

Establishing a Networked Improvement Community Focused on Personalized Learning Plans

**Monday, March 12, 2018
12:00–4:00 p.m. CT
Minnesota Department of Education
1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, MN 55113**

Agenda

12:00–12:20 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Amy Feygin, Ph.D., Senior Researcher, REL Midwest and Cora Goldston, Communications Associate, REL Midwest

Dr. Feygin and Ms. Goldston will introduce themselves and explain the workshop agenda. Participants will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and share their goals for participating in the session.

12:20–12:45 p.m.

Introduction to REL Midwest and the Career Readiness Research Alliance (MCRRA)

Amy Feygin, Ph.D., Senior Researcher, REL Midwest and Cora Goldston, Communications Associate, REL Midwest

Dr. Feygin and Ms. Goldston will provide an overview of REL Midwest and MCRRA. They will explain the current project emerged from MCRRA's research agenda-setting process.

12:45–1:45 p.m.

An Overview of Networked Improvement Communities (NICs)

Amy Feygin, Ph.D., Senior Researcher, REL Midwest

Dr. Feygin will explain how NICs work, drawing on the Michigan Focus School NIC as an example. Participants will watch the REL Midwest produced video “Strength in Numbers: Closing Achievement Gaps through Collaboration.”

1:45–2:00 p.m.

Break

2:40–2:50 p.m.

Recruiting NIC Participants

Amy Feygin, Ph.D., Senior Researcher, REL Midwest

Dr. Feygin will describe the responsibilities of NIC participants and the types of expertise needed in a NIC. Participants will work in small groups to brainstorm who in their organization can serve in each expert role and how to engage those participants.

2:50–3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00–3:50 p.m.

Building Engagement in NICs

Cora Goldston, Communications Associate, REL Midwest

Ms. Goldston will share strategies for building engagement in the NIC. Participants will work in small groups to brainstorm how to align the work of the NIC with existing staff, expertise, resources, and connections.

3:50–4:00 p.m.

Next Steps

Amy Feygin, Ph.D., Senior Researcher, REL Midwest and Cora Goldston, Communications Associate, REL Midwest

Dr. Feygin and Ms. Goldston will summarize the day's discussions and outline next steps for NIC members.

4:00 p.m.

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