



ABRIENDO PUERTAS/OPENING DOORS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors is an evidence-based parent leadership program for primarily Spanish-speaking parents with children 5 years and under. The interactive curriculum focuses on language, literacy, health, social-emotional development and advocacy skills through a popular education method highlighting Latino cultural values and strengths.

The Latino Policy Forum uses a train-the-trainer model to disseminate the curriculum throughout the state of Illinois. The Forum trains staff from agencies and school districts to become facilitators of the program and provide sessions to parents within their respective communities. Through the 10-session curriculum, parents become equipped with the knowledge and tools to prepare their children for kindergarten and support their child's early development.

THE LATINO POLICY FORUM

The Latino Policy Forum is the only organization in the Chicago region with the primary focus of facilitating the inclusion of Latinos at all levels in public policy and policy decision-making processes. Thanks to the generous support from the J.B. & M.K. Priztker Family Foundation, McCormick Foundation and through the partnership with the *Abriendo Puertas* national team in Los Angeles, California, the Forum has sponsored the program since 2010.

The Forum is pleased to be conducting the training in the program's facilitation methods to Latino-serving early childhood education organizations and education institutions. To date, more than 150 facilitators from over 60 organizations in Illinois have been trained.

FACILITATOR TRAINING

The three-day interactive training will prepare participants to do the following:

- Deliver the program through the *popular education* method
- Foster opportunities for parent engagement within the school system
- Use culturally-relevant activities to develop parent leadership
- Enhance parent engagement programming through innovative recruitment and retention strategies
- Develop partnerships and construct a local resource kit

Trained Participants Receive:

- *Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors* curriculum kit per organization
- Training binder
- Certificate of completion
- Technical assistance/Coaching in the form of:
 - Pre-implementation planning consultation
 - 1-2 site visits before and/or throughout program implementation
 - One-on-one monthly calls with facilitators
 - Session planning and facilitation assistance

TRAINING FEES

- Non-refundable application fee: \$100
- Three-day Institute: \$1,500.00* per person - Illinois organizations - includes all training, breakfast/lunches, follow up and technical assistance/coaching
- Three-day Institute: \$2,000.00* per person – Organizations located outside of Illinois – includes all training, breakfast and lunches

*Total cost incurred by the Latino Policy Forum per registered participant is \$4,000.00. The Forum's fundraising efforts specifically targeted for the 2016 *Abriendo Puertas* Institute allow the agency to offer a discount to each participant.



ORGANIZATION AND PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Send two Spanish-speaking representatives
- Attend all training days, **March 1- 3, 2017** from **9:00AM -5:00PM**
- Co-facilitate at least one *Abriendo Puertas* program (10 sessions) with 20 parents
- Administer and submit participant and facilitator pre- and post-surveys as provided by the Latino Policy Forum

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- **Date:** Friday, February 3, 2016
- **Complete the application online** [here](#), or
- **Email to:** nvesga@latinopolicyforum.org