COLORADO DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

Family, School, and Community Partnering (FSCP)

Network Bulletin

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2013-2014 FSCP Network

This seventh 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.
- You are a member of the State Advisory Council on Parent Involvement in Education (SACPIE).
- You are an identified contact for an educator training program.
- You have requested to be in the Network.

NEWS: October is *Family and School Partnership in Education Month!*

State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education (SACPIE)

http://www.cde.state.co.us/sacpie

New Colorado Legislation Supports Family, School, and Community Partnering!

S.B.13-193, *Concerning Increasing Parent Engagement in Public Schools,* outlines a structure for supporting Colorado districts and schools by:

- Requiring every district to develop a policy and designate a Family Partnership Liaison.
- Empowering District (DACs) and School (SACs) Accountability Committees.
- Providing for regional staff and family trainings in how to create effective partnerships.
- Supporting implementation of family requirements in existing legislation such as READ Act & ICAPs.
- Identifying indicators to assess Colorado's progress in increasing parent engagement.
- Creating a position at CDE to help implement this legislation and coordinate supports and training.
  - **Dr. Darcy Hutchins is the new Family Partnership Director. She works in the Improvement Planning Unit at CDE. Darcy spent the last eight years as a senior program facilitator at the National Network of Partnership Schools at John Hopkins University where she provided technical assistance to districts across the country. She has conducted multiple research and evaluation studies on the impact of family, school, and community partnering. Welcome Darcy!** If you have questions about S.B. 13-193, please contact Darcy at 303-866-5921 or hutchins_d@cde.state.co.us.
- The bill is online at http://www.cde.state.co.us/sites/default/files/SACPIEsite_SB13-193Retrieved6.7.13_0_0.pdf.

Community of Practice for Family, School, and Community Partnering

WHO: Family Members, Educators, and Community Partners: Open to all stakeholders in Colorado
WHAT: Online *Community of Practice (CoP)* [webinar format]
WHEN: 3rd Friday of each month, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (except for Jan., which will be all-day and face-to-face)
CREDIT: 1.5 contact hours of professional learning per online session
REGISTER: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FSCP_CoP_2013-14

The first session is on October 18, 2013, and the theme is *Renewing our Commitment to Partnering: Launching the 2013-2014 Community of Practice.* For more information, please contact Kim Watchorn.

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

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