

# Community Café: Changing the Lives of Children through Conversations that Matter The Harvest

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**Date:** June 14, 2011

**Location:** Angle Lake Family Resource Center – Lutheran Community Services

**What questions were used at this Café?**

What does a happy, healthy, successful student look like at home and at school?

What is possible for parents, staff and students to do together to ensure every child in our community has a change at a happy, safe, successful middle school experience and what could I contribute to this new partnership?

**Document: What are you taking home from tonight's café?**

- Have family conversations and set the example for our children
- Give our children confidence and above all listen to them
- Communicate with our children
- Be perceptive and vigilant parents
- Be involved with our children's teachers
- Build relationships with our children's school personnel
- Give our children tasks to do instead of punishing them
- Meet with school staff, counselors, nurses, and psychologists before making decisions
- Teach our children to respect others
- Motivate our children
- More involvement by other parents
- Know how to listen to our children; their likes, successes, and dreams
- Don't encourage our children's bad decisions/actions/behaviors

**How many participants?** 12 Mothers      **How many children?** 11 Kids      **Total** 23

**What Community Partners were there?** None

Claudia Dickinson, Director of the Angle Lake Family Resource Center welcomed the parents.

Hosts: Reina Blandon and Imelda Vera, Angle Lake Family Resource Center volunteers.