

One Step at a Time: Effective Strategies for Parent and Teacher Collaboration



Course Synopsis

Register Online: www.itv.scetv.org

Cost: \$150.00 per participant

Free for teachers in SC GEAR UP schools!

Recertification: Three Hours or 60 Renewal Credits

Course Dates: January 26 – April 30, 2011

**Registration Deadline:
January 24**

One Step at a Time: Effective Strategies for Parent and Teacher Collaboration is a series of eight video lessons, approximately 1 ½ hours each in duration, designed as a certificate renewal course for three hours recertification credit -- no graduate credit offered. This recertification course focuses on providing South Carolina educators with practical and useful ideas and resources that will foster positive relationships among parents/guardians, community members, and educators in South Carolina schools. Issues related to improving home and school communication along with successful conflict resolution skills will be explored. Emphasis will also be placed on positive adult and child communication skills that lead to improved relationships.

Class meetings will take place through distance learning. The instructor and participants will communicate via Moodle—the course platform on the Internet. Assignments and discussion forums will be facilitated in Moodle.

Course requirements

1. Must attend required final class meeting in Columbia at the ETV Telecommunications Center, 1041 George Rogers Blvd. on **Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 12:00 noon** (Presentation of class projects)
2. **View all eight video lessons.**
One set of the video lessons will be provided to each participant. The DVDs must be returned upon completion of the course in order to receive recertification credit.
3. **Weekly Moodle Assignments** – Participants will complete eight interactive discussion assignments posted on Moodle's Discussion Board.
4. **Reaction Paper #1** – Participants will conduct a parent focus group using video vignettes 1-4. A 3-5 page typed double space reaction paper will be written that addresses parent reactions to the vignettes along with their specific needs and concerns. **Reaction Paper #2** – Participants will conduct an educator focus group using video vignettes 5-7. A 3-5 page typed double space reaction paper will be written that addresses educator reactions to the vignettes along with their specific needs and concerns.
4. **Development and presentation of final project.** At the final class meeting, each course participant will present a **Parent Involvement Project**. Participants will complete an individual or small group action plan that addresses parent involvement on the school or district level.

- 5. Complete Video Viewer's Log and Final Course Evaluation Forms.** Participants are expected to view the course's eight video sessions. A signed statement of viewing is required upon completion of the course. The Video Viewer's Log should be completed as each program is viewed. Return this along with the Final Course Evaluation form to the final class meeting.

Textbook: Building Successful Partnerships: A Guide for Developing Parent and Family Involvement Programs (2000). The course text can be ordered from: National Educational Service, 1252 Loesch Road, Bloomington, Indiana 47404. Telephone (800) 733-6786 FAX (812) 336-7790, e-mail nes@nesonline.com.

- ✓ Participant registers online at www.itv.scetv.org
 - ✓ Print registration form (keep a copy)
 - ✓ Write check for \$150.00 (payable to SCDE)
 - ✓ Mail registration form and check
- ✓ Present project at final meeting on Saturday, April 30, 2011

Mail check and registration form to:
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Questions?

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