COLORADO PROMISING PARTNER PRACTICE



Description

Many busy parents don't have enough time to connect with other parents or build a network of support.

PEN Parenting Book Groups offer parents and caring adults of K-12 school age children the opportunity to explore issues in raising youth that are common to all parents.

Together, parents choose, read and discuss parenting resources that inform them about youth development, adolescence, risk factors, and strength based parenting tools.

Parents can engage with others that are dealing with similar parenting questions, issues, and challenges. They have the opportunity to share experiences, ideas and resources as they learn from each other.

Book groups are organized across school boundaries and open to all, giving diverse groups of parents opportunities to interact with and learn from each other. When groups meet at a school they feel welcomed and aware of school environments they may not have another opportunity to visit.



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PARENTING BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION PROGRAM



Program Aligns with National Family-School Partnerships

Standard 2: Communicating Effectively

PARENT ENGAGEMENT NETWORK (PEN)

is a parent created 501(c)3 Nonprofit serving local Parents, Schools and Community since 2001

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Getting Started

PEN Book Group Coordinators offer :

- Guidelines, helpful hints, and recommendations for books, audiotapes or webinars
- Initial community kick off meetings to discuss interest and organize groups
- Operational materials, including a Book Group Toolkit with suggested group norms and a confidentiality agreement
- Connection to possible facilitators to enhance the book group discussion

Content

- A range of varied books, videos, and topic areas that support effective parenting are available.
- Examples of discussion content may include: child development, ADD/ADHD, resilience, youth risk behavior, or bullying.
- · Book scholarships are readily available.

PEN's Mission

Supporting parents in raising healthy, happy youth