PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Upward Bound Parent Advisory Council was established in the Fall of 2007 to facilitate communication between the families of Upward Bound students and the program staff. A group of interested parents developed a mission statement, elected officers, conducted parent surveys, and established priorities to support Upward Bound students, families, and program staff.

The members of the Parent Advisory Council, representing each of three federally-funded programs (Washoe, Northwest, and Truckee Meadows), meet with the UB director once a month. During the monthly meetings, the council members plan and organize fundraisers, workshops for parents, family events, and provide feedback to the program staff. Besides attending meetings, they network with other parents by phone and/or email in order to provide communication, mentoring, and support to UB families. They also chaperone students on field trips and community events and help with translation for non-English speaking parents. A new parent-to-parent mentoring program has been launched aimed at pairing newcomer parents with other parents who have been in the program for more than one year to assist in understanding the program’s rules and expectations.

The PAC sponsors workshops for parents on topics chosen through parent surveys, such as understanding regulations and expectations of the schools, helping students succeed in school, understanding financial aid, applying for college and scholarships, and choosing a career. In addition, the parent leaders engage in fundraising to assist the program with expenses that benefit the students but are not covered by the federal grants.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL’S MISSION STATEMENT

- To support the mission, rules and regulations of the UB program
- To provide input and feedback to the UB director and staff.
- To assist UB staff during Upward Bound activities.
- To plan, lead, and/or implement programs and activities that promote educational, cultural, or social development of UB students and their families.
- To identify and/or initiate use of community resources for the benefit of the UB students and their families.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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PARENT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PAC

In addition to the four members of the executive committee, parents/guardians representing each of the programs (Washoe, Truckee Meadows, and Northwest grants) attend meetings and/or serve as liaison between the council and all the parents of participants to facilitate communication among parents via telephone or email and provide translation into Spanish for non-English speaking parents as needed.