

Parental Engagement Program starting strong

If you want your children to be academically successful, it's best to play an active role in their education.

And a group of school representatives is here to help you help them.

With the new school year underway, Brownfield Independent School District's Parental Engagement program is continuing to aim to improve the roles that local moms and dads play in their children's education, from pre-K and beyond.

"It's another year, and we've got a lot ahead of us," program sponsor and BISD community liaison Mercie Martin told a group of BISD staff and parents Thursday morning during their first meeting after the summer break. "The more we get involved the better it's going to be for our children, and that's what it's all about."

September's featured speakers were Sarah DeLaCruz, prevention resource coordinator for Managed

Care Center in Lubbock, and Andrea Sepeda-Miller, Llano Estacado Tobacco Prevention and Control Coalition coordinator. They told the group about services they offer such as substance-abuse treatment and prevention.

The group meets the third Thursday morning of each month to discuss education-related topics. While DeLaCruz and Sepeda-Miller were guest speakers for Thursday's meeting, other presenters speak on a variety of issues. Past topics have included healthy eating and how to prepare high school students for college.

"The more informed we are the more we can serve our children and the community," Martin said.

Attendance varies at each of the Parental Engagement Program meetings, but all parents with children in any of BISD's six campuses are welcome to stop by.

For more information, call Martin at 637-2591 or simply attend the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m. Oct. 18 in the school district's administration building.



Sarah DeLaCruz lists some of the services of her agency, Managed Care Center of Lubbock. DeLaCruz and Andrea Sepeda-Miller were this month's guest speakers for the Brownfield Independent School District's Parental Engagement Program. The group met Thursday morning.



Brownfield Federal Credit Union board President Doc Grant, left, presents a check to Boys and Girls Club of Brownfield Board of Directors President Sheryl Vaughan. BFCU raised \$456 from a disc golf tournament Sept. 15 to help the new chapter of the nationwide after-school program earn funds for start-up costs.

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