# **The Natural Leaders Program**

Students do better in school when their families are engaged. WABS Natural Leaders Program gives families the tools to break down language, cultural, and systemic barriers so all families are empowered to engage.

#### Who are Natural Leaders?

Natural Leaders are multi-cultural parents and family members that serve as a bridge between families, community, and schools.



#### Why are They Needed?

Natural Leaders represent the diversity of their school communities. Honoring their experiences and listening to their voice ensures more equity and access for all students.



#### What do they do?

- Engage in new learning
- Create events families want
- Build relationships
- Plan for a bright future





"I love the Natural Leaders
Program. I have learned so
much and still learn
something new everyday. I
have made many
connections with parents
and different people from all
walks of life. It has been a
great experience and has
opened doors to many new
things I didn't know I could
be a part of."
-Tanya, Natural Leader
Trainer

### For more info contact:

## Strategies for Success

OSPI has identified the Natural Leaders Program as a contributing strategy for high graduation rates among English Language Learners. This success comes from our own key strategies:

- **Grassroots** The Natural Leaders Program is driven by the needs of each community and their families.
- Train-The-Trainer Model Parents are empowered by receiving training that they can then share with other families.
- **Distributive Leadership** The success of the program depends on leadership on all levels.

