

Pre-Institute Workshops
Dropout Prevention Institute/School Attendance Symposium
October 4, 2010 – 2:00 – 5:00 pm
Cost: \$40/each workshop; must be pre-registered

**PIW1: The PAR Advantage...A Dropout Early Warning System with
Research-Based Solutions**

Presented by: Dr. Jay Smink, and Mrs. Bev Sevick, National Dropout Prevention Center,
Clemson, SC

The National Dropout Prevention Center has identified 15 effective strategies that have the most positive impact on the dropout rate; these strategies have been implemented successfully at all education levels and environments throughout the nation. The first part of this session will be a detailed discussion of how those research-based strategies can be utilized for dropout prevention, including illustrations of best practices and model programs in use in local districts and communities across the nation. The second part of the session will showcase the Performance Assessment and Review process (PAR Advantage) and the dropout early warning system (DEWS) developed by the NDPC. The discussion will cover the importance of the school leaders' commitment to a climate for change as well as the importance of the involvement of various stakeholders. It will also include the appropriate use of data, tips on the implementation of the 15 strategies and suggestions on how to maintain and sustain successful programs. Planning tools and check lists will be shared.

PIW2: *Transforming the Difficult into the Delightful*

Presented by: Kathy Hess-Reneau, MA, Licensed Professional Counselor, Motivational Speaker, Consultant and Certified Life Coach, Mediator and Certified Anger Resolution Therapist, San Antonio, TX

Using evidence-based strategies and techniques for breaking through the bully, bystander and target mindsets, Kathy shares her personal experiences that have helped many students give up drugs and build dreams for their futures. Through case studies, intervention strategies, interactive and written exercises she will demonstrate the power of these techniques to transform the difficult into the delightful. If you want to enhance your ability to make a difference with the challenging students you serve, you'll want to be in this session. She promises to leave participants encouraged and empowered to take new action.

**PIW3: *Helping Students Graduate: Strategies and Tools to Prevent School
Dropouts***

Presented by: Mr. Franklin Schargel, School Success Network, Albuquerque, NM

Using the 15 effective strategies developed by the National Dropout Prevention Center and tools developed as "best practices" by some of America's outstanding schools and programs, workshop participants will not only learn what to do but how to aid at-risk youth to graduate.