

REL-Southeast Presents: A National Conference on Using Research to Strengthen Response to Intervention (RtI) Decision Making and Implementation

March 12 & 13, 2009

**Location: Academy for Educational Development
Conference Center, 8th Floor
1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC**

Thursday, March 12 (Academy Hall)	
7:00–8:30	Registration
8:30–9:00	<p>Opening and purpose – Ludy van Broekhuizen, Director, REL-Southeast at SERVE Center</p> <p>Welcome and remarks – Phoebe Cottingham, Commissioner, NCEE, Institute of Education Sciences</p>
9:00–10:15	<p>Session 1 – An Overview: Response to Intervention</p> <p>Introduction – Francena Cummings, REL-Southeast</p> <p>Presenter - Russell Gersten, Instructional Research Group</p>
10:30–11:55	<p>Session 2 – RtI in the States</p> <p>Introduction – Wendy McColskey, REL-Southeast Panel moderator – Kellie Kim, AED/REL-Southeast</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alexa Posny, Kansas Commissioner of Education (and former Director of the Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education) 2. . REL-Southeast: <i>State policies and procedures and selected local implementation practices in Response to Intervention in the six Southeast Region states</i> Richard Sawyer, AED/REL-Southeast 3. Kris Kaase, Deputy State Superintendent, Mississippi State Department of Education 4. REL-West: Describing and Documenting the Status of State-level RtI Policies in Nine States Tom Parrish, AIR/REL-West
12:00–1:00	<p>Introductions – Phoebe Cottingham, Commissioner, NCEE, Institute of Education Sciences Lynn Okagaki, Commissioner, NCER and Acting Commissioner, NCSER, Institute of Education Sciences</p> <p>Speaker: Rollanda O’Connor, Professor, School of Education, University of California-Riverside</p>

Thursday, March 12 (afternoon)

1:10–2:10 2:15 -3:15	<p>Session 3 – Concurrent Sessions on RtI Intervention Research <i>Participants will select two of the four concurrent repeating 60 minute sessions.</i></p> <p>Topics and Researchers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Early reading interventions – Carol Connor, Florida Center for Reading Research Florida State University2. Behavioral interventions– Tim Lewis, University of Missouri, OSEP Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports3. English Language Learner interventions – Cara Richards California State University, Long Beach4. Secondary-level interventions – Michael Hock, Center for Research on Learning University of Kansas
3:30 – 4:30	<p>Session 4 –The What Works Clearinghouse Practice Guide and an Ongoing RCT in the Southwest</p> <p>Introduction – Francena Cummings, REL-Southeast</p> <p><i>Assisting Students Struggling with Reading: Response to Intervention (RtI) and Multi-Tier Intervention in the Primary Grades</i> (http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/publications/practiceguides/) Russell Gersten, Instructional Research Group</p> <p><i>REL-Southwest: Randomized Evaluation of Tier 2 Mathematics Interventions for Multi-Tiered Early Intervention Models in Grades K-1</i> Eric Rolfhus, REL-Southwest</p>
4:30–5:15	<p>Session 5 – National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance (NCEE) Funded Evaluations of RtI</p> <p>Introduction – Phoebe Cottingham, Institute of Education Sciences</p> <p>Presenters– Jon Jacobson, NCEE, Institute of Education Sciences Fred Doolittle, MDRC, PI - <i>Impact Evaluation of Response to Intervention (RtI) Strategies</i></p>
5:15–5:30	<p>Wrap Up/Preview Day 2</p> <p>Ludy van Broekhuizen, Director, REL-Southeast Denise Borders, Senior Vice President, AED Mike Bowler, Consultant</p>

Friday, March 13	
8:15–8:30	Opening – Ludy van Broekhuizen, Director, REL-Southeast
8:30–9:30	<p>Session 6 – Panel: How Are Progress Monitoring Data Used in the Evaluation of RTI Models?</p> <p>Introduction – Kyle Peck, REL-Mid-Atlantic</p> <p>Edward Shapiro, Director, Center for Promoting Research to Practice, Professor, School Psychology Program, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA</p> <p>Joy Eichelberger, RtI Statewide Lead and Pennsylvania Training Technical Assistance Network (PATTAN), Harrisburg, PA</p> <p>Robert Miller, Principal, Rutherford Elementary School, Central Dauphin School District, Harrisburg, PA</p> <p>Commentator – Patty Guard, Office of Special Education Programs, USED</p>
9:30–10:30	<p>Session 7 – What Do We Know about Assessing and Improving Intervention Fidelity?</p> <p>Introduction/moderator – Cindy McIntee, REL-Southeast</p> <p>Presenter - Joseph C. Witt, Professor Emeritus, LSU and Senior Scientist, iSTEEP Learning</p>
10:45–11:45	<p>Session 8 – The Need to Strengthen the Use of Research in RtI Practice</p> <p>Introduction/moderator – Kimberly Anderson, REL-Southeast</p> <p>Small group discussion on challenges in taking research use down to the school level – Bianca Montrosse, REL-Southeast</p> <p>State support for process of selecting interventions: Report from Georgia – Kim Anderson, REL-Southeast and John Wight, Georgia Department of Education</p> <p>Commentator– Fran Walter, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. USED</p>
11:45–12:30	<p>Wrap up and Next Steps</p> <p>Parting comments-</p> <p>Ludy van Broekhuizen, Director, REL-Southeast</p> <p>Denise Borders, Senior Vice President, AED</p>