

Mentors, Mindsets & Role Models

PARENT-TO-PARENT MENTORING

Region One ESC GEAR UP Project

University of Texas-Pan American

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Edinburg, Texas



Texas GEAR UP Promising Practice

This program has been recognized as a Texas GEAR UP Promising Practice by the Texas Education Agency and Texas GEAR UP. The model is featured in the 2009 "Mentors, Mindsets & Role Models" toolkit designed to assist schools, districts, and community groups in their efforts to create or expand mentoring opportunities.

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Las Platicas

ACADEMY



**PARENTS
LEARNING
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LAS PLATICAS ACADEMY

In association with *Abriendo Puertas*, an initiative of The College of Agriculture & Life Sciences – Texas A&M University, GEAR UP provides 15 hours of instruction to volunteer parents in sequential academic sessions.

Each session is designed to educate *Las Platicadoras* on different aspects of their child's life and most importantly, prepares them to share the information with other parents in their community.

THE ACADEMY

Each Family and Community Liaison recruits, usually, one parent volunteer per every 100 GEAR UP students in their campus. Parents are trained in sequential form through, Las Platicas Academy.

Upon completion of 15 hour training, a graduation ceremony is held, and parent volunteers are recognized as *Platicadoras* or *Platicadores*.

THE ROLE OF A GEAR UP *PLATICADORA*

- Conduct informal training sessions with other parents using materials provided in the Las Platicas Academy.
- Provide awareness of GEAR UP services to other GEAR UP parents.
- Volunteer in the school and community to spread information about college access.



For more information or for special accommodations, contact the GEARUP office at 956/292-7508.