



Using NJ Quality Indicators for Inclusion

Blueprint

for change:

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12 Centre Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831**

Registration and Details: <http://www.featraining.org/>

Quality Indicators are statements of specific practices that have been documented through research and/or school-based experiences to promote the creation of inclusive learning communities where all students can be successful. The Quality Indicators listed in the new Quality Indicators for Effective Inclusive Education Manual have been identified through an extensive review of research literature and examination of similar documents developed by eight states that have successfully used Quality Indicators to advance inclusive education practices in their schools. Input on the New Jersey Indicators was obtained from administrators and teachers across the state and piloted in schools in 5 New Jersey districts.

PRESENTERS: Peter Bastardo, Ed.D. has more than 35 years experience in education, as: an elementary and secondary school teacher; Director of the Regional Curriculum Services Unit – Central for the State; a Principal, an Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; and, over ten years of Superintendent of Schools in Highland Park and Freehold Township. In 2008, Dr. Bastardo became Senior Associate at the Rutgers institute for Improving Student Achievement (RIISA), Graduate School of Education, where his primary responsibility is providing leadership training and development. He has published numerous articles and was a co-author of a nationally validated curriculum project and associated textbook dealing with critical thinking and decision-making strategies for middle and high school students. Dr. Bastardo has delivered many state and national presentations on the topics of school leadership, school improvement and the change process.

Dr. Bastardo will be joined by Project Staff from NJCIE: Paula Lieb, Esq., Director and Orah Raia, MAT, Coordinator of the Quality Indicators Project.

Are you ready to move forward with inclusion in your school/district but aren't sure where to begin?

This full day workshop will address the essentials of successful school change around inclusion and guide participants in how to use the newly developed New Jersey Quality Indicators on inclusion as a starting point to create a Blueprint for Change.

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