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Personnel Development
Partnership

Family As Faculty

Bringing Families and Educators



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The Goal

Family as Faculty (FAF) provides families a voice in educator preparation programs. We seek **to enhance student achievement** by enabling educators to develop skills to collaborate effectively with families. The FAF Program in SW Florida:

- Offers pre-service and in-service teachers the opportunity to hear first hand from the family perspective
- Affords educators the opportunity to interact with and learn from families and their experiences
- Addresses accomplished educator competencies related to family involvement
- Strengthens the family and educator roles as collaborative partners in education

We do this via delivery of heartfelt stories with constructive messages.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

FAF recruits family members who represent students of diverse cultures, ages, and learning needs and prepares them to function as guest faculty members. The program supports family members to select from their personal history a story which best offers a learning opportunity for educators. A key component of the training is to enable the development of an effective presentation.

Upon request, a family speaker is contacted and scheduled to present. The Family Faculty Member will deliver a 20 to 30 minute presentation, with additional time for questions and answers. Faculty members are responsible for supporting the family member in the role of visiting faculty, preparing students for the presentation, facilitating the follow up discussion and distributing and returning program forms.



HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Family and Faculty Members are encouraged to contact **Peg Sullivan, Project Coordinator** at **590-7747** or **msulliva@fgcu.edu** for additional information and materials.

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