

Our 14th Year!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE **on School, Family, and Community Partnerships**



October 26-27, 2010
Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland

Leaders developing programs of
School, Family, and Community Partnerships
are invited to . . .



Learn research-based approaches for organizing partnerships that link family and community involvement to student achievement and other school improvement goals.



Network with others who are committed to increasing student success by tapping into the strengths in all families and communities.



NATIONAL NETWORK OF
Partnership Schools
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Working Together for Student Success

Important Registration Information

Registration: Please complete the attached registration form by choosing the all-day workshop or concurrent sessions that you would like to attend each day.

- Use one form for each registrant.
- All registrations must be accompanied with payment of check, purchase order, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover).
- Checks and purchase orders should be made payable to: JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY. A copy of the purchase order must be sent with the registration form.
- A confirmation letter will be mailed upon receipt of your registration. The deadline for registration is October 8, 2009. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fees:	Early Registration (by 9/10/10)	Registration (from 9/11-10/8)	Late Registration (from 10/9)*
NNPS Members	\$300 per person	\$350 per person	\$400 per person
Non-Members	\$400 per person	\$450 per person	\$500 per person

Conference fees include continental breakfasts and lunches, a reception, and conference materials.

**Check the NNPS home page (<http://www.partnershipschools.org>) to make sure that space is available.*

Refunds: A full refund will be given for cancellations received by October 15, 2010.
No refunds after this date.

Contact: Please contact Jenn Ganss at 410-516-2318 or jganss@csos.jhu.edu with any questions.

Accommodations

Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel

300 S. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Phone: (800) 325-3535 or (410) 962-8300

- One block from shopping and dining at Harbor Place
- Wireless High Speed Internet Access (charge) in guest rooms and public areas (free)
- 24-hour fitness facility
- Indoor heated pool
- In-room movies and Nintendo
- Morton's of Chicago and Orioles Grill restaurants
- Serviced by BWI Airport Super Shuttle on a regular schedule for \$13/one way or \$21/round trip (no reservations needed)
- \$195 plus 12.5% tax (special rate)

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton for conference participants. Lodging is the responsibility of each participant. The hotel requests that reservations be made by **September 23, 2010**. Reservations after that date will be subject to availability and rates are not guaranteed. Call the hotel directly and identify yourself as a **Johns Hopkins University - NNPS conference participant**.

Or register online at:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1004018364&key=32BDE>

- For best rates, make your hotel reservations and your travel arrangements as soon as possible.
- Certificates for professional development will be issued only to those who complete the two-day conference.

Conference at a Glance

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Welcome Conference Overview NNPS Research Headlines
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	• NNPS Team Leader Training • Concurrent Sessions
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30-4:00 p.m.	• NNPS Team Leader Training • Concurrent Sessions
4:00-4:30 p.m.	Break
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Poster Session and Reception

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:30 a.m.	General Session Voices from the Field: NNPS Award Winners
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30-3:00 p.m.	Roundtable Discussions

CERTIFICATES

- A **Certificate of Completion** to conduct presentations on partnerships and workshops for school-based Action Teams for Partnerships will be issued to attendees of the NNPS Team Leader Training.
- A **letter for 16 hours of professional development** on partnerships will be issued to attendees who complete the two-day conference*.

*Plan your travel to attend the full conference.

NNPS Conference... What Did Members Say?

"Presentations were great! Having activities in all presentations made it more meaningful and understandable."

"Everything in the sessions will help me do a better job."

"The breakout sessions were organized, focused, and concise, with usable practical information."

"NNPS does a great job of supporting its members. This conference. . . definitely boosted my confidence in conducting this work."

"The opportunity to share ideas with others from diverse educational settings was outstanding."

This conference is of very high quality. It flowed . . . and provided great practical ideas, activities, and experiences for my team to build on.

"I am brimming with excitement and energy to ramp up our district partnership program."

"This conference gave me a comprehensive understanding of the whole NNPS organization and vision, enabling me to see where my district fits in. I feel part of a bigger family!"

"What was most helpful was learning how to organize a functioning Partnership Team."

"The workshops were interesting because they were interactive, not just informational."

"It was most helpful to hear from members of NNPS who have been involved for several years because this is my first year. The information gained was helpful for me and my school."

"I learned that planning for parental involvement activities is planning for student success!"

"Connecting with people doing this work throughout the world is priceless!"

Now I am able to link theory, research, and practice.

"Research only goes so far – you must put it into action. I will think it, plan it, do it!"

Source: Comments written by participants at NNPS Leadership Development Conference 2009

DAY 1—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010

All-Day Workshop

NNPS Team Leader Training

Learn the basic components of the NNPS partnership model to develop comprehensive, goal-oriented programs of school, family, and community partnerships that support student success. Attendees learn to conduct their own presentations on partnerships and to train schools' Action Teams for Partnerships to plan their partnership programs. Topics include: Using the framework of Six Types of Involvement, meeting challenges to involve all families, taking an action team approach, and writing partnership plans linked to school improvement goals. All new members at the conference must attend. Others who need to learn the "NNPS basics" may attend.

Morning Concurrent Sessions. Rank your 1st and 2nd choices.

Create Connections for Stronger Partnership Programs

Identify strategies to collaborate with colleagues in curriculum and instruction, Title I, ELL, accountability, professional development, health and safety, other departments, and the community to strengthen the next phase of your program.

Develop Effective Partnerships in Middle and High Schools

Gain strategies to increase family and community involvement in middle and high schools by focusing on teen-appropriate activities linked to student achievement and other indicators of success in school. Current research on parent involvement in middle and high schools and promising partnership practices will be shared.

Evaluate Schools' Partnership Programs

Learn some basic elements of strong program evaluations and how to use these concepts to understand the strengths and weaknesses of your partnership program. Discuss goals for your program evaluation, identify NNPS tools that will help you measure progress, and plan realistic steps to evaluate important qualities and results of your program.

Improve Students' Health and Well-Being with Partnerships

Explore successful strategies to involve family and community partners to improve students' health and to prevent unhealthy behaviors. Learn the research base that connects health and achievement. Gather ideas and plan activities to increase family and community involvement in your health education program, school nutrition services, exercise and fitness activities, mental health services, and more.

Increase District and State Leadership to "Scale Up" and Sustain High-Quality Partnership Programs

Learn about new NNPS research that points to key strategies and activities that help district and state leaders "scale-up" programs of family and community involvement. The session will focus on sustaining high quality programs over time. Actions from selected successful districts and states will be featured and best practices will be exchanged.

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions. Rank your 1st and 2nd choices.

Discover How and Why Principals Matter for Successful Partnership Programs

Principals are essential to well-functioning, successful partnership programs. Learn how and why principals affect school climate, welcome families, encourage teachers to engage all families, and develop stronger partnership programs in their schools. This session will draw from the new book, *Principals Matter: A Guide to School, Family, and Community Partnerships*, to help school leaders organize and implement strong and sustainable partnership programs.

Go From Tired to Inspired! Improve the Homework Process

Learn how to help your schools to improve the homework process. Educators will gain ideas to improve homework policies, guide teachers to design homework for specific purposes, plan high-quality assignments, motivate students to complete assignments, and work with colleagues. Learn about research on homework that supports well-designed assignments and that suggests directions for improvements.

Learn from Leaders: Success Stories

Learn how award-winning and proven leaders in NNPS plan, implement, and evaluate their partnership programs and keep improving from year to year. Successful leaders will present and discuss district and school leadership strategies and goal-linked practices that you can use or adapt to strengthen your partnership program.

Motivate Schools' Action Teams for Partnerships

Gain strategies to inspire others, maintain team motivation, and foster a collaborative approach to reach partnership program results. Participants will examine two key leadership skills: developing a vision and motivating others.

Partner with Families with Low Income for High Student Achievement

Identify strategies for school, family, and community partnerships that defy the stereotype that low income and low achievement are inextricably linked. Learn about new research and real stories of ways to involve families and the community to help students overcome challenges and increase achievement in the elementary grades through high school.

DAY 2—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010

Morning Concurrent Sessions. Rank your 1st and 2nd choices.

*** Next Steps for New School Action Teams for Partnerships**

Learn and plan your first steps to establish a research-based partnership program at your school. Create a well functioning Action Team for Partnerships and write a One-Year Action Plan for Partnerships for the 10-11 school year. *Strongly recommended for school-based leaders who attend the NNPS Team Leader Training on Day 1.

*** Next Steps for New District Leaders for Partnerships**

Learn and plan your strategies to strengthen district-level partnerships and directly facilitate Action Teams for Partnerships to help schools build and sustain effective programs of family and community involvement. Draft a Leadership Action Plan for your 10-11 initiative. *Strongly recommended for district leaders who attend the NNPS Team Leader Training on Day 1.

Focus Partnerships on Academic Goals for Student Success

Gain strategies to link schools' One-Year Action Plans for Partnerships to the goals in their school improvement plans. Learn about research on partnership programs linked to student achievement across grade levels. Gather ideas for involving families and community partners in ways that contribute to students' reading, math, and science achievement and attitudes.

Integrate the Community into School and Family Partnerships

Learn how Action Teams for Partnerships can use Title I, 21st Century Community Learning Grants, and other funds and approaches to integrate community resources and activities in a school's partnership program. Use research and best practices of community connections to conduct needs assessments and assist families and students to improve important student outcomes.

Involve Fathers in Partnership Activities

Discover ways that schools can increase participation of fathers and other positive male role models in their children's education. Explore practices to overcome challenges and strengthen fathers' involvement.

State Leadership on Partnerships: Lead and Succeed

Discuss leadership roles for state-level leaders to actively encourage districts and schools to develop research-based, goal-linked partnership programs. Share ideas and plan next steps in a Leadership Action Plan for 10-11 to help more of your districts lead their schools in developing effective partnership programs. Recommended for new and experienced state, PIRC, and organization leaders.

TIPS Interactive Homework

Learn about the Teachers Involve Parents in Schoolwork (TIPS) interactive homework process and how to implement a TIPS program. Examine NNPS's TIPS resources (over 500 interactive assignments) and explore TIPS activities in specific subjects. See what it takes to match TIPS materials with your curriculum in math, science, language arts, and other subjects.

Work Together with Multicultural Families

Develop strategies to involve families from different racial and ethnic backgrounds in partnership programs. Understand cultural variations and perspectives on parental involvement and eliminate racial and ethnic stereotypes. Share ideas to strengthen partnerships with diverse families.

Afternoon Roundtable Discussions. Sign up at the conference.

Join an informal discussion to learn more about a topic of your choice and get your questions answered. An NNPS staff member or NNPS Award Winner will facilitate short presentations and discussions. Plan your travel so that you can stay for one Roundtable, 1-3 pm.

- **Family Reading Nights**
- **Mini-Clinics with NNPS Staff on YOUR Program**
- **PIRCs and Other Organizations: Connect with NNPS**
- **TIPS Interactive Homework: Introduction and Q and A**
- **Topics Presented by NNPS Award Winners**
- **And more!**

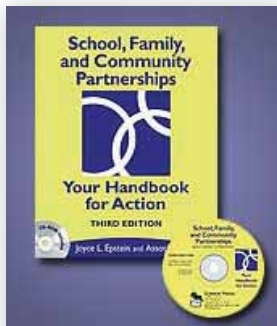
Poster Session & Reception—October 27, 4:30-6 p.m.

After a full day of conference sessions, network with NNPS staff and educators from across the country in a relaxed atmosphere. Showcase a poster on one of your best practices, and visit posters around the room to learn about successful partnership activities from elementary, middle, high schools, districts, states, and organizations in NNPS. Enjoy good conversation, refreshments, and information on successful practices.

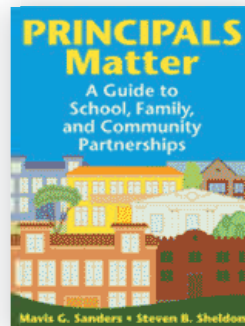
Share one of your best practices! A poster board, tacks, and easel or table space will be provided.

Please check the box on the registration form to indicate that YOU will share one of your successful partnership activities.

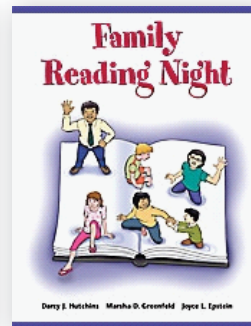
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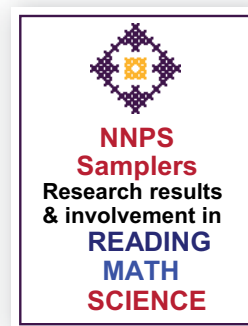
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Eye on Education, 2008



NNPS, 2010

Get to know these useful books and materials by NNPS researchers and facilitators that will help you strengthen your partnership program. See the books. Learn the content. And, meet the authors!

National Network of Partnership Schools

The National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS), established in 1996 by Dr. Joyce Epstein and colleagues at Johns Hopkins University, assists schools, districts, states, and organizations to strengthen and sustain goal-oriented programs of school, family, and community partnerships. Currently, NNPS includes active members in over 1100 schools, 150 school districts, 22 states, and 60 organizations.

NNPS school members use the research-based framework of six types of involvement, an action team approach, goal-oriented structures and processes, and evaluation strategies to plan, implement, and continually improve partnership practices linked to school improvement goals. Activities are selected to create a positive climate of good partnerships and to increase student achievement and success in school.

NNPS district and state members conduct leadership activities to establish and improve school, family, and community partnerships in all schools. District facilitators help school Action Teams for Partnerships plan, implement, and evaluate partnership programs that involve all families and improve student achievement.

**Visit www.partnershipschools.org
for more information on NNPS!**



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- Type or print clearly.
- Duplicate this brochure for each registrant.
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Position : _____

Affiliation: _____

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Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

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Visa MasterCard Discover This is a corporate credit card

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____

Name as it appears on the card, if different from above: _____

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ATTENTION:

Choose your conference sessions on the second page of the registration form. Sessions are for school, district, state, and organization leaders, unless specified for a particular group.

Your registration will not be processed unless NNPS receives a completed two-page registration form and payment or a copy of a purchase order.



Registration Form—Page 2

National Network of Partnership Schools at Johns Hopkins University Leadership Development Conference

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Affiliation: _____

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YES, I will share a best practice. I need:

- 2' X 3' Poster Board Display
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