



## INNOVATION FUND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DAY

**July 8th, Monroe County Conference Center, Forsyth GA**

### **10:00 TO 10:30 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DAY KICKOFF (MONET)**

#### **Innovation Fund Grant 101 Part I:**

#### **Overview of the Innovation Fund Grant Opportunities**

*Rebecca Ellis, Innovation Fund Program Manager, Governor's Office of Student Achievement*

### **10:45 TO 11:45: BREAKOUT SESSIONS I**

#### **Blended Learning (Pecan)**

*Lisa Duty, Partner, The Learning Accelerator*

During this session, blended learning expert, Lisa Duty from the Learning Accelerator, will define and discuss blended learning and provide examples of how other schools and districts have successfully implemented blended learning school models.

#### **Teacher Development for High-Need Schools (Degas)**

*Dr. Leslie Hazle Bussey, Chief of Staff, GLISI*

During this session, Dr. Leslie Hazle Bussey from the Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement (GLISI) will discuss the research behind effective teacher development models for high-need schools, as well as provide examples of effective teacher development models in practice.

#### **Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development (Renoir)**

*Robyn Tedder, M.Ed., Birth to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Facilitator, Rollins Center*

*Nicole Tuttle, Director of Literacy, Charles R. Drew Charter School*

*Arianne Weldon, MPH, Director, Get Georgia Reading Campaign*

During this session, Arianne Weldon will present on the four pillars of the Get Georgia Reading Campaign and the Birth to Age Eight Language and Literacy Development priority area: (a) language nutrition, (b) access, (c) learning climate, and (d) teacher preparation. Nicole Tuttle and Robyn Tedder will share their experiences implementing an early

childhood language and literacy program at Charles R. Drew Charter School and discuss how Drew Charter School's model addresses the pillars of this priority area.

**11:45 – 12:45: NETWORKING LUNCH**

**12:45 – 1:45: BREAKOUT SESSIONS II**

**Applied Learning (Pecan)**

*Julie Sharpe, Evaluator, Tift County Mechatronics Program, President, Sharpe Solutions*

*Dr. Douglas Wright, 12 for Life/STEM for Life Coordinator, Carroll County School System*

During this session, representatives from two Innovation Fund grants – Carroll County STEM for Life and the Tift County Mechatronics Program – will discuss what defines an applied learning program and how they have implemented successful applied learning programs in their respective districts.

**Leader Development for High-Need Schools (Degas)**

*Catherine Barbour, Principal Technical Assistance Consultant, Center for Great Teachers and Leaders at American Institutes for Research*

During this session, Catherine Barbour will share her expertise in implementing an innovative leader development program for high-need schools. Specifically, this session will focus on implementing a competency-based turnaround leadership coaching approach which focuses on four key competencies of successful turnaround principals: (a) driving for results, (b) influencing for results, (c) problem-solving, and (d) leading with confidence.

**Innovation Fund Grant Writing Workshop (Renoir)**

*Rebecca Ellis, Innovation Fund Program Manager, Governor's Office of Student Achievement*

Has your organization experienced difficulty writing successful grants in the past? If so, then this session is for you. During this hands-on session, attendees will learn and discuss strategies for developing and writing successful grants from start to finish and analyze examples of successful and unsuccessful Innovation Fund grant applications.

**1:50 – 2:30 CLOSING SESSION (MONET)**

**Innovation Fund Grant 101 Part II:**

**Discussion of Innovation Fund Grant Application Questions**

*Rebecca Ellis, Innovation Fund Program Manager, Governor's Office of Student Achievement*