

Educator and Provider Support Partnership Grantees

Agenda: January 19, 2011

Location: MA Department of Early Education and Care
51 Sleeper Street, Boston MA 02210
9:30am-1:30pm

Meeting Purposes:

1. We will begin this meeting by sharing our progress toward the action plans established at the October 25th meeting.
2. Building from that action plan, the purposes of this one half day meeting are to
 - a. learn more about the concept of partnerships
 - b. learn more about effective outreach and communication practices
 - c. explore the effectiveness of our regional partnerships
 - d. specify next steps/action to strengthen or expand our regional partnership and to include new partners
 - e. determine how progress in this area will be shared in March 2011
3. Continue to request your active guidance in planning future meetings of this group

Welcome and Introductions

CONVERSATION #1: What are high quality, intentional partnerships? How do they evolve? What lessons can be learned from the literature? How does this relate to our EPS statement of values? What does effective outreach look like in a strong partnership? What are effective communication strategies? How do you support internal and external outreach and communication?

CONVERSATION #2: Regional Team Exercise

1. **REFLECT:** Each person is asked to individually complete the **GREEN** sheets in your packet.
2. **SHARE:** Share your results with each other.
3. **SYNTHESIZE:** Complete the **PURPLE** sheet on your table as a group.

CONVERSATION #3: Learning from each other: Cross-regional sharing

CONVERSATION #4: Next Steps Action Plan/Accountability

Complete the **ORANGE** sheet

CONVERSATION #5: Evaluation and Next Steps

1. Did you individually -and your team collectively- have one or more ideas that you will put to use in your communities? Plan to discuss your progress in March.
2. What are your technical assistance preferences for future meetings?
3. Next Steps
4. Adjourn

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CONVERSATION #2: Regional Team Exercise: Individual

- **REFLECT:** Each person is asked to individually complete these **GREEN** sheets TO REFLECT UPON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PARTNERSHIPS, Communication and Outreach in your communities.

1. After listening to the presentation on partnerships, communication and outreach, the professional development work in my region has the following strengths and challenges:

Strengths	Challenges

2. My ratings of my regional partnerships with the following entities is as follows on a 1-5 scale with 5 being EXCEPTIONAL and 1 being NEEDS A LOT OF WORK:

ENTITY	Overall quality of the partnerships	Our efforts to outreach this groups	Our regional efforts to sustain communication with this group	Comments/(write on back)
a. 2 Year and Community colleges				
b. 4 year colleges				
c. Family child care				
d. Readiness centers				
e. Community based early care and out of school time (Except family child care)				
f. Other community organizations/agencies (i.e. EI)				
Others?				

3. Overall Comments

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Our region is _____

CONVERSATION #2: Regional Team Exercise: Group Summary

SYNTHESIZE: Complete this **PURPLE** sheet on your table as a group.

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6. As a group, our team is most excited by:

7. As a team our group is most concerned about:

Reflection on Regional Ratings:

- *pendulum might shift; with community colleges, it's a residual program, may shift; still need more intentionality*
- *hard to come up with average because unevenness; some places relationships are stronger, some more outreach needs to be done*
- *family child care and center based we have some better relationships with umbrella/lead agencies that work with multiple groups*
- *we're made up of so many subsystems, very difficult*
- *this is still the beginning; less than a year*
- *we're all in the same boat*

CONVERSATION #5: Evaluation and Next Steps

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2. *What are your technical assistance preferences for future meetings?*
3. *Next Steps*
Future Meetings:
 - a. *shorter break so we can get out earlier*
 - b. *hear more success stories*
 - c. ****-come back with 1-2 paragraph success stories to share from each region*
 - d. *more cross-regional sharing*
 - e. *centralized location or have it later*
 - f. *Readiness Centers are looking for Executive Directors*
4. *Adjourn*

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Region _____ Next Steps Action Plans (orange)

CONVERSATION #4: Regional Team Exercise

Our top three priorities to increase communication and outreach within our partnerships	By March 2011 we will know that we are successful if:	By June 2011 we will know that we are successful if:
1.		
2.		
3.		