

FAMILIES IN ACTION

Report for Academic Year: 2008-2009

Parent Group Kin Dah Lichii Olta' Charter School
Ganado, AZ Tribal Affiliation: Navajo
Facilitator: Elvivera Chicag
Regional Coordinator: Simon Tapaha

The Families in Action program was implemented within a parent group at Kin Dah Lichii Olta' Charter School. Parents were encouraged to become more involved in their child's education. The group began to utilize the Families in Action curricula to help build trust, encourage leadership, and promote community.

COMMUNITY PROJECT:

- ◆ Unfortunately, this group did not conduct a community project, as the group had only been a site for less than three months at the end of the school year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ◆ Families in Action was not utilized at KDLO for an entire year. A huge accomplishment was Elvivera attending the Families in Action training in February 2008, along with her husband, Gerald, and two other individuals.

CHALLENGES:

- ◆ Families in Action had not been utilized at Kin Dah Lichii Olta' (KDLO) for a full year, only less than three months. It was challenging for the facilitator to get parents and family members to attend the monthly meetings. Even though flyers were put out about the meetings and notices placed in the monthly or weekly school announcements, participation was low. When there was, those who attended would just stay to eat, then would leave without accomplishing anything. Elvivera was very determined to have more participation, but it was difficult for her to accomplish this before the school year ended in May 2009. She hopes the 2009-2010 school year will be more productive for the group.

FAMILIES IN ACTION PROGRAM

In the Families in Action Program, parents and family members are encouraged to identify barriers, in their communities, to academic success and to proactively develop solutions that will assist their student in overcoming these barriers.



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