

September 2010 INTC Newsletter

Message from the Director

As you will see below, the INTC Executive/Partnership Boards will gather on November 3 in Champaign. This will be the second meeting since INTC began convening the former Illinois Induction Policy Team (IIPT) strategic plan subcommittees along with the EB/PB working groups. We have expanded our email network and, hopefully, are catching all the committed folks who have worked so diligently on the IIPT strategic plan. The primary purpose of these semiannual meetings is to review and coordinate the activities of the various subgroups so that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. We welcome all who are interested in advancing Induction & Mentoring in Illinois to this important event.

ISBE Funded Programs

Programs are completing their applications for continuation funding with a deadline of September 10th. Shortly, we will have a better idea of how many programs will be able to continue despite dire financial times. This has been a rough summer for the program leaders, requiring creative planning and some tough decision-making. INTC provided opportunities for leaders to collaboratively brainstorm strategies for maintaining induction services through these challenging times.

INTC is developing the fall PLaN (Professional Learning and Networking) meetings to be held in October and early November for funded program leaders. The content focus for these sessions will be advocacy and communication (*Illinois Induction Programs Continuum* Criteria 1.2, 1.3, & 2.2).

INTC Data Briefs 4-6, plus final report

Data Briefs 4 - 6 have been completed and are available on the INTC website (<http://intc.education.illinois.edu/category/category/illinois-induction-research>). These data briefs provide a snapshot of data on the 64 induction and mentoring programs that received funding in FY 2010. The Final Report, summarizing the data briefs and offering recommendations, will be published and available on the INTC website soon.

Executive Board and Partnership Board November Meeting

The INTC Executive Board and Partnership Board will meet on November 3rd, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the I Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign, IL. If you are interested in becoming a member of the INTC Partnership Board, contact Jeff Kohmstedt at 217-244-7389 or by jkohm@illinois.edu.

2011 INTC Annual Induction and Mentoring Conference “Continuing the Continuum”

Planning meetings for the 6th Annual INTC Induction and Mentoring Conference have begun. Conference dates have been set for March 1 - 2, 2011 in Springfield. For more information about the conference, visit: <http://intc.education.illinois.edu/conference>

2010 INTC Beginning Teacher Conference “Y2: Moving Beyond Survival” Archive

The archive from the first annual INTC Beginning Teacher Conference is now available (<http://intc.education.illinois.edu/page/beginning-teacher-conference-archive>). It includes video of the motivational keynote speaker and the veteran teacher Q&A panel, ongoing discussions of beginning teachers' "Burning Questions," and a new online database of "Successful Strategies" for sharing tips and tricks that beginning teachers and others find useful. The June 2010 conference brought together new teachers who had just finished their first year of teaching.

Professional Development Workshops

Differentiated Instruction will be the topic featured at the INTC 2010 regional professional development workshops being offered at three locations: September 28 at Two Rivers Professional Development Center, Edwards; October 6 at Kaskaskia College, Centralia; and October 20 at National-Louis University, Lisle. Registration is free and open to all Illinois K-12 schools, but attendance is limited to 40 at each location. These workshops run from 9:30 AM to 3 PM. The target audience is new teachers and those who work with new teachers. For more information and to register, visit: <http://intc.education.illinois.edu/page/regional-professional-development-workshop>

Illinois Induction Program Continuum

Sixteen leaders from funded programs throughout the state are able to present foundation training on the use of the *Illinois Induction Program Continuum*. The foundation training consists of an in-depth review of the induction and mentoring standards, examples and case studies of how the *Continuum* can be applied to individual programs, planning tools, and opportunities to create action plans with evaluative components. Trainings can be tailored to specific program needs. Two facilitator trainings and two foundation trainings were held this spring and summer. The foundation training dovetails with the state-approved Administrators Academy which provides an introduction to the *Continuum* document.

Service Learning

INTC plans to provide teachers with professional development aimed at incorporating service learning into their classrooms. The first committee meeting will be held at the end of September. Those interested in participating should contact Hilarie Welsh (welsh2@illinois.edu).