FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERING AND CONSULTATION
CFSP 4330, Section 1 – Spring, 2018 - 3 Credits
Time: Mondays 4:00 – 6:30pm Room: KRH 408

NASP Standards Met: 2.1; 2.2; 2.5; 2.6; 2.7; 2.10

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is designed to familiarize educational, mental health, and early childhood service providers with essential attitudes, approaches, and actions necessary to form successful family-school-community partnerships that can foster development and learning, especially for children with disabilities. Ecological, family systems, and family-centered theory and principles serve as the foundation for working collaboratively with families from diverse cultural and social backgrounds within school and community settings. Students gain skills in family interviewing; consultation to identify family strengths, needs, and resources; collaborative problem solving; and multi-systemic learning. Evidence-based family involvement, education, and intervention strategies that contribute to positive family-school partnering relationships are reviewed within a multi-tiered, school-based service delivery framework.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
The acronym FSP will be used for family-school partnering throughout the syllabus. By the end of the course, students will demonstrate the ability to:

- Understand legal mandates, theoretical principles, and empirical evidence pertaining to effective family-school partnering and collaboration.
- Gain knowledge of effective collaborative partnering and collaboration processes and practices within a multi-tiered service framework.
- Recognize personal and structural factors that can impede or enhance successful partnerships with families from diverse cultural, compositional, socioeconomic, and linguistic backgrounds.
- Further develop family-centered listening, teaming, collaborative problem-solving, and conflict resolution skills.
- Engage in systematic, data-based decision making and identification of family services, supports, and interventions to promote family-school-community partnering that can foster students’ success.
- Learn about national, regional, and local informational, instructional, emotional, instrumental, and advocacy family support programs and resources.
- Collaboratively consult on the development of a family-school-community partnering project.
REQUIRED TEXTS & READINGS


Other required weekly readings are noted on the syllabi and posted on Canvas.

Highly Recommended


Other recommended websites, resources, and texts are noted at the end of this syllabi, at the end of each chapter in Lines, Miller & Arthur-Stanley (2011), and throughout the course.

Writing Resources


The University Writing Program - Shopneck Writing Center [www.du.edu/writing/writingcenter/]

Location: Anderson Academic Commons 280   Email: wrc@du.edu   Phone: 303-871-7456

Hours: Monday-Sunday, morning to evening hours, first day of classes through the second day of finals

Objective: During a free 45-minute collaborative consultation, we can help with any writing assignment or project at any stage, from brainstorming to final revisions. Please call to make appointments and specify if you would like an undergraduate or graduate-level consultant.

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC POLICIES

Academic Integrity

All students, staff, faculty, and administrators, as members of the DU community, are expected to assume and uphold standards of conduct that embody the values of integrity, respect, and responsibility, defined as:

- Integrity: Acting in an honest and ethical manner;
- Respect: Honoring differences in people, ideas, and opinions;
- Responsibility: Accepting ownership for one’s own conduct.

Please review the DU Honor Code & Student Conduct Policies and Procedures which outline expectations and measures associated with violations and misconduct at [www.du.edu/honorcode] and [www.du.edu/ccs], respectively.

Dis/Ability Access

The University of Denver is committed to equal access and participation for all persons, including those with disabilities, in academic and other university sponsored programs. Students who have a disability/medical issue protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and who wish to request accommodations, please make an appointment with the Disability Services Program (DPS), located on the 4th floor of Katheryn Ruffatto Hall, or call 303.871. 2372/2278/7432. Procedures for arranging accommodations are included in the “Handbook for Students with Disabilities,” which is also available online at:

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**Family Educational Records Privacy Act (FERPA)**
The University of Denver is committed to the safeguarding and accurate maintenance of student records as outlined in The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. You have the right to view any educational records regarding yourself; similarly, you have the right for the privacy of those records to be respected. Assignments and comments are returned to you via your CFSP file folder. If you prefer another method to return assignments, please let me know and we will make other arrangements. Occasionally, students need to release part or all of their student record(s) to third parties such as attorneys or employers. The University of Denver will not release student records without written consent. Please see Notification to Students of Educational Records and Student Information Rights and Policies (http://www.du.edu/registrar/media/documents/ferpa_student.pdf) or contact Office of the Registrar at 303.871.4300 for more information.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPECTATIONS & POLICIES**

**Attendance**
All students are expected to attend all class sessions and to arrive on time and ready to engage professionally with peers. Class attendance is highly valued and a critical component of this course. Absences result in a reduction in competence since there is no way to recreate class discussions or group peer interactions. If a student misses 15 minutes of class, it is counted as a tardy. Two tardies will be counted as an absence. Students are only allowed one absence from class. A second absence during a 10-week quarter, no matter what the cause, will lead to a one-letter-grade reduction. If a third class is missed, students will receive a C+ or lower and may need to retake the class. There are no exceptions to this rule.

If a class must be missed, students should contact the instructor prior to the class session. In the case of an emergency in which prior notification is impossible, the student should contact the instructor as soon as possible via a text, phone call, or an email and confirm receipt. It is the student’s responsibility to gather missed course content. Attending class through remote access does not count as attendance, expect for the most extreme personal or family reasons. Students are responsible for obtaining instructor permission to Skype into or tape a class and for arranging with a peer to get this done. During severe weather conditions, also be sure to check the University Weather Line for information at 303-871-3747 which is typically updated daily by 3 pm.

**Professional Engagement**
All students are expected to engage in professional behaviors as outlined in the NASP Principles for Professional Ethics and APA Code of Conduct and to participate fully in class activities and discussions. Professional engagement in and out of class is essential for developing a professional identity and collaborative sense of responsibility towards others. Active listening and participation are extremely important to help integrate and understand different perspectives on the varied topics and controversial issues facing our field. It is expected that students will come to all classes and to outside professional commitments ready to engage in deep discussions of assigned readings and activities. Professional engagement also means that you are NOT multi-tasking or engaged in distracting behaviors, such as personal texting, phoning, answering emails, surfing the web, nonrelated talking, etc. This class utilizes a no-laptop policy to promote optimal student learning (Mueller & Oppenheimer, 2014).

**Fostering Brave Spaces In & Out of Class**
Environments where people can share and discuss relevant personal and case information are critical to learning. The following guidelines are based on suggestions from the DU Center for Multicultural Excellence and the concept of ‘Brave Spaces’ (Arao & Clements, 2013) and apply both in and out of class and to all forms of interpersonal and social media communication.
1. **Be Respectful.** Classrooms that ‘feel good’ are ones in which all members treat each other with respect so that the broadest range of viewpoints can be heard. This means that open and honest dialogue is encouraged, including challenges of other’s views in a respectful manner. Name-calling, accusations, verbal attacks, sarcasm, or other negative exchanges are counter-productive to successful teaching and learning.

2. **Generate Greater Understanding.** Everyone has ideas they should feel comfortable sharing in class. The purpose of class discussion is to generate a deeper understanding and appreciation of unfamiliar topics. This is accomplished by integrating one’s own prior knowledge with other’s viewpoints, especially those dissimilar from your own and asking questions as long as the purpose is to seek clarification or understanding of another’s ideas. It is never OK to demean any opinions that differ from one’s own.

3. **Agree to Understand Sources of Disagreement.** The purpose of dialogue and debate is to reach higher levels of learning by examining different viewpoints and opinions in ways that promote insight as opposed to defensiveness. Learning is fostered when disagreements or conflict is recognized and handled respectfully and actively by trying to truly understand differences and similarities behind what is being communicated. This does not require reaching a consensus or convincing another to take a different viewpoint.

4. **Own Your Impact on Others.** Participation is facilitated when classmates take responsibility to share the emotional impact that some topics and opinions produce. The goal is to ensure everyone’s voice can be heard. In order to cultivate a greater understanding of each other’s perspectives, both the sender and the receiver must feel free to express, reflect upon, explore, and recognize the implications and impact of one’s point of view. Participation is not fostered by ‘grandstanding’ to make a point or when there is uneven participation.

5. **Person First Language.** In our field, persons are respected for who they are, not the labels they may have. This typically means we use person first language (i.e., “a child with a disability, a child with attention difficulties - versus - a disabled child or an ADHD kid”). However, it also is important to recognize that we all are ‘neuro-diverse’ learners and that some people prefer to be labeled by their neurodevelopmental or other medical condition.

**Self-Disclosure & Confidentiality**
Sharing feelings and opinions is a critical part of one’s professional growth but it is not uncommon for people in our profession to feel uncomfortable with self-disclosure, even though as school psychologists we ask others to do so all the time. Please know that students can choose what to share and that they will never be graded on the level of self-disclosure. DU/Pioneers Cares is an additional resource to provide access to supportive counseling or access to other on campus resources if needed during your program.

In addition, enrollment in this program carries with it the expected professional ethical responsibility to maintain strict confidentiality of all shared peer, client, or school or community site information. Respecting confidentiality is a critical aspect of becoming a professional in this field. In class or in any written assignment or report, please use pseudo names and de-identify information about individual clients or settings. Out of class, only discuss information with peers and others who have a need to know and only when confidentiality can be maintained. Also, be assured confidential reports are only sent via a class designated secure website.

**Communication**
The instructor and TA will do their best to reply to all emails within 48 hours during weekdays. Emails sent after 5 PM on Fridays or on holidays may not be addressed until the following work day. Please do not send duplicate “reminder” emails until 48 hours have passed since your initial inquiry. Students are responsible for checking their University of Denver email account as well as Canvas for coursework correspondence. Please use good judgement when sending emails or texts and deciding if the information is better discussed face-to-face. If your question or issue is of interest to all, it is fine to add a class-wide post to Canvas. For all other personal inquiries or issues, please feel free to visit during office hours or set another time to meet. If
the matter is urgent, please feel free to call and leave a cell phone message indicating the best method and time to get back to you.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Course requirements are described below. Assignments and scoring rubrics follow.

**Class Participation**  
*(Nine sessions @ 5 points each = 45 points)*

Class participation and attendance is recorded since sharing experiences and consulting with peers is a core aspect of this seminar. Please come to class fully prepared to collaborate, having read all assigned readings and completed all required activities. For any absence, please notify the instructor as soon as possible in advance. A missed class will lead to a deduction of the designated participation points for that day unless you hand in one page description of the content for each of the readings and summary of the discussion points covered during the missed class by talking to a peer about the missed class.

**Discussion Leader**  
*(One article discussion @ 30 points)*

You will be a discussion leader for one week regarding an article selected from the syllabi. As the discussion leader, you will facilitate classmates in discussion of and practical applications of the article. The discussion should be 15-20 minutes in length and should not be a summary of the article. It should include an activity or in-depth discussion questions related to the major concepts or take-aways from the article.

**TIPS Homework Example**  
*(One example @ 25 points)*

Develop one Teachers Involve Parents in Schoolwork (TIPS) interactive homework example using an actual assignment from a teacher and classroom at your field placement or practicum site. Please attach the example and provide a 1 page description of how this assignment was made more “interactive” and how it also reflects critical FSP guidelines. For more information about TIPS, go to: http://www.csos.jhu.edu/p2000/tips/index.htm. Please review this website, check out several subject areas, and make one for a level and subject that you are working with or expect to work with in the future.

**Case Study Team**  
*(Two case studies @ 25 points each = 50 points)*

Case studies are an integral learning approach in this course. You will be assigned to two different case study teams to discuss cases that represent various student/family issues and academic/behavioral challenges. You and several other peers will independently read and then collaboratively work together in class to answer critical questions at the end of the case. Your case study team will then submit a formal written summary of the team’s answer to a set of five questions. Answers must reflect an ecological systems approach and effective family-school partnering and collaboration practices designed within a multi-tiered framework. Higher scores will be given for responses that include relevant citations and resources aligned with this particular case.

**Partnering Passion Project**  
*(Total = 50 points)*

During the quarter, you and one or two other peers will develop an applied family-school-community ‘partnering passion project’ i.e., PPP) your PPP should be something you envision implementing in your practice in the future that is meaningful, relevant, and personally transformative. In addition, your PPP should reflect authoritative and empirically valid FSP theories and best practice concepts and strategies and the final project should be of such professional quality as to be readily applicable in a school, community, or academic setting. You and your partner will develop a resource for your practicum sites related to your passion project such as updating or adding a webpage, handouts, newsletter, etc. and with your field placement supervisor’s permission you will provide this resource to your school communities. All partnering passion projects must be approved by the instructor. A brief 1-2 page written action plan outlining the proposed project, who will be working on the project, and steps to be undertaken must be posted by Sunday April 8th. You will present the passion project and resource to the class on May 21st and then post the resource on Canvas by Tuesday May 30th.

Examples of past projects have included:

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• Review and summarize the FSP literature on a specific population or topic
• Conduct a system-wide, data-based needs assessment of FSP
• Critique of all site documents for adherence to FSP
• Compare and analyze local, state, or national FSP policies
• Develop a new program for use in your setting to promote FSP
• Prepare several FSP handouts on topics of choice with resources and guidelines
• Submit an article, executive summary, newsletter on FSP for publication
• Outline a FSP professional development or in-service program for a specified audience
• Design a 6-week FSP classroom, small group, or individual family intervention
• Critically evaluate state or national legislative policies on FSP practices
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On the week of finals, PPP teams will give a 10-15 minute presentation describing the passion behind, the purpose/rational of, the evidence behind (related to at least five critical readings, articles, and resources), and the desired outcomes of the project. The summary should include the following:

1) A brief description of the purpose, rational and passion for the project.
2) The relevance/need for the project, desired goals and outcomes, targeted stakeholders.
3) The theoretical and empirical basis of the project.
4) Examples of materials, activities, handouts, etc … related to the project.

All final written PPP and sharable materials must be posted to Canvas by 5:00 – Tuesday May 30th and then orally presented to classmates on Monday, May 21st.

COURSE EVALUATION

Participation 45 points - 9 sessions @ 5 points for attendance & participation
Discussion Leader 30 points – one article assigned the first week due week selected
TIPS Homework Example 25 points - one example and explanation post by Sun. Apr 29
Case Studies 50 points - 2 cases @ 25 pts-written due Sun. Apr 22 & Sun. May 20
Passion Project 50 points – plan Sun. Apr 8; post Wed. May 30; present Mon. May 21
Total: 200 points

Late work:
Handing in assignments on time is part of building professional skills related to effective time management and organization. Students who hand-in late assignments or requirements will lose a predetermined amount of points and in some cases all points for that assignment. Students who are absent but who want full credit must ensure the instructor receives the assigned work the date it is due.

Grade Assignments:
A (93-100%) A- (90-92%) B+ (87-89%) B (83-86%) B- (80-82%)
C+ (77-79%) C (73-76%) C- (70-72%) All others must retake the class
CFSP 4330 – COURSE CONTENT AND ASSIGNMENTS*
*May be adjusted based on unexpected needs

Week 1  3/26/18
Overview: Course Objectives, FSP Definitions, Rationale, and Legal Mandates

- Course Introduction, Professional Norms, Required Readings & Assignments
- Definitions, Legal Regulations & Evidence Behind FSP
- FSP within a Multi-tiered, Data-Based Framework

Required Text – Readings - Activities:
Constantino (2016) - Chapters 1&2
U.S. Health & Human Services & Dept. of Education (2016). Joint policy statement on family engagement: From the early years to the early grades.

Choose one to review

Week 2  4/2/18
Foundations: FSP Theory, Philosophy, and Standards

- FSP & Ecological Systems Theory
- FSP Theoretical Models and Principles
- FSP Standards

Required Text – Readings - Activities:
Constantino (2016) – Chapter 4
Lines, Miller, & Arthur-Stanley (2011) - Chapter 2 - Building an FSP foundation

Discussion Articles:
### Week 3   4/9/18

**Foundations: Cultural and Social Influences on FSP**

- Cultural and Social Influences on FSP
- Overcoming Barriers to FSP
- Collaborative Partnering with Newcomer Families
- **NOTE:** Be ready to discuss your Partnering Passion Project Action Plan – post by Sun. April 8.

**Required Text – Readings - Activities:**

Constantino (2016) – Chapter 5
Lines, Miller, & Arthur-Stanley (2011) - Chapter 2 - Building an FSP foundation

**Discussion Articles:**


### Week 4   4/16/18

**Universal FSP: Effective Collaboration & Case Study # 1**

- Effective Interprofessional Collaboration
- Setting the Stage for Collaborative Partnerships
- **NOTE:** Be ready to discuss your assigned Case #1 - post by Sun. April 22.

**Required Text – Readings - Activities:**

Constantino (2016) – Chapter 6
Lines, Miller, & Arthur-Stanley (2011) - Chapter 3 - Creating Universal FSP

**Case Study #1 – Select one:** (Oral summary of assigned case study; *Written case study due 5:00 pm Sunday April 22*)

1. **Suspension at Aurora Middle School:** Male; Middle School; Vietnamese

2. **Defining “Fine” – Communicating Academic Progress to Parents:** Male; Elementary; Ethnicity not specified

3. "**Daddy Says This New Math is Crazy**"; Female; Elementary; Ethnicity not specified

4. **Bridging Worlds: Family Engagement in the Transition to Kindergarten:** Female; Elementary, African American
Week 5  4/23/18

Universal FSP: System-wide Processes & Practices

- System-wide Processes for Planning, Implementing, and Evaluating FSP
- Universal Practices: Conferences/Meeting, Home-school Notes, Homework, Data-sharing, …
- Encouraging FSP through TIPS-Teachers Involve Parents in Schoolwork

**Required Text – Readings - Activities:**

Constantino (2016) – Chapter 7
Lines, Miller, & Arthur-Stanley (2011) - Chapter 5- Planning FSP Actions

Please review the Promising Practices found at the following site and select two that you will be ready to discuss during class [https://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/promising](https://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/promising)

**Discussion Articles:**


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Week 6  4/30/18

Guest Speakers

**Targeted-Intensive FSP: Family-focused Teaming**

- Essential partnering strategies for families with special considerations
- **NOTE:** Be ready to share your TIPS assignment and rationale - post by Sun. April 30

**Required Text – Readings - Activities:**

Constantino (2016) – Chapter 3
Lines, Miller, & Arthur-Stanley (2011) - Chapter 4 – Adapting Targeted-Intensive


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Week 7  5/7/18

Guest Speaker

**Targeted-Intensive FSP: Special Education**

- FSP and Special Education Decision-making
- The “Dance of Partnership” & “Loss-Grief Cycle”
- **Conflict Resolution Strategies**

**Required Text – Readings - Activities:**

Constantino (2016) – Chapter 8


**Discussion Articles:**


**Week 8 5/14/18**

**Targeted-Intensive FSP: Mental Health Support & Case Study # 2**

- Family Support: Transitioning and Mental Health
- Wraparound Strategies
- **NOTE:** Be ready to discuss your assigned case – post by Sun. May 20.

**Required Text – Readings - Activities:**


**Case Study #2** (Oral summary of assigned case study; *Written case study due 5:00 pm Sunday, May 20*)

1. **Can We Talk About Family?**; Male; Elementary; African-American
2. **Culture Clash at Intermediate School #1**; Female; Middle School; African American and Puerto Rican
3. **Friction at Madison Family Literacy Program**; Female; Pre-School; Ethnicity not specified
4. **Tim Kelly: A School Responds to a Family in Need**; Male; Elementary; Ethnicity not specified

**Week 9 5/21/18**

- Class Finale: Your PPP Presentations
- Identifying and Overcoming FSP Hurdles
- What are your FSP take-aways & how might you revise this class in the future?
Recommended Websites

Harvard Family Research Project
www.hfrp.org

National Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships
http://www.partnershipschools.org

Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education
http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/index.cfm

Family Involvement Network of Educators (FINE)/Harvard Family Research Project
http://www.fineneretwork.org

National Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships
www.partnershipschools.org

SAMHSA’s National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP)
http://nrepp.samhsa.gov/

The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)
www.casel.org

The Promising Practices Network on Children, Families, and Communities
http://www.promisingpractices.net

Flamboyan Foundation Videos
http://www.youtube.com/user/FlamboyanFoundation/videos

Iris Center: Collaborating with Families Module

RtI Action Network
http://www.rtinetwork.org/Parents-and-Families

Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education
http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/index.cfm

SACPIE
http://www.cde.state.co.us/sacpie

Colorado Department of Education – MTSS, Family, School, and Community Partnering
http://www.cde.state.co.us/mtss

Recommended Resources


Fine Newsletter  http://www.hfrp.org/family-involvement/fine-family-involvement-network-of-educators/fine-newsletter-archive


New Mexico Toolkit  http://www.cesdp.nmhu.edu/toolkit/index.asp


Parents As Turnaround Specialists: Ricardo LeBlanc-Esparza Tells Us How it Is Done  http://www.learningfirst.org/visionaries/RicardoEsparza

**Recommended Texts**


## CASE STUDY SCORING RUBRIC (25 points)

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Partnering Passion Project Action Plan

Directions: This ACTION Plan, due on or before the fifth week of class, is designed to identify your proposed Partnering Passion Project. Please briefly summarize your ideas for this project using the form below. If amendments to the project are needed, please re-date, add changes and resubmit.

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Project Description (Please be specific.):

How is this project tied to course objective(s) and content?

What steps will be taken to complete this project?

What potential resources will be needed to complete this project:
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