

Event: Reducing Behavior Problems in the Elementary School Classroom: Policy Challenge Conference for Massachusetts Districts (1.2.53)

Location: Framingham, MA (exact location TBD)

Date: January 26, 2010

Agenda:

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

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM: Welcomes

Welcome by Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and REL-NEI Director

Welcome by Lourdes Rivera Putz, REL NEI Governing Board member and Parent Center representative

9:20 AM – 9:30 AM: Review the Agenda and Outcomes

Cheryl Williams, Bridge Event coordinator for Learning Innovations

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM: *Reducing Behavior Problems in the Elementary School Classroom*

Krista Kutash, will present Overview of the WWC Practice Guide series (10 min), Presentation of Recommendations (60 minutes), Questions from the audience (20 minutes)

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM: Role Alike Groups Discussion

Discuss and review recommendations in groups of participants with similar roles, including: Discuss which recommendations are most helpful and why (10 minutes); What questions do you still have? (5 minutes); What are the best ways to introduce research to your role group? (10 min); Synthesize conversation (5 min).

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Introducing REL-NEI Resources

REL-NEI resources (10 min) Introduce participants to the REL program as well as REL-NEI website, our webinar series, work in Massachusetts, and the newsletter.

Understanding the Reporting Behavior of School Bullying Victims (10 min) Orient attendees to goal and research methodology of this study.

Introducing Ask-A-REL. (10 min) Orient participants to the Ask-A-REL service including an overview of what a response is, how to submit a request, and timeline for receiving responses.

12:00 PM – 2:00: District Team Meeting: Moving the Recommendations into Practice

District teams convene to discuss the recommendations and their utility in the team's particular setting. Please note that during Dr. Kutash will meet with each district team during this period to answer questions and provide counsel on the Practice Guide. Teams will complete the Planning Implementation Template which is based on the checklist from the practice guide. Activities include: Review role alike comments from previous activity (10 min); Retrieve food and district team groups at assigned tables (10 min); Discuss recommendations 1-3 and complete Template for recommendations 1-3 (40 min); Discuss recommendations 4-5 and complete Template for recommendations 4-5 (40 min); Synthesize the Next Steps the district team will take and then prepare to report out to the entire group (20 min).

2:00 – 2:45 PM: Report Out

Each team will have five minutes to report their Next Steps (30-35 min) Dr. Kutash will comment (10 min)

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM: Closing & Evaluation*

**Evaluation to be conducted by our collaborating partner, NERRC.*