Dear FSCP Friends,

So many exciting things are happening in the world of family-school-community partnerships (FSCP) in Colorado, I don’t even know where to begin!

About 75 FSCP leaders from 22 districts attended the two-day conference to learn more about Colorado’s recently published P-12 FSCP Framework. Attendees planned how to put systems in place at the district-level to support and system FSCP.

Colorado was also one of six states selected to develop a set of recommendations about what should be included in a FSCP preservice micro-credential. This is a two-year long project that will hopefully help Institutes of Higher Education to bolster FSCP in preservice programs.

Finally, ASCD recently published an article highlighting FSCP work in Boulder. Congrats, Ari! I am honored and humbled to be a part of all this exciting FSCP work in Colorado. Keep up the great work!

In Partnership,

Darcy

UPDATES

Several FSCP events are on the horizon. Please share the dates far and wide and mark them on your calendars.

January 22-February 21, Teaching and Learning Conditions in Colorado (TLCC) Survey is open for completion. More information is here after next week’s launch.

January 31, Applications due for seven SACPIE openings, including three parent representatives. View the applications here.

February 21, 10-noon, Coffee Chat for district staff about FSCP structures and how to scale-up, Englewood School District. Register here.

March 20, 10-noon, Coffee Chat for district staff, Westminster Public Schools. Register here.

FSCP Coffee Chats for 2019-20, 10-noon, Third Friday of each month. Mark your calendars now!

For a more comprehensive list of announcements from CDE, you may subscribe to The Scoop, a newsletter published every Wednesday.
During the 2018-2019 school year the Holly Ridge and Holly Hills Elementary School (located in Cherry Creek School District) family liaison hosted an annual parent coffee chat. The goal is to create a warm and welcoming environment with the intent of encouraging a more inclusive school community for every family. In attendance are the school administration team and the mental health support staff.

During the morning of the coffee chat, the family liaison transforms the school library into a relaxed and inviting atmosphere. Local neighborhood businesses donate a light breakfast for families and staff to enjoy together. Both Spanish and Arabic interpreters are on hand for families who need interpretation.

After breakfast, staff share a 20-minute PowerPoint about school and community resources. The family liaison highlights the various food, clothing, and shelter resources available to help families have their physical needs met. The administrators and mental health team then share a little bit about themselves before discussing signs to look for in times of crisis. The mental health team also provide their hours of availability to continue any conversation that require a more discreet setting.

Click here to read more Promising Partnership Practices.

The mission of RISE Colorado is to Educate, Engage, and Empower low-income families, families of color, and refugee and immigrant communities to RISE as change agents for educational equity in our public school system. RISE works to put those most impacted by the opportunity gap at the forefront of the movement for educational equity.

Families are powerful change agents and, with the support of organizations like RISE Colorado standing alongside them, they are transforming our public education system. Through knowledge building, organizing, and leadership development, students and families will end educational inequity. 

You can learn more about RISE's work here.

Thank you for spending time with us this month. Watch for the next edition in February.

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