



Regional Educational Laboratory

Linking Research to
Policy and Practice

Turning Around Chronically Low Performing Schools: Bridging the Gap between Research and Practice

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Agenda

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

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM: Working Breakfast

“Do Now” Activity—Review the IES levels of evidence for practice guide and describe the kinds of research that count as strong, moderate and low evidence; identify specific examples

**9:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Welcome/Overview REL Mid-Atlantic/Review Agenda/Expectation of Attendees
Claudia Burzichelli, Senior Partner, REL Mid-Atlantic**

**10:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Overview Rationale of Practice Guides
What Works Clearinghouse**

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM: Break

10:45 AM-12:00 PM: General Session Presentation

**Turning Around Chronically Low Performing Schools –
Dr. Rebecca Herman and Dr. Marlene Darwin**

**12:00 AM – 12:45 PM – Working Lunch
Participants review the IES Practice Guide following the protocol:
IES Practice Guides**

12:45 PM- 1:00 PM: Break

**1:00 PM-2:00 PM: *Turning Around Chronically Low Performing Schools*: School teams dialogue on research interpretations/implications /interactions concerning the four recommendations in the practice guide and how these might be implemented at their schools.
Facilitated by Lab Extension Specialists and DOE Facilitators**

2:00 PM-2:15 PM: Break

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM – School Teams Present

REL Mid-Atlantic LES along with Drs. Herman and Darwin will facilitate the conversations and post salient points on chart paper.

**3:15 AM – 3:45 AM Doing What Works Demonstration Web Site
Dr. Marlene Darwin**

**3:45 PM – 4:00 PM Summary, Wrap-up, Next Steps?
Claudia Burzichelli, Senior Partner, REL Mid-Atlantic**