

**Event:** Assisting Students Struggling with Mathematics: Response to Intervention (Rtl) in Elementary and Middle Schools: Bridging the Gap between Research and Practice (1.2.69)

**Location:** Primary Site: Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN), 6340 Flank Drive, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112

Satellite Sites: PaTTAN King of Prussia, 200 Anderson Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406 & PaTTAN Pittsburgh, 3190 William Pitt Way, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Date:** March 25, 2010

**Agenda:**

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

**9:00 AM – 9:20 AM: Welcome/Overview REL Mid-Atlantic/Review Agenda/Expectation of Attendees**

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

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

*Dr. John Wise, Associate Director, REL Mid-Atlantic*

**9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Assisting Students Struggling with Mathematics: Response to Intervention (Rtl) in Elementary and Middle Schools – General Session Presentation**

*Dr. Russell Gersten, Instructional Research Group*

*Dr. Benjamin Clarke, Instructional Research Group/Pacific Institutes for Research*

**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 A. Forlenza**, will occur between the panel members, participants, and **Drs. Gersten & Clarke**.

#### **12:15 PM – 1:30 PM: Participants' Dialogue (working lunch/roundtable format)**

*Facilitated by REL Mid-Atlantic Laboratory Extension Specialists, **Dr. Russell Gersten**, Instructional Research Group, and **Dr. Benjamin Clarke**, Instructional Research Group/Pacific Institutes for Research.*

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.

Conversations will be guided to focus on the implications of the Practice Guide's recommendations to individual practice as well as more general reactions and questions related to the Practice Guide. Each group will be instructed to select a single recommendation to discuss. The specific questions posed to each small group include:

1. What forms of evidence exist for the recommendation? How should this affect implementation?
2. How did the panel discussion support the recommendation and offer additional insights for its implementation?
3. What experiences have your table's participants had with implementing this recommendation?
4. What ideas does your table have for supporting the successful implementation of this recommendation?
5. Did any of the Practice Guide's recommendations surprise you? Why or Why Not?

#### **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Large Group Discussion**

*Facilitated by **Dr. Vito A. Forlenza**, Pennsylvania State Coordinator, REL Mid-Atlantic, **Dr. Russell Gersten**, Instructional Research Group, and **Dr. Benjamin Clarke**, Instructional Research Group/Pacific Institutes for Research.*

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.

**2:30 PM - 3:00 PM: Wrap-up/Summary/Where do we go from here?**

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

***Jane Wilburne***, *President, Pennsylvania Council of supervisors of Mathematics*