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Sustainability Planning Seminar

Overview

This two-part Seminar is designed to help teams of local school and community leaders explore the essential elements of service-learning sustainability and engage in a collaborative planning process to identify and implement strategies to sustain service-learning.

PART 1:

PART I is designed to introduce leaders to structures and policies in their schools and communities that affect change and can be leveraged to sustain service-learning. Through interactive and collaborative activities, participants learn strategies that can be used to create a local leadership team and an action plan.

Target Audience and Workshop Length:

PART I is a two-day seminar designed for service-learning advocates and leaders (e.g. curriculum coordinator(s), building administrator(s), representative teacher(s), representative student(s), community partner(s), and/or volunteer coordinator(s), etc.).

PART II is a one-day follow-up seminar for Part I participants, typically scheduled 6 to 9 months after Part I.

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Participants will:

One to four hour workshop designed for educators, administrators, community partners and parents new to our service-learning model.

Explore the essential elements of sustainability: Professional Development; Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Leadership; and School<>Community Partnerships
Learn practices and polices implemented by other communities in their efforts to sustain service-learning
Learn a process with specific tools and strategies to sustain service-learning in their communities
Assemble a guiding team of leaders
Build common language that should be used in schools and communities for both service-learning and strategic planning
Understand Best Practices for high quality service-learning (KIDS Model/National Standards)
Explore and gain lessons learned about how your communities have implemented service-learning and related initiatives to date (barriers/opportunities/successes)
Conduct a self-assessment on elements of sustainability in your schools and communities
Chart a vision of service-learning for your community
Learn to use action planning templates
Identify resources needed to move forward with sustainability work
Have time to plan next steps (short and long term) in sustaining service-learning
Receive peer and facilitator feedback on plans

PART II:

PART II is a follow-up seminar designed to help local leaders articulate their progress, reflect, celebrate successes, and determine next steps toward sustaining service-learning in schools and communities.