Colorado’s Promising Partnership Practices
Parenting Partners – Success Starts at Home

Description

- To provide Arabic speaking families parenting tools and strategies for parents to better understand their kids’ growth changes.
- Understanding the new challenges their kids will face in a new culture and as dual language students in a new education system.
- To bring equality in education opportunities to our diverse community.

Implementation and Results

- Multi-culture/dual language students need extra parenting support to keep their psychological balance and be able to continue their education and reach their goals.
- Parents needed support in the new culture and school system.
- We provided dinner and child care and the most convenient place for them to meet.
- Feedback from parent & teacher surveys and conversations was positive.
- Staff reported students were more open and comfortable to tell their parents their feelings and the social challenges they face.
- Students were able to focus on their academic success.

What is Parenting Partners?

- Eight comprehensive workshops are presented by each school’s own trained facilitator team, in multiple languages. The workshops combine parenting and leadership skills that empower parents to become vital contributors to their children’s academic success.
- In this workshop parents studied the Practical Tools for Positive Parenting book, which has 7 chapters:
  1. Positive Parenting-success starts at home
  2. Creating Confident kids
  3. Communication that Works
  4. Creating Structure for achievement
  5. Discipline-Practice for Success
  6. What Children and Teens Need to Succeed
  7. Parent Engagement for Academic Success

Parent Groups

- All parents and grandparents who are raising children or grandchildren and attending Poudre School District were invited.
- PSD has offered classes in Spanish and Arabic.