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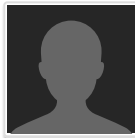
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**Christopher Hernandez**

4 months ago

## Fostering Parent Communities Through Online Learning Modules

COLLAPSE

For this final project, I am going to fully develop an online private forum meant for parent communication. The forum will be a place for parents, of my school, to communicate with each other on various different topics. These topics can range from planning after-school get-togethers to asking for advice such as creating sleep schedules for their children. By creating and implementing online learning videos, parents will learn how to successfully use and navigate the forum. As a background, I work at a school for students with neurodevelopmental delays.

**Desired Status**

For parents to learn how to use

a new platform for communication

with other parents within the school. Parents

will easily ask questions and chat with

each other.

**Actual Status**

Parents of neurodiverse children often

find it difficult to connect with other parents.

They mostly have time to chat in the morning,

when dropping off their

student(s), and in the

evening when picking them up. These times to talk

**Need**

The development of online

learning videos/modules

so parents can adjust to

using an online

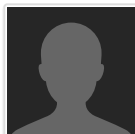
communication platform.

are often short. We have seen that parents with

neurodiverse children often offer support to one another

but fail at reaching out to everyone.

This project has a professional connection to me. Parents at my institution have often asked us to help develop a platform/system so that parents can connect with one another and share valuable information/advice. My supervisor and I have decided we will develop this online space. The space will be governed by a set of rules and I will develop learning modules so that parents can familiarize themselves with the tools at their disposal. The platforms of choice for this final will be Edublogs and YouTube (for training videos).

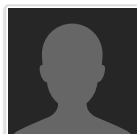
[Reply](#)[Quote](#)[Edit](#)**Eric Juengel**

4 months ago

**RE: Fostering Parent Communities Through Online Learning Modules**

Hi Christopher,

This sounds like a huge undertaking but would be a very valuable tool. How large of a school would this be for? I feel like this would be hard for a large volume of parents. Do you plan on trying to match parents up who have kids with similar neurodevelopmental delays? I really like that this project is directly related to what you are doing in your career and will help increase communication between parents.

[▲ Hide 1 reply](#)**Christopher Hernandez**

4 months ago

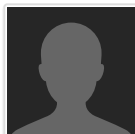
**RE: RE: Fostering Parent Communities Through Online Learning Modules**

Hey Eric!

It definitely will be a huge undertaking. My school currently has 150+ students and, at some point, each student's family will share a single login. However, we will try to accommodate parents and families who want separate logins. One thing I must add is that this login portal will be for families who want to be part of a community and foster their students friendships outside of school. I say this because we do have various families who have no desire to be part of this network as they have their own network

of people that they turn to.

We are not currently thinking about matching parents who have students with similar delays. This is a good thought to keep in mind, but I have seen students with similar delays experience different problems. I definitely have to put some thought into the training process and how this forum is going to work.



**Janani Ramachandran**

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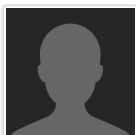
**RE: Fostering Parent Communities Through Online Learning Modules**

Hey Christopher,

I 100% agree with what Eric says. We definitely could use a parental community that can be connected outside of extracurriculars as well as 'family friends'. An academic prone parental community would also ensure the success of student, parent, and teacher rapport. Currently, I use Remind to keep both students and parents on board with what they need to do. More than email, many parents check their phones. This app does not share my personal information and therefore I can text freely with the parent regarding their student's progress.

Do share what you come up with, I'd love to learn and borrow ideas for the upcoming school year!

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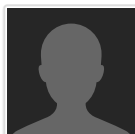
**Christopher Hernandez**

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**RE: RE: Fostering Parent Communities Through Online Learning Modules**

Hey Janani!

We had actually been thinking of a teacher to parent communication app, outside of email, as well. However, the parents seemed to voice that they wanted their own parent community first. I will definitely share any ideas and, of course, would love feedback on the ideas I develop in the future.



**Carole Hruskocy**

4 months ago

**RE: Fostering Parent Communities Through Online Learning Modules**

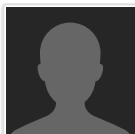
Chris,

The topic you've proposed is an interesting one and unique to my 572 teaching experience 😊 It's good to know you will be able to implement your project almost immediately. I have a few questions to help me understand your project fully. First, your training will focus on teaching parents how to use an online communication platform, correct? Second, when describing the "need" what specific skills are you focusing on? You mention "adjust to using" a platform, but what skills will parents gain from completing your module?

Additionally, should the title be something like Fostering Parent Communities through use of an Online Platform?

Carole

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**Christopher Hernandez**

4 months ago

**RE: Fostering Parent Communities Through Online Learning Modules**

Hey Dr. Hruskocy,

Sorry, I should have explained the subject matter with more depth.

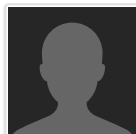
So, the training will focus on teaching individuals (Parents and many others) how to access, navigate, and utilize an online communication platform.

The specific skills will be to teach parents:

1. Web navigation - navigating to the website, user name set up, log in, and password recovery.
2. Platform navigation - navigation of the website, forum creation, communication with other users, event checking, and how to ask for help from site admins.
3. How to add website access to cellular devices.

Lastly, yes, your proposed name does sound better. I just realized that my original title does make it sound as if I am creating an online learning center.

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**Carole Hruskocy**

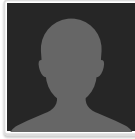
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**RE: Fostering Parent Communities Through Online Learning Modules**

Chris,

Thank you for offering these added details. I can now "see" the project and audience focus. Thanks again.

Carole

**Aimee Moreno**

4 months ago

**RE: Fostering Parent Communities Through Online Learning Modules**

Hi Christopher,

This sounds like such a valuable and needed project for your parent community. I think it's great that you will be able to implement it and see it come to life. You mention that the space will be governed by a set of rules. Does that mean that the platform will be moderated by you or someone at your school? I look forward to hearing more about your project!

Best,

Aimee

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**Christopher Hernandez**

4 months ago

**RE: Fostering Parent Communities Through Online Learning Modules**

Hey Aimee!

I plan to enlist a few staff members as moderators. I will most likely choose two administrators for the task. However, I will be overseeing posts from time to time. I'm sure if someone breaks the rule a parent will contact me.

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