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GEAR UP Regional Technical Assistance Coordinators (RTAC)

Facilitate district-wide and school specific strategic planning.

The RTACs have a wide range of experience in supporting comprehensive data-driven systemic planning. The RTACs can assist in the identification of membership for a planning team, coordinating all existing initiatives and resources, and identifying data sources and collection procedures to specify school and district needs, as well as assessing implementation progress and engage in continuous improvement.

Professional Development

The RTACs can deliver or identify resources to provide a wide range of professional development opportunities for educators using a variety of formats: mini-courses, dine and discuss, book groups, workshops, coaching, institutes or academies, seminars, courses, study groups. These professional development opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- ✿ Utilizing technology to increase learning opportunities
- ✿ Differentiated Instruction / Research-based instruction
- ✿ Understanding brain research and implications for teaching
- ✿ Leadership and learning (for administrators, teachers, and/or students)
- ✿ Literacy / Math / Science (content specific workshops)
- ✿ Student leadership / aspirations
- ✿ Transitions that support all learners (middle to high school, high school to college, etc.)
- ✿ Positive Behavior Supports
- ✿ SAT Prep
- ✿ Teaching that supports gender differences
- ✿ Teacher Leadership / Instructional Leadership
- ✿ Creating Personal Learning Plans
- ✿ Understanding the issues of poverty and implications for teaching
- ✿ Assessment design
- ✿ Critical thinking and learning strategies

Grant Identification and Writing

The RTACs can serve an invaluable function for districts as they can continuously research grant opportunities, facilitate grant writing teams, and serve as an informational resource for teams in the securing of both State and Federal grant monies.

Leverage Resources

RTACs are continuously engaged in learning about the many resources available around the community, as well as statewide and nationally. RTACs can identify resources that can support specific school- and district-level initiatives, for example, they have full utilization of resources such as ConnectEdu.

Materials

A lending library of most current research-based teaching information, or specific teaching/ learning materials is available upon request.

Support College Planning

Staff will support planning of college planning or information workshops.

This is a brief highlight of the resources that the staff from Maine Parent Federation can provide to schools and districts. This list is not comprehensive, and through collaboration with school staff, specific and individualized support is available.



Maine Parent Federation (MPF)

www.mpf.org

The Maine Parent Federation (MPF) is a partner in the State GEAR UP grant. The Maine Parent Federation, Inc. is a statewide family support organization which promotes individual aspirations for all people through information, education and advocacy. To support the implementation of this mission MPF offers a variety of resources to GEAR UP schools. The resources identified below provide a brief snapshot of what MPF can provide to support a college-going culture in GEAR UP schools. As with the RTACs, the services provided through MPF can be personalized to meet the specific needs of a school, district, or region.

Parent Learning Opportunities

MPF staff provides a wide range of workshops designed to support family involvement in education. These opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- ✿ **Helping with Homework**
- ✿ **Creating a learning environment in the home**
- ✿ **College awareness—what parents need to do to encourage post-secondary education aspirations**
- ✿ **College aspirations—choosing the best college to meet the student's needs, helping with the college application process**
- ✿ **Study/Organizational Skills (separate from Helping with Homework, developed specifically for high school students)**
- ✿ **Paying for college—College costs, financial aid packages (grants vs. loans, work study), applying for financial aid (the FAFSA is just one step in the process), scholarships, the GU scholarship, begin at community college then transfer to 4 yr. college, AP/CLEP and other options for cheap credits, volunteer opportunities that earn college money such as AmeriCorps, etc.**

Participation in Strategic Planning

MPF Staff can serve as an important resource in system-wide strategic planning. MPF staff brings a broad understanding of the resources available to both parents and schools related to increasing family participation in education.

E-mentoring

MPF staff has been working with schools to establish an e-mentoring program. The staff can serve as a resource to support the identification and implementation of mentoring in schools.