

Making Connections: Building Partnerships for Improvement in Education

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday, December 12, 2014
Chicago, IL

Draft Agenda

4:00–4:02 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

REL Midwest: Alicia Garcia, JD, Deputy Director, REL Midwest

Ms. Garcia will provide an overview of the regional educational laboratories and REL Midwest, discuss the goals of the hour-long television program, and briefly introduce the moderator.

4:02–4:05 p.m.

Event Overview

Moderator: Julie Kochanek, Ph.D., Director, REL Midwest

Dr. Kochanek will offer a high-level overview of the research-practitioner partnerships and will introduce the panelists.

4:05–4:15 p.m.

Research Usability for Policy and Practice

Vivian Tseng, Ph.D, from the William T. Grant Foundation will present research-practice partnerships as an approach with growing use in education. Dr. Tseng will discuss who benefits from research and its findings, and how research findings can translate to practical applications.

4:15–4:30 p.m.

Examples of Research-practice Partnerships: REL Midwest

The moderator and panelists will examine how research-practice partnerships are used in REL Midwest. Mindee O’Cummings, a REL Midwest researcher and Laurie Kruszynski, a member of the Dropout Prevention Research Alliance will discuss how REL Midwest and Scott High School of Toledo Public Schools worked together to implement an early warning indicator system.

4:30–4:40 p.m.

Good Behavior Game Initiative

Dr. Poduska will share her experience as a researcher in implementing and researching the Good Behavior Game in collaboration with school districts, communities, and funding agencies

4:40–4:53 p.m.

Stanford University/San Francisco Unified School District Partnership

Laura Wentworth from Stanford University will discuss the university’s partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District, providing insight into how both partners build consensus and align their research interests to improve the district policies and practices.

4:53–4:55 p.m.

Concluding Remarks

REL Midwest: Julie Kochanek, Ph.D., Director, REL Midwest

Dr. Kochanek will briefly review the topics discussed during the program, refer audience members to resources they can consult for additional information (e.g., the Institute of Education Sciences practice guide and website), and thank audience members for attending and viewers for watching.

5:00–6:00 p.m.

Mix and Mingle With Panel Members

Audience members will be able to ask questions of the panel members immediately following the taping, in a large-group discussion and in an informal meet-and-greet session.