

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

## **Course Synopsis**



**Register Online:** [www.itv.scetv.org](http://www.itv.scetv.org)

**Cost:** \$150.00 per participant

**Free for teachers in SC GEAR UP schools!**

**Recertification:** Three Hours or 60 Renewal Credits

**Registration Deadline:** January 19

**Course Dates:** January 23 – May 1, 2010

***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.

### **Course requirements**

1. Must attend two required class meetings in Columbia at the ETV Telecommunications Center, 1041 George Rogers Blvd.
  - a. **Saturday, January 23 , 12:00 noon** (Discussion of course operation and pick up materials)
  - b. **Saturday, May 1, 12:00 noon** (Presentation of class projects)
2. **View all eight video lessons.**

The Parent and Educator Collaboration Video Series was created by the "GEAR UP" Program of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. One set of the video lessons will be provided to each participant. These DVDs must be returned upon completion of the course in order to receive recertification credit.
3. **Complete the Blackboard online tutorial.** Participants will view the Blackboard online tutorial at *StreamlineSC*. To assist in this task, use the ITV web site: [www.itv.scetv.org](http://www.itv.scetv.org). Then click on *StreamlineSC* <http://www.scetv.org/education/streamlinesc/>. Sign in using your school user ID and password. Once you have logged in, enter **Blackboard** in the "search" box. View the video **Blackboard Online Tutorial**. Please contact your media specialist for your school's *StreamlineSC* user ID and password. If you are not presently teaching in a school district, contact Bonnie McMurray at [mcmurray@scetv.org](mailto:mcmurray@scetv.org) for your password.

4. **Weekly Blackboard Assignments** – Participants will complete eight interactive discussion assignments posted on Blackboard’s “Discussion Board” at <http://blackboard.scetv.org>. You must have a valid e-mail address to enable us to set you up in Blackboard. The course manager will set up your account.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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](mailto:nes@nesonline.com).

- ✓ Participant registers online at [www.itv.scetv.org](http://www.itv.scetv.org)
  - ✓ Print registration form (keep a copy)
  - ✓ Write check for \$150.00 (payable to SCDE)
    - ✓ Mail registration form and check
- ✓ Pick up materials at required meeting on Saturday, January 23
  - ✓ Present project at final meeting on Saturday, May 1

**Mail check and registration form to:**

**Bonnie McMurray  
ETV-ITV  
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**Questions?**

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