

FCS 3180

Home, School, & Community Relationships

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Are you thinking about teaching young children?

*Want to learn how to successfully work with parents and families
to make your teaching more rewarding?*

Just a SAMPLING of the things you'll learn.....

- ★ Head Start – what is it and why is it an important pre-school program for Utah?
- ★ Learn the most developmentally appropriate ways to teach young children.
- ★ Learn the role of parents and pre-schools in educating very young children.
- ★ Learn how to maximize the connection between schools, families & communities.
- ★ How do parents of children with disabilities get left out?
- ★ How does poverty impact on the family-school relationship?
- ★ How do fathers and other important family members get left out?
- ★ How can you, as a teacher/administrator, help young children & their families?

Course Description: This class is designed to help you understand the interrelationship between families and schools for young children. The first section of the class will focus on understanding the contemporary context of the families of young children, along with developmental considerations for educating young children. Finally, Epstein's theoretical model will be utilized as a basis for understanding various family involvement models. The second section will focus on three specific configurations of early childhood education and how they are impacted by such factors as poverty, family violence, and father involvement. The capstone of the class is your participation in a 20 hour service learning project in one of Salt Lake's Head Start program components.

A 4-credit Service Learning Course