Family School and Community Partnerships (FSCP)

A Preschool through 12th Grade Guide for Colorado School Districts

FAMILY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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Definition:
Families, early childhood programs, schools, and communities actively partnering to develop, implement, and evaluate effective and equitable practices to improve educational outcomes for children and youth.

The below **4 Essential Elements** will help you guide your way.

Create an Inclusive Culture

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An inclusive culture honors the lived experience of families in early childhood programs and/or the school community. Self-assess with the following:
• How are your practices inclusive of all families?
• How are you learning about families lived experiences?
• Who is leading and supporting the creation of the welcoming culture?

Build Trusting Relationships

Trusting relationships enable families and programs/schools to partner about the education outcomes for children and youth. Self-assess with the following:
• What do trusting relationships look like in your program/district/school?
• How are you ensuring effective use of two-way communication with your families to sustain positive relationships?
• How do you leverage relationships with families to achieve your program/district/school goals?

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Design Capacity Building Opportunities

Design Capacity-Building Opportunities

Capacity building opportunities for staff and families promote shared leadership about educational outcomes for children and youth. Self-assess with the following:
• How do you use the context expertise of families to better your content expertise?
• How are you utilizing the assets of your families in your programs/schools?
• How are you using FSCP as a school improvement strategy?

Dedicate Necessary Resources

Necessary resources integrate and elevate partnering practices to scale. Self-assess with the following:
• How do you implement evidence-based practices to cultivate and sustain FSCP?
• Where are you now and where will you go?
• How will you continually improve your family partnerships through community-based resources?

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FSCP link for statute, research, and promising practices that provide the foundation for these 4 Essential Elements.