

Event: *Effective Literacy and English Language Instruction for English Learners in the Elementary Grades: Bridging the Gap between Research and Practice (1.2.87)*

Location: PaTTAN, 6340 Flank Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Date: March 24, 2010

Agenda:

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM: Registration/Check In

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM: Welcome/Overview REL Mid-Atlantic

Dr. Vito A. Forlenza, Pennsylvania State Coordinator, REL Mid-Atlantic

9:20 AM – 9:30 AM: Overview Rationale of Practice Guides

Dr. Vito A. Forlenza, Pennsylvania State Coordinator, REL Mid-Atlantic

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Effective Literacy and English Language Instruction for English Learners in the Elementary Grades

Dr. Russell Gersten, Instructional Research Group

Dr. Robin Scarcella, University of California, Irvine

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM: Break

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM: Doing What Works Web Site Demonstration

Dr. Vito A. Forlenza, Pennsylvania State Coordinator, REL Mid-Atlantic

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM: Panel of Practitioners

Facilitated by Dr. Vito A. Forlenza, Pennsylvania State Coordinator, REL Mid-Atlantic

Individual Panel Members to be determined

The panel of pre-selected practitioners will present on the practical implementation of their assigned practice guide recommendations. These presentations will include discussions of the panel members' experiences with implementation of their assigned recommendations, specific obstacles they faced in implementation, and methods used for overcoming their own roadblocks to implementation as well as those identified within the practice guide. After the panelists' presentations, a dialogue, facilitated by **Dr. Vito Folenza**, will occur between the panel members, participants, and **Drs. Gersten & Scarcella**

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM: Participants' Dialogue (Working Lunch)

*Facilitated by REL Mid-Atlantic Laboratory Extension Specialists, and **Drs. Gersten & Scarcella.***

In small groups, facilitators will engage participants in discussions relative to the recommendations from the Practice Guide and panel discussions, help the participants understand the value of the research-based recommendations, and share their experiences and concerns related to the implementation of the recommendations. This will provide time to think about and share the values and concerns of the recommendations and consider individual strategies to implement the Practice Guide's recommendations in their own practice.

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM: Large Group Discussion

*Facilitated by **Dr. Vito Forlenza**, Pennsylvania State Coordinator, REL Mid-Atlantic & **Drs. Gersten & Scarcella.***

In a full group session, the small groups from the working lunch will present the salient points of their discussions as LESs record the points on chart paper and facilitate additional discussion between groups.

2:15 PM – 2:30PM: Wrap-up/Summary/Where do we go from here?

***Dr. Vito A. Forlenza**, Pennsylvania State Coordinator, REL Mid-Atlantic*

***Dr. John Nau**, Chief, Division of Student Interventions & Instructional Supports,
Pennsylvania Department of Education*