



SIG Regional Conferences

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LEADING SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL TURNAROUNDS:
LEARNING FROM RESEARCH AND PRACTICE



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The US Department of Education's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, in partnership with our Comprehensive Centers, will host a series of regional capacity building conferences in support of state education agencies (SEAs), local education agencies (LEAs) and schools implementing the School Improvement Grants (SIG). As a former superintendent, principal, and teacher, I know how challenging it is to turn around low-performing schools. One of the supports I found most useful as I began the work was learning from peers who had seen success in their schools, and forming learning communities with peers who were starting their work, just as I was. Four conferences are planned to facilitate this learning—Eastern and Western regional conferences for all SIG grantees in those regions and two regional conferences focused on specific segments of SIG grantees: high schools and rural/Native American schools. We look forward to creating a learning community among SIG grantees that will thrive well beyond the two-day conferences!

CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

The Western and Eastern conferences will include school turnaround presentations applicable to all SIG grantees as well as special sessions on rural and high school turnaround. The themed conferences in the Midwest and Central regions will provide some general sessions but will primarily focus on the conference themes of high school and rural school turnaround.

Although you will receive an invitation for the conference in your region, your state and local teams are welcome to request participation in a different conference that best addresses the needs of your schools by contacting your Comprehensive Center director.

DATE/LOCATION	REGION	CONFERENCE THEME
April 5-6, 2011 Los Angeles, CA	Western (CA, UT, CO, NV, OR, WA, HI, AZ, NM) California CC, West/Southwest CC, Northwest CC, Pacific CC Contact: Meg Livingston Asensio, mliving@WestEd.org ,	The Role of State, District, and School Leadership in Turning Around Low Performing Schools
April 13-14, 2011 Washington, DC	Eastern (DC, DE, MD, PA, NJ, VA, WV, SC, TN, GA, LA, AL, MS, FL, PR, USVI, ME, NH, MA, RI, NY, KY, NC, VT, CT) New England CC, New York CC, Mid-Atlantic CC, Appalachia CC, Florida and Islands CC, Southeast CC Contacts: Robin Ahigian, rahigia@wested.org and Jan Phlegar, jphlega@wested.org	The Role of State, District, and School Leadership in Turning Around Low Performing Schools
May 18-19, 2011 Chicago, IL	Midwest (MI, IL, IN, IA, WI, OH, MN, plus interested others) Great Lakes West CC, Great Lakes East CC, NHSC Contact: Barbara Youngren, byoungren@air.org	High School Turnaround
May 24-25, 2011 Denver, CO	Central (NE, ND, SD, KS, MO, AR, OK, AK, TX, MT, ID, WY, plus BIE and interested others) North Central CC, Mid-Continent CC, Texas CC, Alaska CC (plus BIE and interested others) Contact: Anne Tweed, atweed@mcrel.org	Rural School Turnaround and Serving Native American Students



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