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WEBINAR - May 2022 Training

10 Ways Community Schools Help All Students and Families Thrive

Wednesday, May 25, 2022
6 PM – 7 PM

Join us to learn more about Community Schools and the role they play in promoting student success in many area schools. During the event, presenters will share the key features of a community school approach, the different community school approaches happening across NYS, and the array of university-assisted community school programs, priorities, services, and challenges in our region.

Presenters:

Liz Anderson, Ed.D., Associate Professor at Binghamton University, currently serves as Director for the NYS Education Department Central/Western Region Community Schools Technical Assistance Center. Liz's research examines the intersections of academics, mental health, and health and the potential impact on learning, development, and behavior. Through her work, Liz seeks to support the whole child by improving the alignment and integration of programs and services across sectors.

Elissa F. Brown, PhD, Director of the Binghamton University Community Schools, Regional Network. From 2012-2021 she is past director of the Hunter College Center for Gifted Studies in NYC and served as a distinguished lecturer and program leader in Special Education. She supported all NYC schools with professional development, research, serving on task forces, and working with educators on ways to differentiate instruction and build systems capacity in schools.

Luann Kida, MA, LMSW, Executive Director of Binghamton University Community Schools leads and supports the multiple component projects associated with their university-assisted community schools' approach. Luann began her career in higher education supporting students with disabilities to ensure they are aware and connected to resources needed to support academic success. In her current role, Luann continues to promote the university assisted community school approach as a systemic way to address educational equity for all children and their families.

Naorah Rimkunas, PhD, MS, Assistant Professor at Binghamton University, with expertise around university-school partnerships; community schools; broadening participation in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) education initiatives; and inter-professional collaboration in school-based settings. As director of the University-Assisted Community Schools Regional Training Center, Dr. Rimkunas provides technical assistance for leaders in higher education to develop strategies to form university-school partnerships in PK-12 schools.

Registration:

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