Family Engagement: Authentic Partnerships for Increasing Academic Achievement

Saturday, September 20, 2014
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Grace Dodge Hall, Room 179
Teachers College, Columbia University
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New York, NY 10027

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The Equity Assistance Center (EAC) Region II is sponsoring a workshop for NYC public school teachers, parents, and student teachers on family engagement. Mary Cowhey, author of Black Ants and Buddhists: Thinking Critically and Teaching Differently in the Primary Grades and co-founder of Families with Power/Familias con Poder will lead the workshop. She will discuss the benefits, successes and challenges of engaging families and communities in meaningful ways. She will also describe the popular education approach used by Families with Power/Familias con Poder to build authentic community partnerships and develop grassroots leadership among parents and guardians.

Mary Cowhey is a Title I math teacher at Jackson St. School in Northampton, MA. She taught first and second grade for twelve years and was a community organizer for fourteen years before becoming a teacher. She has received numerous awards for her teaching and activism, including the Milken National Educator Award and the Anti-Defamation League World of Difference Award.