Parent & Family Programs

Program Review – 2006 - 2010
Program History

• Created in the early 1990s by Martha Fosdick

• Intentional about including Families in the title

• Humble Beginnings:
  ◦ Providing information to families
  ◦ Assisting with student deaths
  ◦ Navigating FERPA
  ◦ “One stop shop for parental calls and concerns”
It Doesn’t Happen Overnight!

- 1991: Student Deaths
- 1993: Parents Fund
- 1995: Orientation
- 2001: 0.5 FTE
- 2003: Website
- 2004: Electronic Newsletters
- 2005: Graduate Assistantship
- 2006: Campus Roundtables
- 2007: RAMFAM Parent/Family Association
- 2008: Assistant Director Approval
- 2009: Department Chair Training
Parent and Family Programs

Organizational Chart as of 8/2/10

Jody Donovan - <50%
Kacee Collard Jarnot – 100%
Hannah Love – 40%
Karen Rewinkel – 30%

Jody Donovan
Interim Dean of Students

Kacee Collard Jarnot
Assistant Director of Parent & Family Programs

Hannah Love
Graduate Student

Karen Rewinkel
Program Assistant
- Orientation Program
- Handbook
- Newsletter
- Website
- Parent Association
Colorado State University actively partners with students' parents and families to support students' academic success and personal development while also assisting families to become appropriately involved and connected with their students and the University.
Program Overview

- Preview & Next Step Family Orientations
- Supporting Transitions Calendar/Handbook
- Monthly E-Newsletter
- Parent & Family Website
- RAMFAM Association
- Individual Calls & Concerns
- Homecoming & Family Weekend
- Ram Welcome
- Student Send-Off Events
• Passion for CSU Parents & Families
• Assessment & Data-Based Program
• Location in VPSA Suite
• Institutional & Divisional Support
• Involved & Committed Parents & Families
• Recognized Nationally & Regionally as a Top Program for Parents & Families
Challenges

- Staffing
- Funding
- Outreach to Specific Populations
- Office space
- Technology
Recommendations

- Programs & Services
  - Mailed Newsletter
  - Electronic Videos/Podcasts/Training Materials
  - RAMFAMily Gatherings
  - Hometown RAMFAM Clubs
  - RAMFAM Association Workgroups
  - Improve Technology for RAMFAM Meetings
  - Improve Catering for Parent & Family Events
- **Students & Families**
  - Diversity
  - Engage Non-Resident Families

- **Staff**
  - 2-Year Trial of an Assistant Director

- **Work Environment**
  - Office Space
  - Proximity to Orientation & Transition Programs

- **Financial Support**
  - Increase Fundraising
  - Strengthen Partnerships