

Supporting Students with Disabilities to Become College- and Career-Ready

October 23, 2019

12:30–4:00 p.m. Central Time

Cragun's Conference Center

Paul Bunyan Room I

1100 Craguns Drive

Brainerd, MN 56401

Agenda

12:30–1:00 p.m. **Registration and networking**

1:00–1:20 p.m. **Welcome and introductions**

*Dominique Bradley, PhD, Researcher, Regional Educational
Laboratory (REL) Midwest*

Amy Feygin, PhD, Senior Researcher, REL Midwest

*Thomas Delaney, Interagency Partnerships Supervisor, Minnesota
Department of Education (MDE)*

Facilitators from the REL Midwest Career Readiness Research Alliance (MCRRA) and MDE will welcome attendees to the event. Staff will provide a walk-through of event materials and review the event's agenda and goals.

1:20–1:35 p.m. **Session I: Developing a college- and career-ready workforce**

*Tessie Bailey, PhD, Principal Technical Assistance Consultant,
American Institutes for Research (AIR)*

Dr. Bailey will provide a brief overview of the College & Career Readiness & Success Center's new resource to assist local education agencies in identifying and aligning policies, programs, and funding.

- 1:35–2:05 p.m.** **Session II: Making sense of available resources and evidence-based practices**
Dominique Bradley, PhD, Researcher, REL Midwest
Thomas Delaney, Interagency Partnerships Supervisor, MDE
- Dr. Bradley will discuss the importance of evidence-based practices (EBPs) and will share resources attendees can use, along with tools to find EBPs. Delaney will present on MDE’s available resources.
- 2:05–2:20 p.m.** **Question-and-answer session**
Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the resources presented in sessions I and II.
- 2:20–2:30 p.m.** **Break and networking**
- 2:30–3:10 p.m.** **From research to practice: Special education administrators panel**
Amy Ernst, Special Education Director, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Public Schools
Andrea Fladeboe, Special Education Director, Willmar Public Schools
Alicia Jepsen, Special Education Director, Kimball Public Schools
Alecia Mobley, Special Education Director, Roseville Public Schools
Deb Stoll, Special Education Director, Worthington Public Schools
- Special education administrators from five Minnesota school districts will participate in a moderated discussion on the specific successes and challenges they are experiencing with college and career readiness in their school or district.
- 3:10–3:50 p.m.** **Session III: Next steps discussion and reflection exercise**
Tessie Bailey, PhD, Principal Technical Assistance consultant, AIR
- Dr. Bailey will present school and district models that can be used to provide equitable opportunities to students. Attendees will engage in discussions on operational priorities, followed by time to create an action plan based on the resources presented during the event.
- 3:50–4:00 p.m.** **Wrap-up and closing remarks**
Dominique Bradley, PhD, Researcher, REL Midwest
Amy Feygin, PhD, Senior Researcher, REL Midwest
Tom Delaney, Interagency Partnerships Supervisor, MDE