



**Conducting Implementation-Informed Evaluations:
Practical Applications and Lessons from Implementation Science**

August 19, 2015

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. ET

Agenda

Goals

- Increase attendees’ knowledge and understanding of the Active Implementation Frameworks (AIFs)
- Explore practical applications and illustrations of an implementation-informed Decision Support Data System including fidelity assessments
- Identify how improvement cycles (rapid cycle problem solving and usability testing) can be used to operationalize practices and effective implementation methods

1:00 p.m.	<p>Welcome and introduction to REL Mid-Atlantic by Dr. Teresa Duncan, Facilitator (REL Mid-Atlantic at ICF International)</p> <p>Introduction to American Educational Research Association’s Division H by Dr. Rolf Blank (NORC)</p>
1:10 p.m.	<p>Presentation by Dr. Caryn Ward, Senior Implementation Specialist, National Implementation Research Network</p> <p><i>Closing the Research to Practice Gap: Focus on Implementation</i> Dr. Ward will frame her presentation within the context of the challenges of creating meaningful change in educational organizations. She will highlight how evidence-based approaches are effective only when fully implemented. The central question to be addressed is how can a district or school define a new initiative and measure the changes that need to take place to ensure that new skills are learned and used, with a high level of fidelity, to ultimately improve outcomes for students?</p> <p><i>Active Implementation Frameworks</i> Dr. Ward will provide practical illustrations and examples of using the AIFs to accomplish system change and effective use of evidence-based practices.</p> <p><i>Implementation Drivers and Improvement Cycles</i> Dr. Ward will highlight two aspects of AIFs, implantation drivers and improvement cycles, to share examples of a Decision Support Data System including fidelity assessments and use of improvement cycles to inform implementation evaluations.</p> <p><i>Resources</i> Dr. Ward will provide a list of resources for the audience.</p>
2:00 p.m.	Question and answer session
2:20 p.m.	Wrap-up and adjournment

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