

Colorado

State Advisory Council on Parent Involvement in Education (SACPIE)

The What, Why, and How of Partnering with Families

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What?

SACPIE...

- ◆ Has been a legislated council since 2009.
- ◆ Reviews best practices and recommends strategies to increase parent involvement, thus helping raise the level of student achievement.
- ◆ Includes representatives from non-profit organizations, parents, educators from early childhood to college (P-20), school boards, administrators, and teachers.
- ◆ Focuses on partnering with Colorado families in reducing dropout rates and the achievement gap, and increasing the number of students who continue into higher education.
- ◆ Aligns its work, by statute, with the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships.



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Why?

Time, Research, and the Laws

- ◆ Students spend more than 70% of their time outside of school (Clark, 1990; Callender & Hansen, 2004).
- ◆ The teaching condition with the strongest connection with high student achievement is *Community Support and Involvement* – across all school levels. (Colorado TELL Survey, 2011)
- ◆ Forty years of research has found that when families and schools partner, students have higher achievement, complete more homework, come to school more often, and stay in school longer. (Esler, Godber, & Christenson, 2008)
- ◆ Federal Laws: ESEA, IDEA, WIA.
- ◆ Colorado Laws: ICAP, Educator Effectiveness, Education Accountability.



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How?

SACPIE Supports Best Practices...

- ◆ Applying research and law to practices.
- ◆ Sharing knowledge and responsibility among educators, families, and communities.
- ◆ Using data to make decisions.
- ◆ Providing the SACPIE Website.
CDE, Commissioner of Education Webpage
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/SACPIE/index.asp>
 - ◆ Meetings, News, and Trainings
 - ◆ Resources: CDE, Member Contributions, Websites, Articles



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