

Parent Learning Community (PLC)

For 17 years the Hillsborough/Millstone Municipal Alliance has offered a volunteer facilitated program created by the Princeton Center for Leadership Training (PCLT) to provide parents and guardians with tools and information about current trends to help them with communication skills with their children. The program named PLC stands for Parent Learning Community and consists of a 5 week course where participants meet for 2 hours, once a week. Classes are typically offered in the Fall and Spring for a small fee that covers class materials and a T-Shirt.

This long standing program has been well received over the years, attended by parents, grandparents, step parents and single parents alike and sometimes even consists of former attendees who come back for refreshers. The program has carried on with the help of former participants who become facilitators and covers important topics ranging from stress to self-esteem, substance abuse and social trends that can affect parenting and it also consists of one valuable question and answer session with a member of our Hillsborough Police Dept. It's a safe place for concerned parents and guardians to come together and share their concerns, to learn from each other about what struggles we are all experiencing raising our children and to share ideas about what works and what doesn't. This is done in a casual group atmosphere where participants have open honest discussions, use fun exercises and receive resources for various topics. There are tears and laughter and hopefully some valuable information to help parents navigate through the tweens and teens years.

Testimony from a past participant~

"I accidentally found the PLC program through our district Life Skills Coordinator. She said that it would be something that I would find value in. I am so happy that I took her recommendation. From the very first meeting to the last, it was an altering experience. The PLC facilitators provided a safe environment for me to self-search and evaluate my own upbringing. That starting point made a huge impact on how I parent my children. Since completing the program, I've become a more present and active parent. I still use tools that were presented to me. Also, as a result, I have become more involved with the school and the community to improve the environment that my children are a part of. I highly recommend this program to all parents."
Mom of 8 year old and 14 year old.

The next session is scheduled to begin April 10, 2018. If you are interested in registering for the program or if you have any questions, please contact:

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