

PROGRAMS

A PTA's programs can take many forms. The main purpose of any PTA program should be to involve families and help the school. Your PTA can run the types of programs that will be valuable to your school and community. Effective planning is essential for creating programs that children, families, and communities will enjoy and benefit from.

Work with other committee chairs to plan and implement your PTA programs. For example, confer with the Parent Involvement Chair to ensure the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement are implemented in every program/project/event.

The resources needed to support these programs (money, time, volunteers, space for activities, etc.) are often limited and require program leaders to think creatively. Programs should be planned in response to a need or priority of the school community. They must be relevant, have clearly defined goals and when appropriate, be sustainable over time.

Programs should encourage and support opportunities for parents, families, and other caring adults to be involved in the healthy growth and development of children and youth. Topics such as *Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle* could include food and nutrition, physical activity, safety and grassroots advocacy; *Targeting Parent Involvement in Education* could include student achievement, volunteerism, leadership and grassroots advocacy. Another program could be *Accentuating the Arts and Appreciating Culture* with topics such as visual arts, performing arts, language arts, cultural enrichment and grassroots advocacy.

Visit the Georgia PTA website (<http://www.georgiapta.org/leadership-other-committees.html>) for more program ideas such as *How to Conduct a...*

- *Founders Day Program*
- *Trash to Treasures Program*
- *Honoring Our Heroes Program*
- *Red Ribbon Week Program*
- *Break Free of TV Program*
- *Operation Honor Program*
- *Waste Free Lunch Day Program*