



## Why Three for Me?

Thankfully, many people are now beginning to understand the vital role family involvement plays in the success of students. But did you know that the more families are involved in their children's education, the more teachers, school administrators, and the community also benefit? And the benefits of family involvement in children's education occur regardless of family background.

There are challenges, however, that hinder family involvement. One big challenge is time. Other challenges include lack of transportation, language barriers, not feeling welcomed, and feelings of inadequacy.

PTA Three for Me was created to help overcome these obstacles.

The program asks parents to dedicate three hours of their time to the school, and is a proven way to increase family involvement. Once they see how easy it is to give those three hours, parents often do more!

Through Three for Me, families can contribute to the success of the school regardless of constraints. They can help meet the needs of the school by giving of their time at school, in the home, or in the community. With its structure for organizing the needs of the school and matching needs to parents who can help fulfill them, Three for Me increases the chances that parents will give of their time—because parents see how their skills and talents can be of use.

Finally, by stressing that all contributions are valued and make a difference, Three for Me encourages families to partner with the school in making it a better learning environment for their children.

When everyone contributes, a little really does mean a lot.