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STUDENT SUCCESS BEGINS AT HOME

VALDOSTA, Ga.—The Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber held its first Helping Your Child Succeed workshop of the year at Alpha ProTech on Wednesday. This Workforce and Education Development program is designed to provide working parents tools to ensure their child's academic success.

Statistics show that students perform better academically when parents are directly involved with their education. Since this initiative began in 2008, 938 parents in 19 various businesses have experienced this informative and motivational workshop.

The Helping Your Child Succeed workshop is a prime example of how the business and education communities can work collaboratively to ensure a highly qualified workforce, resulting in a thriving community of responsible citizens. As the cliché goes, 'Teach a Parent-Reach a Child', and that is exactly what the Chamber sets forth to accomplish in the Valdosta-Lowndes County region.

This 30-minute workshop is presented to employees during their normal scheduled lunch or breakfast break. While enjoying complimentary lunch or breakfast, participants learn of startling statistics regarding their child's future, local and national high school dropout rates and the global status of our education system. Parents leave with knowledge of our changing world and how they can better prepare their children for future success. This program is made possible through grant funding from Regal Marine Industries, a local manufacturer of luxury boats.

Please visit the program section of www.ValdostaChamber.com and join the effort to improve our future workforce—one parent and one student at a time.



Employees at Alpha ProTech listen attentively as LaVerne Rome (Lowndes County Schools) explains how their direct involvement in their child's academics propels them into the world of literacy, discovery and success.