



Certified by Family Bridges




How Avance Will Help Marriages and Families

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Family Bridges partners with local organizations to help them dynamically engage with their communities and develop leaders. We train facilitators how to teach social-emotional and professional growth curriculums, share our best-practices model for delivering memorable workshops, and offer marketing support for reaching those in the community.





What type of training is offered?



- **Leadership Training:** Church leaders receive training on leadership skills such as time management, project management, goal setting, decision making, creative problem solving, discovering talent and the use of technological resources.
- **Marriage and Family Educational Training:** Church leaders receive training on parenting, marriage, and finances which they in turn pass on to other couples and families through educational workshops and activities.
- **Engagement Training:** Church leaders receive training on recruitment and retention of couples and families and make provisions for the continuation of the program through the succession of leadership after the 3 year Avance contract is over.



GROWING COMMUNITIES





Quarter 4

Jul.-Sept.)
-Micro-Enterprise
Orientation

Open Tracks

Spiritual (Optional)
a. Spiritual Awaken
-Fundraising
b. Fundraising the
training

Quarter I

(Sept.-Dec.)
-Millennials:
Connect
Training

Quarter 2

(Jan.-Mar.)
-Excellent
Leadership

Quarter 3

(Apr.-Jun.)
-Better Me
Training

Quarter 4

(Jul.-Sept.)
-Finances
training Open
Tracks

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Spiritual (Optional)
a. Spiritual Awaken
-Fundraising
b. Fundraising the
training

YEAR 3

-Spiritual (Optional)
a. Fruits of the Spirit
-All Year
a. Sustainable
fundraising mode

Open Tracks

(Jul.-Sept.)
-Small Business
Training

Quarter 4

(Sept.-Dec.)
-Connect
Event

Quarter I

(Apr.-Jun.)
-Better Me
Practice

Quarter 3

(Jan.-Mar.)
-Excellent
Leadership
Skills
Workshop

Quarter 2

-Spiritual (Optional)
a. Spiritual Values
-All Year
a. Sustainable
fundraising model


Open Tracks

(Jul.-Sept.)
-Better Halves

Quarter 4

PARTICIPANTS





What does community engagement mean?

The ultimate goal of engagement is to build an emotional connection. It is a process that leads to intimacy and advocacy. It's not a single transaction, but an ongoing conversation and process. It's having a constant presence.

- Each participating church commits to forming an active local ministry for marriages and families.
- AVANCE Institute recruits 4-8 church leaders and trains them in developing the local parish AVANCE Institute.
- AVANCE provides the training for participant couples and children. The leaders are trained in maintaining an open approach by communicating ideas while listening to multiple perspectives from others. Support, fellowship, and accountability encourages participation and servant leadership in carrying out the mission, objectives, and activities of the program. The mutual respect fostered through the participation in the management of the program leads to an atmosphere of trust among leaders and participants.
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What is required of a participating church?

- A commitment to host the program for three years
- Adequate space for ongoing educational family strengthening workshops and events
- Promotion of events
- An open door for AVANCE Institute to recruit volunteers for leadership and participants



Logistics

For information on the annual subscription costs and available scholarship stipends for

Avance partners, please visit

www.familybridgesusa.org or call

708-524-1600 and ask to speak with an

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