

Data Driven Decision Making: Developing Data Facilitators

A Training of Trainers Seminar

August 3-4, 2006 in Eugene, Oregon

<http://www.nwrel.org/nwrcc/data-seminar/>

Goal

The Oregon Department of Education is working towards building the capacity of educational leaders to support schools and districts in using data to inform decision making. To support this goal, [ODE](#), the [Northwest Regional Comprehensive Center](#), and [TERC](#) are collaborating on a seminar designed to prepare data facilitators.

Research Based Program

The [Using Data](#) Facilitator Seminar was developed by TERC with a grant from the National Science Foundation and evaluated by independent researchers. Using Data has been field-tested across the country in high-poverty, diverse urban and rural school districts. Over two and one-half years of implementation, the program has documented gains in mathematics and science achievement and narrowing of achievement gaps between economic and racial groups, as well as increased collaboration, data use, and instructional improvement.

Focus

The purpose of the Using Data Facilitator Seminar is to build the capacity of educational leaders, known as data facilitators, to lead a process of collaborative inquiry with school-based data teams and to influence the culture of schools to be one in which data are used continuously, collaboratively and effectively to improve teaching and learning. Through this process, data facilitators will gain essential skills and knowledge in three areas:

- Data literacy - understand, accurately interpret, and respond appropriately to multiple data sources, including formative and summative student learning assessments, student work, and quantitative and qualitative data related to programs, practices, and policies.
- Facilitation - facilitate data-driven dialogue and lead data teams through short cycles of planning, implementing, and monitoring instructional improvement.
- Leadership for sustainability - communicate vision, build broad support, and establish systems to sustain a culture of continuous improvement.

Audience

The Seminar is recommended for experienced leaders who can learn the process, apply it in their own diverse contexts, and ultimately train others to use data to improve teaching and learning. Priority will be given to participants who serve Title I schools and districts, schools and districts that are designated In Need of Improvement status, and can attend in regional teams. Participants may include:

- Educational Service District Staff
- District Level Staff
- School Building Leaders
- Experienced Professional Developers
- Instructional Coaches
- Teacher Leaders
- Data Specialists

Dates

Participants will be expected to attend all four sessions: the summer seminar, the fall seminar, the winter seminar, and the spring planning.

Summer Seminar

Thursday and Friday, August 3-4, 2006 - Eugene, Oregon

- 7:30am-8:30am Breakfast and Registration
- 8:30am-12:00 Seminar
- 12:00-1:00pm Working lunch
- 1:00pm-5:00pm Seminar

The summer seminar will be held at the Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene, Oregon 97401, (541) 687-0123, <http://www.valleyriverinn.com>

Fall Seminar - The fall seminar will take place during one of these sets of dates. The exact date will be determined by August 4th.

- Thursday and Friday, November 2-3, 2006
 - Thursday and Friday, November 9-10, 2006
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Winter Seminar - The winter seminar will take place during one of these sets of dates. The exact date will be determined by August 4th.

- Thursday and Friday, January 18-19, 2007
 - Thursday and Friday, January 25-26, 2007
 - Thursday and Friday, February 1-2, 2007
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Spring Planning - The spring planning will take place during one of these days. The exact date will be determined by August 4th.

- Friday, May 4, 2007
- Friday, May 11, 2007
- Friday, May 18, 2007

Participant Responsibilities

It is expected that all participants will be able to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Attend the two-day Seminar, August 3-4, 2006 in Eugene, Oregon
- Engage in the Using Data process with their regional data team during the 2006-2007 school year.
- Attend the two-day fall seminar. Date to be determined.
- Attend the two-day winter seminar. Date to be determined.
- Attend the one-day spring planning to develop strategies to train others in the Using Data process. Date to be determined.
- Become a Using Data Facilitator that can guide others through the Using Data process.

Costs

The expectation is for costs to be shared by ODE, NWRCC, and each sponsoring school, district, and/or ESD. ODE and NWRCC are providing funds for the course.

Each sponsoring school, district, and/or ESD is expected to provide the following funding:

- Seminar registration fee is \$100 for each participant and includes the course (three seminars and spring planning), breakfasts and lunches during the sessions, and all materials.
- Travel, lodging, and any necessary stipends and substitute teacher costs will be provided by each sponsoring school, district, and/or ESD to attend all of the meetings: summer, fall, and winter seminars and spring planning session.

Funds which could be used to support this work include: Title IA and Title IIA professional development funds if

this work is included in your improvement plans.

Registration Information

Register online at <http://www.nwrel.org/nwrcc/data-seminar/>

A separate online registration application must be submitted for each person attending the seminar.

After you have submitted the online registration form (at <http://www.nwrel.org/nwrcc/data-seminar/>) you will receive an email registration verification. Print and send the verification with the registration fee of \$100 per person in the format of a check or purchase order payable to NWREL. **Payment must be received by June 16th, 2006.**

Print and send your emailed registration verification along with payment (check or PO) to:

Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory
Attn: Finance Department
101 SW Main, Suite 500
Portland, OR 97204

Registration will not be confirmed until full payment has been received.

Space at the seminar is limited. Attendance is based on a first come first served basis; however, priority will be given to participants who attend in regional teams, and personnel who work directly with Title I schools and districts that are designated In Need of Improvement status. In the event that the seminar becomes filled, full payment will be refunded.

Cancellation Policy

Should you need to cancel your registration, a refund is available if written notification is received by July 7, 2006. Requests made after July 7, 2006 will not be refunded.

Lodging

The summer seminar will be held at the Valley River Inn, 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene, Oregon 97401, (541) 687-0123 - <http://www.valleyriverinn.com>. We have negotiated rooms at the conference rate of \$76 for single occupancy and \$91 for double occupancy under the name "Oregon Department of Education (ODE) Data Seminar". To receive this rate, participants must call the Valley River Inn at 1-800-543-8266 by **Friday, June 30th** to reserve a room at these rates. Participants will be responsible for making their own reservations.

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