

Making Connections: Increasing Graduation Rates by Creating a System of Supports

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Michigan State University

Participant Agenda

- 8:30–9:15 a.m.** **Registration and Practice Guide Review**
- 9:15–9:25 a.m.** **Welcome and Introductions**
- Bersheril Bailey, Great Lakes East Comprehensive Center at American Institutes for Research
 - Leisa Gallagher, Dropout Challenge Coordinator, Michigan Department of Education; Director, Reaching and Teaching Struggling Learners
- 9:25–9:30 a.m.** **Overview**
- Jason Narlock, Ph.D., Researcher, REL Midwest at American Institutes for Research
- 9:30–10:45 a.m.** **Keynote Presentation: Title TBD**
- Presenter:* Ruth Curran Neild, Ph.D., Commissioner, National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, Institute of Education Sciences
- 10:45–11:00 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** **Collaborative Panel Discussion**
- *Moderator:* Mindee O’Cummings, Ph.D., Principal Researcher, REL Midwest at American Institutes for Research
- 12:00–1:00 p.m.** **Lunch Session: Review of Evidence-Based Resources for Dropout Prevention**
- *Presenter:* Mindee O’Cummings, Ph.D., Principal Researcher, REL Midwest at American Institutes for Research
- Lunch will be provided by State Farm.**

1:00–2:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions: Local Efforts Aligned to IES Dropout Prevention Practice Guide Recommendations

- ***Presentation: Utilize Data Systems That Support the Identification of Students Who Need Additional Support***
Kathleen Miller, Director of Instructional Services, Shiawassee Regional Education Service District/Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency
- ***Presentation: Assign Adult Advocates to Students at Risk of Dropping out***
Michele Corey, Interim President and CEO, Voices for Michigan’s Children
- ***Presentation: Provide Academic Support and Enrichment to Improve Academic Performance***
John Taylor, Michigan Department of Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Coordinator
- ***Presentation: Implement Programs to Improve Students’ Classroom Behavior and Social Skills***
Lauren Kazez, Michigan Department of Education, Safe and Supportive Schools Grant Supervisor
- ***Presentation: Personalize the Learning Environment and Instructional Process***
Nancy Fahner, Executive Director, Michigan ASCD
- ***Presentation: Provide Rigorous and Relevant Instruction***
Jill Griffin and Brandy Archer, Michigan Department of Education, Office of Education Improvement and Innovation

2:00–2:15 p.m.

Break/Transition

2:15–3:15 p.m.

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- Presentations above will be repeated.

3:15–3:30 p.m.

Transition

3:30–3:45 p.m.

Sharing Connections and Concluding Remarks

Presenters: Bersheril Bailey and Leisa Gallagher

3:45–4:00 p.m.

Survey/Evaluation