

Parent Involvement Outreach

Monongalia County
Title III



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Ideas that Have Worked!

- *Mommy and Me* community support group
- Volunteer translator/interpreter group
- Collaboration among programs and schools



Mommy and Me

- Family involvement outreach
- Organized by a retired Kindergarten teacher who saw a need in the community
- Meets monthly at an apartment complex where many international families live
- Includes activities for preschool children and adults
- Families are recruited through word-of-mouth and advertising cards
- Typical attendance: 6-10 families



Coming soon...

- *Mommy and Me* serves as a forum for international families to talk about issues they might have with life here. Some examples:
 - Where and how to buy groceries
 - Finding foods that meet dietary restrictions
 - How to use public transportation
 - How to use the public library

And coming soon, a farm cooperative with local farmers trained in butchering methods to meet dietary restrictions

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Translator/Interpreter List

- All volunteers
- All trained in confidentiality and procedures by one of our ESL teachers
- List is distributed to psychologists, SAT coordinators, Academic Coaches, Principals, Assistant Principals and anyone who might need a translator or interpreter



Translator/Interpreter Activities

Document translation to and from English

- Lunch menus
- Health forms
- Records from previous schools
- Memos

Interpreter services at meetings and gatherings.



Barriers

- Similar to Title I:
 - Fear
 - Language (including educational jargon)
 - Time



More Improvements Coming!

- Parental involvement activities geared toward international families
- More specifically targeted outreach for families at schools with lower ESL populations