



**LAES has developed a series of immigrant issue instructional modules entitled "Tierra de Oportunidad" for orientation to our complex society.**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Module 12 Parents Involvement In Their Children's Education** Instructions

There are four parts to this activity. This assignment may be done individually or in pairs. Please be sure to answer all parts. After answering Part 2, you may want to go back and revise your answers to Part 1. Part 3 asks you to write hints for your child, and Part 4 asks you to reflect on what you learned from your work on this module.

**Part 1:**

Write five questions that you think would be most important for a parent to ask their child's teacher at a parent/teacher conference.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Part 2:**

Please think about what is good and bad about schools that your children are attending, or about schools with which you are familiar. Think how those schools could be improved. Please write a description of either (a) how schools could be improved or (b) the "perfect" school on the page below. Please indicate for what age children you think the school (or the improvements you suggested) would work best. Last, but not least, please say what could you do to help make things better.

For example, these are just a few questions to get you started: In your school, what would the administrators and teachers be like? How would the teachers be hired? How many students would there be in classes? How would English and Spanish languages be taught? How would children relate to each other? How would discipline be handled? How would parents be involved in the school? What would the school board's role be? What would the school look like? What kind of educational and other programs would there be?

Write your description below, and continue on the back of this sheet or on a separate paper. Write clearly because you may be asked to present your ideas to the whole group.

Response:

**Part 3:**

What are the main five things you would like your child to know about being a good learner and getting the most out of school? Write your answers as proverbs or rhymes that you think might be easy for a child to remember.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Part 4.**

Please tell us what you learned from your work with this module

**1. Did you benefit from your work on this module regarding any of the following?**

For example, in your ability to	Yes/No	Please comment on either: < How you benefited; or < Why you feel this module was not useful for you in this area
a. the value of education to your children or children of friends or other family members; and how it might benefit them personally and financially in the long-term?		
b. how to get the education and educational services your child or children of friends or family members need?		
c. how to participate in the educational process of your own children or children in your household or of family members		
d. how to communicate well with teachers and school personnel about a child or children to help them succeed in school		
e. how to plan ahead to help a child succeed in school?		
d. how to help a child ask questions, make sense of the answers and use the information they obtain to solve problems?		
e. activities outside the classroom, like sports and music, help a child to learn		

important things?

**2. Did your work in this module help you in any of the following areas?**

	Yes/No	Please comment on either: < How you benefited; or < Why you feel this module was not useful for you in this area
a. Reading and understanding information presented to you in written form?		
b. Asking questions and getting the information you need to know?		
c. Speaking with teachers and family members, and communicating your ideas persuasively?		
d. Writing notes or letters to communicate your opinions or feelings on an issue.		
e. Anything else? Please tell us:		

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