

CONSIDERING THE BEST EWS MODEL TO FIT YOUR NEEDS

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AGENDA

May 12, 2016

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT

Goals

- Examine various K–12 early warning system (EWS) models.
- Discuss key strategies for implementing EWSs to meet educator and leader needs.
- Explore options school district leaders and educators could consider in implementing or improving their early warning systems.
- Learn how data and indicators can be applied in identifying and assisting at-risk students.

2:00 p.m. Welcome, introductions, and overview of the webinar structure by Liza Cordeiro, Facilitator (REL Appalachia at CNA)

2:10 p.m. Presentation by Rolf Blank, Ph.D., Senior Fellow of Education and Child Development Studies for NORC at the University of Chicago.

Development of an EWS From Research to Practice
Dr. Blank will highlight significant research leading to development of early warning systems; demonstrate use of core indicators for tracking student progress toward graduation; explain the key role of longitudinal data systems and use of student growth measures; and highlight REL Appalachia's experience in components of effective local early warning systems.

2:25 p.m. Presentation by Laura Hansen, Director of Information Management and Decision Support for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (MNPS).

Perspectives of a Local Education Agency Leader on EWS
Ms. Hansen will share her perspective on EWS implementation as a leader in a local education agency. She will discuss several aspects of the implementation of MNPS's EWS, including which key indicators and data sources MNPS uses in its EWS, how local EWS data and indicators are tied to the state longitudinal data system, and how school teacher and administrator teams are involved in the EWS.

2:45 p.m. Presentation by Daniel Leeds, Ph.D., Research Analyst for REL Appalachia at CNA.

State Education Agency approaches to EWS in the Region

Dr. Leeds will give an overview of the EWS models used in REL Appalachia's states, how they differ, and how they've changed over time. He will also discuss various methods of support for local EWS models and the role EWSs play for state leadership in school improvement.

3:00 p.m.

Presentation by Lance Selfa, Principal Research Scientist for NORC at the University of Chicago.

Example of Data Visualization for EWS

Mr. Selfa will demonstrate how to use data visualization software to highlight indicators for educators and leaders. He will also invite all attendees to a webinar in August which will examine visualization needs and examples.

3:10 p.m.

Question and discussion session

3:25 p.m.

On-line poll on level of reporting and visualization needs, wrap-up, information about the August webinar on EWS visualizations, administer the Stakeholder Feedback Survey and adjournment.

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