COLORADO DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

# Family, School, and Community Partnering (FSCP)

Network Bulletin

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## 2013-2014 FSCP Network

This ninth edition of the *Bulletin* is sent to the **Family, School, and Community Partnering (FSCP) Support Network** from the Office of Learning Supports and the Exceptional Student Services Unit. You are receiving this *Bulletin* if you have expressed an interest in family, school, and community partnering through one of the following connections:

- You have participated in a training opportunity on family partnering (online course or face-to-face training).
- You are a recipient of a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Implementation Grant.
  - If you would like more information about MTSS, please see this website: http://www.cde.state.co.us/mtss.
- You are a member of the State Advisory Council on Parent Involvement in Education (SACPIE).
- You are an identified contact for a higher education educator training program.
- You have requested to be in the Network.

## Upcoming *Promising Practices* Trainings

CDE, in collaboration with SACPIE (the State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education), will be conducting trainings about promising practices in engaging all families as partners in education. This event is geared toward District Family Partnership Liaisons (the district personnel appointed by superintendents to act as a connector on family and community engagement work). This event is free and open to all interested participants wanting to learn more strategies to implement family partnerships initiatives for student success. This may include Family Partnership Liaisons, district personnel, school personnel, parent leaders, and District or School Accountability Committee members. It is recommended to attend the training as a district team. Details for the trainings, as well as registration links, are available at this link: http://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/familyengagement.

## Do You Know of Promising Family-School Partnering Practices?

The Colorado Department of Education and the State Advisory Council on Parent Involvement in Education (SACPIE) are hoping to share existing promising partnership practices from Colorado classrooms, schools, and districts during the upcoming *Promising Practices* Trainings. These practices can be from pre-school through K-12 and inclusive of postsecondary education. Promising practices are defined as "**strategic family-school-community partnering actions or programs that are effective for a specific site or situation in supporting student success and hold promise for other sites.**" According to Colorado statute, SACPIE must align its work with the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships (PTA, 2008). These Standards were developed from research and are intended to guide families and educators as they work together in supporting student achievement. The Standards can be found at http://www.cde.state.co.us/sites/default/files/SACPIE_NationalStandardsGoalsIndicators_Family-SchoolPartnerships.pdf.
To submit a practice, go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PromisingPractices2014.
For questions, contact Darcy Hutchins at hutchins_d@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-5921.

## SACPIE Submits Annual Report on Family-School Partnering Progress in Colorado

According to SB 13-193, SACPIE shall report annually to the State Board, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, and the Education Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, or any successor committees, on the Council's progress in promoting parent engagement in Colorado.
The 2013 report is available at: http://www.cde.state.co.us/sacpie.

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*Feel free to share this information with others who might be interested.*

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