

# Parents and Teachers GEAR UP!

## Online Registration for ILP Training

Online registration is open for 34 hands-on, Web-enabled ILP training sessions this fall at 18 locations across the state. Principals, teachers, counselors and student leaders will learn to use the student ILP and the school ILP, as well as how to implement the ILP in their schools. Sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For training dates and descriptions of training sessions, visit the Kentucky Department of Education website: <http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Individual+Learning+Plan/On-Line+Registration+for+Fall+ILP+trainings.htm>

## Recognition for Two Fayette County Schools

Congratulations to Crawford Middle School and Leestown Middle School for recently having a student named as top school winner by the Young Achievers program. The honored students, Damian Beveridge (Crawford Middle) and Kea Stewart (Leestown Middle), were eighth graders when the awards were given and are now both in high school.



As reported by the Lexington Herald-Leader, the purpose of the Young Achievers program is to honor students who serve as positive role models for their peers, demonstrate exceptional achievement, exhibit good citizenship in their schools, and maintain satisfactory records of school attendance and achievement.

All students who participated in the Young Achievers were nominated by their principal, guidance counselor, or teacher. The top school winners received a \$50 U.S. Savings bond from Holifield Photography, the sponsor of the Young Achievers program in cooperation with the International Leadership Network, a non-profit, charitable, 501 (c) (3) organization.

Congratulations to Crawford Middle Principal Joyce Florence and Leestown Middle Principal Katheryne Kettle, their school administrators, faculty, and students on this great recognition and for creating an environment where student leaders thrive!

## How can parents get involved?



GEAR UP KY staff in training with Kathy Hayward, True Colors, Inc. facilitator and author of True Parenting: How to foster deeper family ties and a harmonious home

Involvement in your child's education can mean:

- Reading to your child
- Checking homework every night
- Discussing your children's progress with teachers
- Voting in school board elections
- Helping your school to set challenging academic standards
- Limiting TV viewing on school nights
- Becoming an advocate for better education in your community and state

Or, it can be as simple as asking your children, "How was school today?" But ask every day. That will send your children the clear message that their schoolwork is important to you and you expect them to learn.

Some parents and families are able to be involved in their child's education in many ways. Others may only have time for one or two activities. Whatever your level of involvement, do it consistently and stick with it because you will make an important difference in your child's life.

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### ??Questions/Comments??

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"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about."  
--Author Unknown