AGENDA
3-Day Basic Training

Wednesday, July 17, 2013
(All sessions held in the School of Media and Public Affairs Building, Room 310)

7:30-8:30  Continental Breakfast at GW
7:30-8:30  Registration
8:30-9:30  Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements
  • Carol Kochhar-Bryan, Senior Associate Dean of GSHED, GW
  • Sally Baas, NASP President
  • Stacy Skalski, Director of Professional Policy and Practice, NASP
  • Kelly Vaillancourt, Director of Government Relations, NASP
  • Pam Leconte, George Washington University, Coordinator
  • Allison Bollinger, Professional Relations Manager, NASP
9:30-10:30 Historical and Evolving Federal Role in Education:  ESEA, NCLB, and Beyond
  • Michael Usdan, Senior Fellow and Past President, Institute for Educational Leadership
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-11:45 Reflections on a Half-Century of School Reform:  Why Have We Fallen Short and Where Do We Go From Here?
  • Jack Jennings, Founder, Center on Education Policy and Maria Ferguson, Executive Director, Center on Education Policy
11:45-12:15 Group Discussions:  Participants will be assigned to small groups and will discuss the following topics
  • What is the appropriate federal role in education?
  • How can schools respond to student misconduct without contributing to disproportionate representation and “school to prison pipeline?”
  • How can schools create positive school climates and effectively respond to bullying and harassment?
12:15-1:00 Lunch
1:00-2:00 The 2013 Children’s Budget:  How do our nation’s children fare in the federal budget?
  • Jared Solomon, Senior Director of Budget Policy, First Focus
2:00-2:15 Break
2:15-3:15 Powerful Change:  Building Communities of Practice and Resources for Children and Youth
  • Joanne Cashman, Director, IDEA Partnership
3:15-4:15 Overview of the Capitol Hill Experience
  • Kelly Vaillancourt, Katie Eklund, Allison Bollinger Miller and the GPR Committee
4:15-5:30 Regional Networking
5:45-8:00 Reception-Tonic at Quigley’s Pharmacy
  • 2036 G Street
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7:30-8:30  Continental Breakfast at GW
8:30-9:30  Safe and Healthy Students
          •  David Esquith, Director of the Office of Safe and Healthy Students, US Department of Education
9:30-10:35 Kids Count: The Status of America’s Children Today and Tomorrow
          •  Florencia Gutierrez, Research Associate, National KIDS COUNT, Annie E. Casey Foundation
10:35-10:45 Break
10:45-11:30 Preparing for the Capitol Hill Experience
11:30-12:00 Lunch
12:00-1:30 Project ACHIEVE-Evidence-Based School Improvement: Rethinking Policy, Practice, Outcomes
          •  Howie Knoff, President of Project ACHIEVE, Director of Arkansas State Improvement Grant and Matt Kamins, School Psychologist, Montgomery County Public Schools, MD
1:45-2:45 Programs and Policies of the Office of Special Education Programs
          •  Renee Bradley, Deputy Director of the Office of Special Education Programs, US Department of Education
2:45-4:00 PBIS: Multi-Tiered Systems of Behavior Support
          •  George Sugai, Carole J. Neag Endowed Professor, Neag School of Education University of Connecticut; Do-Director of the OSEP Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavior Interventions and Support
4:00-7:00 NASP Breakout Session
          •  Stacy Skalski, NASP Director of Professional Policy and Practice
          •  Kelly Vaillancourt, NASP Director of Government Relations
          •  Kathy Cowan, NASP Director of Communication
          •  Allison Bollinger Miller, NASP Manager of Professional Relations
          •  Katie Eklund, NASP Government and Professional Relations Committee Co-Chair
Friday, July 19, 2013

7:00-8:00  Travel to Capitol Hill via Metro
8:00-8:15  Continental Breakfast on Capitol Hill
           • Capitol Visitors Center Congressional Meeting Room North, Room 268
8:15-8:30  Introduction and Brief Overview of the Hill Day
           • Morning Orientation
           • Thank you to our room sponsor, Representative George Miller (CA-11)
8:30-9:30  Legislative Hill Panel
           • Amanda Beaumont, Education Policy Advisor, Senator Al Franken (MN)
           • Michael Gamel-McCormick, Senior K-12 Education Policy Advisor, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Majority Staff
           • Jacque Chevalier, Education Policy Advisor, House Committee on Education and the Workforce, Minority Staff
9:30-3:00  Capitol Hill Visits
           • All PPI participants attend scheduled meetings with their U.S. Senators and Representatives
           • Observe hearings and/or briefings
           • Tour the Capitol
           • Lunch on your own
3:00-4:00  Capitol Hill Debriefing
           • Rayburn House Office Building Room 2261
           • Hill reports for each visit should be completed via the online report form (http://naspweb.capwiz.com/naspweb/lrm/feedback.tt?event=42293)
           • Evaluations