

# TWO-GEN PARENT ACADEMY

## HELPING PARENTS WORK & CHILDREN THRIVE

Two-Generational Practice (Two-Gen) helps children and parents succeed, keeps the family together and economically strong. At the Two-Gen Parent Academy parents will learn new skills and understand the power of our stories to effect public policy. Mothers and fathers will learn about school and workforce success for our children and ourselves.

## WHEN

**February 4, 2017 | 8am – 4:30pm**

## WHERE L.O.B.

**Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Ave. Hartford**

## REGISTER AT:

**TWO-GENPARENTACADEMY.EVENTBRITE.COM**

**OR E-MAIL: TWOGENPARENTACADEMY@GMAIL.COM**

**OR CALL: 860.240.8446 OR 8442 FOR MORE INFO**

**FREE EVENT  
FREE LUNCH  
FREE  
CHILDCARE  
FREE  
BOOKS 4 KIDS**

## WORKSHOPS

- ❖ **Fatherhood, the Two-Gen Approach**
- ❖ **Making Our Schools Better for Children**
- ❖ **Entrepreneurial Opportunity**
- ❖ **Using Our Voice to Improve Child Outcomes**
- ❖ **Keeping the Family Together & Strong**
- ❖ **How Telling Our Story Can Change Public Policy and much more...**

## IT'S FOR YOU!

This event is for Parents in the greater Hartford region who want to find and keep better jobs and help their children succeed in school. We can make a difference!





# Parent Academy Schedule

Saturday, February 4, 2017

8:00am to 4:30pm

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## Registration & Breakfast

8am to 8:45am	All participants
9am to 9:10am	Welcome Richard A. Sussman, Director, Early Childhood Investments, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
9am to 9:45am	Keynotes
9am to 9:15am	AJ Johnson, Hartford City Council - Restorative Justice & Rebuilding the Family (All Attendees will gather)
9:20 to 9:45am	Elaine Zimmerman, US Dept of Health & Human Services, Admin. For Children & Families - Regional Director - What is Two-Generational Practice & How Does it Help Families Poem by Student

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## Workshops

10am to 11am	Block One (see attached)
11:15am to 12:15pm	Block Two (see attached)

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## Lunch & Visiting Agency Tables

12:15pm to 1:15pm	Lunch in the Café and Explore the Partner Tables
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## Panel: Workforce & School Readiness

1:15 pm to 2:00pm	Presentation by West Hartford Poet Laureate Attendees will gather for this event
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## Workshops

2:15 to 3:15pm	Block Three (see attached)
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## Closing

3:15pm to 4:15pm	State Senator Beth Bye*, State Representative Jeff Currey*, State Senator Marilyn Moore*, Sarah. Dudzic, Director, Move Up!, Presentation by Children
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# Two-Gen Parent Academy Courses

Entrepreneurship - Turning Great Ideas Into Business  
Choosing Quality Childcare & Accessing it

**Frank Dixon**, President of Black Business Alliance

Fatherhood & the Two-Gen Experience

**Maureen Reid**, Lead Early Childhood Specialist, 2-1-1  
**Samantha Dynowski**, Advocacy Director, Early Childhood Alliance

**Elizabeth Fraser**, Policy Manager, CT Association for Human Services

**Latoya Tinsley**, Provider Liaison, Care4Kids

**Doug Edwards**, Founder and Program Director of Real Dads Forever

**Sal Hanaif**, Teen fathers program Manager, Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program

Using Your Voice to Advocate for You & Your Child

**Elaine Zimmerman**, Regional Director for the Administration of Children & Families

**Melvette Hill**, State Coordinator for Parent Leadership Institute

Telling Your Story

**Erika Hayes**, Community Educator, CT School Finance Project

Filming Your Story to Effect Change for Families

**Christopher Rooney**, Videographer, Three Run Pictures

**Ronald Martin**, Hartford Videographer & Parent

**Mitzie Martin**, Hartford Videographer

**Sarah Dudzic**, Director, Move UP!

Panel Discussion: School & Workforce Readiness

**Nanfi Lubogo**, Director, PATH Parents Available to Help. Inc.

**Kim Oliver**, Director of the Dept. of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation for the City of Hartford

**Frank Dixon**, President of Black Business Alliance

**State Senator Beth Bye\***

**Scott Jackson\***, Commissioner, State Dept. of Labor Parents

Teen Parents - A Community of Support for Young Moms & Dads

**Sade Blocker**, Hartford Urban League

**Michelle McFarland**, Dir., Hartford Public Library, Mark Twain Branch

How Parents Can Participate to Improve Schools - Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

**Charlene Russell-Tucker**, Chief Operating Officer Connecticut State Department of Education

Overcoming Obstacles to Economic Success

**Scott Jackson\***, Commissioner of CT Department of Labor & **Representative Brandon McGee**

**Val-Gene Gripes**, Program Manager for Economic Enrichment, Hartford Urban League

**Marie Fort**, Economic Enrichment Housing Counselor, Hartford Urban League

Chronic Absence: How Attendance Impacts School Success

**Charlene Russell-Tucker**, Chief Operating Officer Connecticut State Department of Education

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