secondary partners, including Northwest Indian College, U.W.T., and Bates / Clover Park Technical Colleges

“Cradleboard to Career” delivery models
- Home visitation
- Community School
- Classroom Based

Color Code
- New VAM $
- CLS funds
- Partnership $
Four program components; all include family connections and “community school” leveraging of resources.

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2) “Readiness to Learn” (family supports)

3) Grades K-3 language (language intervention)

4) Grades 4-5 language (cohort follow-through)
...editorial comment on system building!

"We can't complete our study on whether a mouse can text and drive. I spent all the grant money on the miniature Ferrari."
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- Increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parenting practices.
- Provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues.
- Prevent child abuse and neglect.
- Increase children’s school readiness and school success.

From [www.parentsastteachers.org](http://www.parentsastteachers.org) (tribal home visiting)
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- Increase access to tribal and community family services  
- Provide direct in-home social service connections  
- Provide direct school and/or home based adult education  
- Prevent drop-out of highest risk young adults (H.S. completion and post-secondary support)
Diana Palmer, “Cradle to Career” Parent Educator Role
Diana Palmer, Cradle to Career Parent Educator: “DIALOGIC READING” role play with one of our parents.
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Supplemental “Adapted sheltered English” language intervention

Include explicit instruction in oral language and written language “5 components”.

Intentionally build on students’ prior knowledge and interests. Include cultural content and family connections.

Direct

Relevant

Applied

Provide frequent opportunities to practice prior to public performance. Include authentic opportunities for engagement.
Direct instruction: language development
“Relevant and Applied”: concept and vocabulary development in “Warrior News” (technology based for use in home and school).
11-4-13 Elementary Warrior News - from language learning lab activity: quote of the day, new culture teacher – poetry (warrior news broadcasts available to parents and community through NAM grant technology support).
11-12-13 Elementary Warrior News (from language learning lab activity:, vocabulary development)
“We (modeled the) importance of voice ‘intonation’ and having variety and expression in one’s story telling....The kids really seemed to enjoy the stories, and their laughter and comments let us know that our goal had been attained!”

Explicitly taught story telling as part of "oral tradition”... (excerpt from newsletter)
11-25-13 Elementary Warrior News (literature / concept development)
Annual Growth areas: Becoming Connected, Capable, and Contributing (adapted from VanBrocklin, BrokenLeg, et. al., 2002)
H.S. Warrior news: word usage and vocab development (model for elem. News)
H.S. Warrior news: “Warrior Quote of the day” – older students an example to their younger siblings/cousins
Generosity – Capable H.S. language learners create learning material for use in homes and learning lab
Twulshootseed mobile Apps (on itunes and Puyallup website): learning lab, family resource center, and in-home use

- **Twulshootseed Alphabet**
- **75 Words**
- **Texting Twulshootseed**
- **Twulshootseed: “What Is That”**
Cross age tutoring by older extended family: Service Learning
“Warrior Hours”

Every Thursday Afterschool Until 3:30!

Cross-age tutoring is an afterschool program that connects
Highschool students with elementary students. Highschool students
can volunteer weekly to tutor 3 Help elementary students!
Language development: Name that fruit!  How many?  Which is your favorite?  Why?
Mentoring model being expanded into afterschool “Family Learning Center” through community library concept.
PACT time: “Parent and Child Together”, expanded to after school programming and parent night parent engagement
More Information?

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You can tell us who else was in on the heist. Or Detective Perez can keep the PowerPoint going allllllll night long.