



**2012 Don and Rosemary Vial Awards for Digital Inclusion
Exemplary Individual Performance Nominee**

Ms. Gretell Castro
Parent Engagement Coordinator
Families in Schools



Gretell Castro has been a critical partner in the development and delivery of School2Home, an innovative initiative that supports underperforming middle schools implement comprehensive technology programs. She has been instrumental in the development and documentation of the over 75 tools included in the School2Home Principal Handbook. She also has been a critical partner in developing the School2Home Parent Training curriculum and the curricula used to train facilitators and other members of the Parent Training Team. Gretell has overseen the implementation of parent training in Stevenson Middle School in East LA, serving almost 2,000 parents and over 15 school staff. In addition, she is now the parent training advisor to three new School2Home schools serving over 1,000 students.

Gretell Castro is committed to excellence. She is fully devoted to implementing the parent training in such a way that over 90% of the families in Stevenson Middle School have completed the School2Home training. These results are noteworthy considering in this school no more than 20% of parents typically attend parent training programs. The developing tools for the Principal Handbook designed by Gretell are now being used by the three new schools in a way that lightens the work load of the School2Home staff, thereby allowing more schools to implement the program in a cost-effective and efficient way.