

The Skillman Foundation Presents

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## Project Graduation: A Commitment to Boost Graduation Rates

Detroit Parent Network (DPN) is a premier nonprofit organization that was founded in 2002 by parents and for parents.

The mission is to develop powerful parents and primary care givers who are equipped to get the best education possible for their children. ♦ The winning formula at DPN is parent empowerment! ♦ They are not staff dependent; they are parent dependent. ♦ Parents lead and largely contribute to the success of DPN's work and their accomplishments.

DPN's core values are that every parent has something to contribute. ♦ Parents are leaders and all parents want the best for their children. ♦ Parents who learn and share their new skills with each other become stronger, and with the right support, parents can solve their own problems. ♦ Empowering parents is DPN's mission and through the parent support groups, trainings, workshops and committees, they feel that parents can get the essential tools to be a leader and advocate for their child(ren).

Detroit Parent Network just started a new program called "Project Graduation."

### Highlights of Project Graduation:

- Aimed at significantly increasing high



- school graduation and college enrollment among at-risk students.
- Targeting youth in all six areas of Skillman's Good Neighborhoods, assisting parents and their children ages 13-17 to develop specific goals and an action plan to graduate high school and go to college.
- Train parents or other caring adults to serve as academic advisors and guidance counselors for their children with transitioning from high school to higher learning.
- Build parents' capacity to better serve their children. ♦ In addition, program services will encourage young people to take ownership of problems, and provide leadership development opportunities for community members.
- Community workshops, panel discussions, and other informational programs in community-based settings that are designed to train parents to fulfill the college application manager role for their students, to assist in filling gaps left by school funding cutbacks that have reduced or eliminated guidance counselors and advisors.

If you have a child who is in middle school or high school, and you want one-on-one help to get your child on the road to success, then this program is for you!

Here's why.

### TOP 10 REASONS to enroll:

1. A personalized student success plan for your child.
2. Assistance applying for financial aid.
3. Assistance applying for college.
4. A college scholarship up to \$500 (once your child is accepted and enrolled in college).
5. Opportunities to tour colleges.
6. Incentives for meeting goals in the student success plan.
7. Regularly disseminated information to help your child succeed.
8. A designated support person to discuss barriers that your child may have.
9. Connecting with resources to overcome any personal/family barriers.
10. Help getting your child on the right career path.

### This is what you need to do:

- Make a commitment to help your child achieve goals;
- Attend at least 3 workshops during the school year;
- Meet with project coordinator on a monthly basis to review goals;
- Give suggestions to improve the project
- Monitor and encourage your child to meet their goals;
- Tell others in your community about the project.

How do you sign up? ♦ Call Shannon Perry @ 313-309-1455 or email [sperry@detroitparentnetwork.org](mailto:sperry@detroitparentnetwork.org) ♦ DPN will come to you!



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