

## Building Bridges for Student Success: Communicating Effectively with Parents

**Course Description:** Teachers strive to establish partnerships with parents and guardians to support student learning. Strong communication is fundamental to this partnership and to building a sense of community between home and school. In these changing times, teachers must continue to develop and expand their skills in order to maximize effective communication with parents. Proactive communication with parents is critical to successfully engage and sustain active and appropriate parent relationships in the classroom and school community. Practical suggestions to reach this goal will be presented in a lecture style with opportunities for participants to engage in dialogue. The use of technological tools in the classroom will be discussed with the focus of helping parents to feel connected and involved in order to attempt to solve any issues before they evolve into problems.



**About the Instructors:** **Joanne Meehan** is the Program Counselor at the CASE Collaborative Alternative Elementary Program. Students in this program present with social, emotional, and behavioral challenges. Ms. Meehan conducts social skills groups, provides individual and parent counseling, crisis management, and trains support staff in behavioral techniques. **Noah Hill** is the head teacher in the CASE Alternative Elementary Program. He holds a license in Moderate Special Needs (Prek – 12). Mr. Hill’s area of specialty is providing differentiated instruction for multi-grade levels. Additionally, Noah and Joanne have worked together in the Alternative Program for 12 years, providing a total therapeutic milieu with a strong concentration on collaborating with families to create and implement strategies for supporting student learning and development both at home and school.

**Audience:** Kindergarten – Middle School Educators

**Location:** TEC Professional Learning Center in E. Walpole

**Date & Time:** Thursday and Friday, July 6 & 7, 2017  
8:30AM – 3:30PM

**Cost:** \$245 TEC Members / \$280 Non-TEC Members

**Earn:** 13 PDPs

**Grad Credit:** 1 graduate credit from Worcester State University for an additional \$125, payable at the first class

**MA Educator Evaluation Strand and Indicator addressed by this workshop:** **Standard III - The teacher promotes the learning and growth of all students through effective partnerships with families, caregivers, community members and organizations.**



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TEC Professional Development, 141 Mansion Drive, Suite 200, E. Walpole, MA 02032

Register me for “Building Bridges for Student Success” on 7/6/17!

TEC Member District: \$245  Non-TEC Member District/Private School: \$280

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ Role: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ City, state, zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

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