Over the past 25 years, both basic and applied research has documented the crucial role that coparenting alliances play in supporting children’s development across a broad range of diverse family forms. USF St. Petersburg’s Family Study Center has been a hub for much of this research, charting new research and clinical directions and demonstrating the relevance of the coparenting construct for infant-family mental health. In this hour-long webinar, Family Study Center Director James McHale provides an overview of the essence of the coparenting construct and its importance for work in a wide range of disciplines and systems supporting families with young children. A number of the Family Study Center’s initiatives and partnerships with community agencies, each advancing the field in important and innovative directions, will be highlighted. The webinar will be of interest to field professionals, researchers, policy-makers, and all others working to support infants, young children and their families.
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