



Webinar Agenda: Studying Educational Effectiveness in Rural Settings

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017
10:00–11:00 a.m. (Mountain Time)

Participants will be presented strategies for promoting productive research partnerships between practitioners and researchers working in rural settings.

Participants will

- Become familiar with factors to consider when conducting research in rural settings summarized in *Studying Educational Effectiveness in Rural Settings: A Guide for Researchers* (Sheridan, Dynarski, & Bovaird, 2017), including strategies for research planning, recruitment, supporting and monitoring implementation, and data collection; and
- Learn strategies for creating productive collaborations between practitioners and researchers conducting rural research.

Agenda

10:00—10:05 a.m. Introduction to Webinar

Facilitator: Mary Piontek (REL Central)

Participants will receive an overview of the webinar’s platform features and chat instructions, a brief explanation of the webinar resources, and a link to the resource *Studying Educational Effectiveness in Rural Settings: A Guide for Researchers*. Participants will then be introduced to the presenters.

10:05—10:07 a.m. Introduction to *Studying Educator Effectiveness in Rural Settings: A Guide for Researchers*

Presenters: Susan Sheridan (National Center for Research on Rural Education) and Jim Bovaird (Nebraska Academy for Methodology, Analytics, and Psychometrics)

Participants will receive an overview of the *Studying Educational Effectiveness in Rural Settings: A Guide for Researchers* and become familiar with the four factors.

10:07—10:17 a.m. Overview of Factor #1 – Planning an Effectiveness Study

Presenters: Susan Sheridan and Jim Bovaird

Participants will become familiar with strategies for planning an effectiveness study. Participants will share one research experience that reflects the strategies.



10:17—10:29 a.m. Overview of Factor #2 – Recruiting for Experiments in Rural Areas

Presenters: Susan Sheridan and Jim Bovaird

Participants will become familiar with challenges to and strategies for recruiting in rural settings. Participants will be asked to share one research experience that reflects the challenges and strategies.

10:29—10:41 a.m. Overview of Factor #3 – Supporting and Monitoring Implementation in Rural Areas

Presenters: Susan Sheridan and Jim Bovaird

Participants will become familiar with strategies for supporting and monitoring implementation in rural settings. Participants will share one research experience that reflects the challenges and strategies.

10:41—10:55 a.m. Overview of Factor #4 – Collecting Outcome Data in Rural Areas

Presenters: Susan Sheridan and Jim Bovaird

Participants will become familiar with strategies for collecting outcome data. Participants will share one research experience that reflects the challenges and strategies.

10:55—11:00 a.m. Closing Remarks

Facilitator: Mary Piontek

The facilitator will provide a brief recap and adjourn the webinar.