



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

Dear State Directors:

Thank you for your responses to my email earlier this month asking your interest in several meeting opportunities during the week of July 21st. I received a very positive response related to the joint meeting with Title I, Title III and SIG directors and also for any opportunities to learn more about RDA. Below are more details related to each opportunity.

OSEP Project Directors' Conference

The 2014 OSEP Project Directors' Conference will be held July 21–23, 2014, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. This conference includes OSEP's discretionary grantees and there are always many high quality plenary, large group and breakout sessions from which to choose. The cut-off date for registration is Friday, June 27, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. EST. Note there is no registration fee. Conference registration and information related to reservations at the Wardman-Park are available at the following link: <https://www.osep-meeting.org/registration.aspx>

RDA Sessions

Beginning on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 23 and continuing, Thursday, July 24 and Friday, July 25, OSEP staff will offer sessions related to RDA. Wednesday and Thursday will include plenary and breakout sessions on key SSIP Phase I topics, such as data analysis, infrastructure analysis and stakeholder involvement. In addition to OSEP-led sessions, we will provide opportunities for the State-to-State dialog many of you requested. Finally, on Friday we will organize time to meet with your State contact and other OSEP staff to discuss State-specific issues.

A number of you indicated that you planned to bring 3 or 4 representatives from your State. Since it is likely that only one representative from your State will be able to attend the combined Federal Programs meeting on Thursday (see below), we will offer RDA sessions on Thursday for other staff who may be attending.

There is no fee for these RDA sessions. Details regarding the agenda and location will be provided in the next several weeks.

Combined Federal Programs Meeting

Plan now to meet with your colleagues from Title I, Title III, and School Turnaround (SIG) in Washington, DC, on Thursday, July 24th. Coordinated by the National Title I Association, this is an excellent opportunity to work collaboratively with other federal programs. Full details about the meetings are available on the Collaborative Federal Programs Meeting webpages (<http://www.titlei.org/federaleducationprogram/main>) and additional details are added as they become available from ED. Registration is limited to those at the SEA-level, so these pages require that you log in on the National Title I Association website (www.titlei.org) to be able to access them. Space is limited and it is likely that only one representative from State special education programs will be able to attend the combined meeting on July 24th.

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Log In Access

If you already have a National Title I Association user account, log in using the user name and password you maintain for Title I-related activities there. If you did not already have an existing account, one was created for you. For new accounts, your user name is your email address and the default password is: password (you may change this to anything you like once in your account).

Registration & Hotel Reservations

Registration Fee for the Combined Meeting Day is \$250/person, If you are interested in staying at the Mayflower the room rate is \$241/night (including all taxes and fees). Full instructions for registering and securing hotel reservations are available on the Title I website. You may reserve both registration and hotel and pay by credit card or check, but full payment on both must be received no later than June 20 to avoid losing your selections. Be sure to follow all payment instructions exactly to ensure confirmation of your attendance. If you have questions on this session, please contact the National Title I Association at 800-256-6452.

Other Opportunities

OSEP Staff will also be attending the Early Childhood Conference to be held September 8-10th. We will offer a 3 hour RDA session at this conference. Details to follow as the agenda for the conference is finalized.

And finally, during the fall we will be offering several virtual opportunities related to RDA Phase I and Phase II. More information to follow on these events.

We look forward to working with you as we continue our efforts to improve results for children with disabilities and their families.

Best
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