

NNPS Calendar of Professional Development Activities

Spring Term, January - June 2025

NNPS institutes, workshops, and meetings in the spring term — January to June 2025 will prepare Professional Development Partners for the fall and the new school year. All workshops and meetings are recorded.

I. **Prepare Leaders for Partnerships with Knowledge and Skills to Conduct Research-Based Programs of School, Family, and Community Partnerships**

1. **Awareness Session: Overview of Research on Partnerships, Main NNPS Partnership Program Components**

Spring Term:
Thursday, January 23, 2025 2-4 p.m. EST

The NNPS *Awareness Session* orients leaders and their colleagues in districts, organizations, and states to the basic components of strong programs of family and community engagement. Q & A (2-hour session).

Who should attend? The *Awareness Session* is for all colleagues, supervisors, and other partners who want or need to know about the work to improve programs of school, family, and community partnerships. This includes new leaders who are hired or added to leadership roles mid-year. By attending an NNPS *Awareness Session*, educators and parents will be able to talk knowledgeably about research-based partnership programs.

2. **Leadership Institute for District, Organization, and State Leaders for Partnerships.**

Discussion of Leadership Roles, Responsibilities, and Strategies for strong and sustainable leadership at the district, organization, region, or state levels. Preparation to complete a *Leadership Plan for Partnerships*. Q & A (3-hour session).

Spring Term:
Thursday, February 20, 2025 2-5 p.m. EST

The NNPS *Leadership Institute* prepares leaders for partnerships to use research-based structures and processes to guide all schools' Action Teams for Partnerships (ATPs) to develop excellent and equitable programs of family and community engagement for student success in school.

Leaders for Partnerships will be able to select and customize strategies to guide all schools—preschools, elementary, middle, and high schools—to strengthen and continually improve goal-linked programs of family and community engagement for student success in school.

The *Leadership Institute* precedes the workshop for school-based Action Teams for Partnership (ATPs) (see part 3, below).

3. **NNPS Workshop for Schools' Action Teams for Partnerships (ATPs)**

Topics include Activating the Framework of Six Types of Involvement; Meeting Challenges to Engage ALL Families; Forming a Strong Action Team; and Writing a One-Year Action Plan for Partnerships. Q & A (3-hour session).

Spring Term: Thursday,
Thursday March 6, 2025 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. EST

OR, alternate date:

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. EDT

School-based Action Teams for Partnerships (ATPs) include teachers, parents, administrators, and others. High school ATPs also include 1-2 students. The NNPS Workshop for ATPs introduces the “basics” for partnership programs to engage *all* families in ways that support student learning and development.

Topics include: Using the *Framework of Six Types of Involvement*; addressing challenges to reach all families; focusing partnership practices on academic and behavioral goals for students; creating a welcoming school climate; taking an action team approach; and writing a *One-Year Action Plan for Partnerships*.

District leaders attend this workshop *with* some or all of their school teams. Leaders also learn to conduct the Team Training Workshop, themselves, with more schools or to offer “refresher workshops” to teams with questions or with new members. **This spring, NNPS will conduct the School Team-Training Workshop twice** (in March and April) to give leaders a choice of dates to help their their school teams plan GOAL-LINKED programs of family and community engagement for the new school year.

II. Support Leaders for Partnerships to Continually Improve Program Quality

Quarterly Networking and Support Meetings (*Let’s Talk About Partnerships*) for leaders to share best practices, solve emerging challenges, ask important questions/clarifications (2-hour sessions; 2-4 p.m.)

Spring Term:

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Quarterly Knowledge-Building Meetings (*Let’s Learn More About Partnerships*)

for leaders to learn about new topics in research and new approaches in practice for more effective and more equitable school, family, and community partnerships. Topics may include Engaging Families with Low Incomes; The Role of Students in Family Engagement; Principals’ Roles on School ATPs; Engaging Grandparents, Using Evaluation Resources, and other topics requested by NNPS Professional Development Partners (i.e., district, region, organization, or state leaders). (2-hour sessions, 2-4 p.m.).

Spring Term:

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

What Does Research Say? Family and Community Engagement to Improve Students’ Math Skills and Attitudes.

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Topic TBD

ALL YEAR: NNPS On-Call/On-Request

Resources, References, and Support

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- **Quarterly Networking/Support Sessions**
Let’s Talk about Partnerships ***Leadership Line*** (NNPS newsletter)
Summary of information from each support session: Share best practices, raise challenges, and discuss solutions.
- **Quarterly Knowledge-Building Sessions**
Let’ Learn More about Partnerships ***Leadership Line*** (NNPS newsletter)
Summary of information from each knowledge-building session: New research, useful applications to improve practice.
- **Individual “On-Call” Consultations**
Call, email, or set a **Zoom** meeting with NNPS to address questions about YOUR partnership program, next steps, needed resources, or references.