

2010 Needs Assessment & Improvement Planning

Date: April 1, 2010

TO: District CREATE Teams and Needs Assessment Participants

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RE: April 2010 CREATE Pre-Conference / Needs Assessment

We would like to welcome back returning CREATE district teams, and welcome new CREATE districts and new team members. We wanted to provide you with some details about the upcoming CREATE Conference, being held on April 27 and 28, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The attached agenda describes the activities for the April 27 Pre-Conference, which has been designed specifically for school district teams. Registration process and continental breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the day kicking off at 10:00 a.m. Please note these new start and end times. There is also an optional visit to the Turtle School, which many of you have already registered for. The CREATE website provides [additional information](#) on this wonderful opportunity. We hope you stay for additional networking and learning on April 28 during the CREATE Conference.

Tuesday's keynote speaker, Dr. Gwen Webb-Hasan, will help us better understand some strategies around family engagement. Dr. Hasan has worked with several districts in Wisconsin and is very familiar with the work in which we are engaged. Her presentation "The Power of Atomic Fusion in Family Engagement: Wisconsin's Fourth State of Matter", will be particularly relevant as we continue to work on disproportionality issues in our districts.

Prior to the preconference week, you will be receiving a worksheet that highlights the relationship of the 23 Focus Areas to particular sectionals of the Wednesday, April 28 conference. This will be a useful tool for your team to use in the work of these two days, as well as for planning participation in upcoming professional development activities. The time frame for the CREATE Conference on April 28 is kickoff at 8:00 a.m. (continental breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m.) through closing at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be arranged around the 23 Focus Areas. Tables will be labeled by those areas, encouraging participants to choose a Focus Area of concern where they can network and share with others informally as they eat.

We're proud to announce that the CREATE Needs Assessment and Improvement Planning web pages **will soon be available** to use for district planning, and to fulfill the DPI Comprehensive Improvement Plan requirements. Much work has been done on the Needs Assessment portion of the website, with the end goal being to provide a more effective vehicle for you to use in your district work and also in submitting your required report to the DPI. We are confident you will be pleased with the changes. Please be assured that any information you currently have on the CREATE website will be transferred to the new format. Please contact Courtney Reed-Jenkins at 608-267-9183 if you need additional information on this requirement.

Please bring a laptop along for the pre-conference sessions. This will allow you to record your work as you progress through the April 27 agenda, and prepare many of the elements for the DPI report.

We are looking forward to this work together in one month. Please contact either of us for questions you may have. Thank you and we look forward to a great conference!



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CREATE PRE-CONFERENCE AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010

Radisson Hotel - Green Bay, WI

This day is designed for new and continuing district CREATE teams.

Dr. Gwendolyn Webb-Hasan is an associate professor in the department of special education at Texas A&M University. Her research interests include curriculum and instructional development, multicultural education, parental/family involvement, recruitment and retention of culturally diverse students in higher education and special education. Dr. Webb-Johnson holds a M.A. from Northeastern Illinois University, Behavior Disorders and an Ed. D. from Illinois State University, Special Education, and will share her perspectives and research.

The day will provide districts an overview of the CREATE project and its initiatives, as well as information on how the District Needs Assessment Rubric, completed by district teams in June 2009, is related to the state personnel development model and to the other CREATE initiatives and professional development. School teams will have time to discuss their progress on implementing the Comprehensive District Disproportionality Improvement Plan, submitted to the DPI in October 2009. Professional development needs for the 2010-11 school year will also be assessed.

9:00 – 10:00 AM
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REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

10:00 – 10:15 AM
Grand Council South

WELCOME
Ron Dunlap, CREATE Coordinator

10:15 – 10:45 AM

CREATE Needs ASSESSMENT KEYNOTE
Dr. Gwendolyn Webb-Hasan, Texas A&M University

10:45 – 11:00 AM

CREATE WEBSITE
Bethany Olsen, CREATE Program Assistant

11:00 – 11:15 AM

REQUIRED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & CREATE INITIATIVES
Courtney Reed Jenkins, J.D, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Bethany Olsen, CREATE Program Assistant

11:15 – 11:35 PM

PROGRAM FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Marta Larson, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

11:35 – 12:00 PM

CREATE NEEDS ASSESSMENT RUBRIC OVERVIEW
Mary Kampa

12:00 – 12:45 PM
Iroquois North

LUNCH

12:45 – 2:45 PM
Grand Council South

CONTINUING DISTRICTS
Mary Kampa
Nancy Graese

1:00 – 2:45 PM NEW DISTRICTS
Bear Room
Courtney Reed Jenkins
Jerianne Kvapil

2:45 – 3:00 PM

HOTEL CHECK-IN

3:00 – 3:15 PM

Turtle School Visit – **Meet in the hotel lobby** for transportation