

New training opportunity: *Using Research to Inform Decisions*

“Federal guidelines now ask school and district staff to use research evidence when making decisions about policies and programs. Despite these realities, finding and using solid research can be a difficult task.

“*Using Research to Inform Decisions* will guide you in how to find and evaluate pertinent research, with a constant eye toward how such research can be used to inform various school- and district-level decisions. The workshop provides an overview of how practitioners use research and offers several simple tools to help you find the study you need. You will also learn strategies and structures that help foster an environment where research truly informs decision-making.

“State and local education officials are invited to take part in a **two-week online training** designed to help practitioners find and use research to inform educational decisions. The training is offered by the [National Center for Research in Policy and Practice](#) (an IES-funded research and development center) and the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

“The program **is designed for state and district education officials, school leaders, and school district decision-makers**, including directors of research, curriculum and instruction, and **special education**.

“The online format will consist of video lectures, readings, facilitated online discussions, and exploration exercises to help participants engage with research and gain confidence in using evidence to make sound decisions.

“The online instruction, discussions, and job-embedded practice **should take five to seven hours over the duration of the program**. Participants who complete all individual assessments and contribute to group discussions **will receive a certificate** indicating completion of five clock hours of instruction.”

Dates: **August 7-20, 2017**

Sponsored by: **Harvard Graduate School of Education (on-line training)**

Cost: **\$149.00**

Registration Deadline: **August 6, 2017.**

Registration information is available [on-line](#). For additional information, contact the admissions team at ppe@gse.harvard.edu or call 800-545-1849.

Registration reimbursement for this event is available through the OSDE-SES's Project 613. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, districts will need to obtain pre-approval by submitting a request via email to your Compliance, Data, and Finance Specialist. Please use “Project 613 – Harvard” in the subject line and provide the following details:

1. Names and title of staff members attending
2. Estimated total cost

Additional instructions will be sent after approval.

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