

Mamas & Papas*

*A Program for Lodi's Future Prosperity One Child at a Time

If you love our community, if you want Lodi's best days to be in its future, if you want a safer Lodi, if you want more economic prosperity for our citizens, if you believe our children are the future, if you want to make a difference in Lodi... then we have a low-impact, highly rewarding project **definitely** worth a little of your time. You can change lives, maybe generations, join with

the Mamas & Papas of Lodi and start something GREAT in a young person!

*If you've ever said, "I'd like to make a positive impact in Lodi,"
then we've got a program for you.*

The What

We are building an army of adults (Mamas & Papas) that are going into elementary after-school programs in Lodi to help "poor readers" in the 3rd grade read at grade level.

Today too many 3rd graders do not read at grade level. According to school officials this is the first indicator of a future school DROPOUT. A big problem for Lodi.

The WHY

This is the first battle in our schools. If kids cannot read they fall behind quickly and many go predictably downhill in achievement, poor grades, later targeted by gangs and negative influencers. We can save many kids with our army of Mamas & Papas. Mamas & Papas spend quality time not only helping them read but sharing life principles like personal responsibility, encouragement, being a positive role model, demonstrating character building values, and your wisdom as a Mama or Papa.

The HOW

The after school programs start around 2:30 PM and goes until 6 PM. We are only there for the first hour. A 1-hour commitment, which you chose the afternoon that fits your schedule (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday... you choose) Length is 6-8 week minimum. We are targeting beginning on the 24th of October.

- Approximately 2:30-3:30 PM... We help them with reading, maybe some homework.

You must be finger printed to go into schools on a weekly basis.

Finger-Printing / Life Scan is \$25, Contact: Leslie Dietz at the Lodi Chamber (209) 367-7840, Ext. 102 to schedule a finger-printing appointment at the school district office. If \$25 cost for finger-printing is a barrier or hardship, the Chamber will pay for your finger-printing.

For program questions call: Leslie at the Lodi Chamber (209) 367-7840, Ext. 102. This is a commitment of 1 hour a week on a day of your choosing, for 6-8 weeks, beginning in October.

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