

Cooperative Communication Between Home/School

Parents/Teachers of K-6 children



Elementary school program promoting enhanced communication between parents and teachers:

- *Parent and teacher workshops enhance discussion and communication skills in creating a more supportive environment for students.*

Results



- *Program results include increases in the number of telephone contacts teachers make with parents and the number of notes teachers send home to parents.*

The Program

This program focuses on communication between parents and teachers. It promotes improvement in parents' and teachers' attitudes, beliefs, and self-perceptions about communicating with each other.

Cooperative Communication Between Home and School consists of a series of six workshops for parents, two workshops for teachers, and a community panel discussion by parents. The workshops are facilitated by a team that often includes a Cooperative Extension agent and one or more staff members, such as an experienced teacher, counselor, or nurse. Administrators are asked to attend a portion of the second teacher workshop. The inclusion of community organization members and parents on the facilitation team is encouraged.

Parent Workshops

- Emphasize positive attitudes about parental involvement in the education of their children, reinforce that the school is a caring institution, and enhance conflict resolution and communication skills.
- Meet once a week for about 2 ½ hours.

Teacher Workshops:

- Emphasize parents as partners in the educational process, enhance conflict resolution and communication skills, and reinforce that school is a caring institution.
- Meet one full day per workshop.

Professional Development

School facilitation teams must attend a 2-day training program. An optional third day is available for practice. Turnkey training is also available.

Costs & Funding Options

The cost of training is \$3,000 and includes materials. Possible funding sources for replication include ESEA Title I, ESEA Title IV, and ESEA Title VI.

Learning Standards

The program provides assistance for parents and teachers to help students meet the learning standards.

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