



NCCEP/GEAR UP CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP 2005 PRE-WORKSHOP SESSIONS



Join Us at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel
February 6, 2005 • Philadelphia, PA

Pre-Workshop Sessions

■ **Developing High-Performing GEAR UP Professionals: A Workshop for Newly Hired Directors and GEAR UP Employees**

This pre-conference workshop is designed to provide newly appointed GEAR UP directors and other program staff with information about GEAR UP's history and programmatic developments to date. Its purpose is to orient GEAR UP college access professionals to the work of GEAR UP and to introduce newly appointed individuals to lessons learned over time and to theories of change subscribed to by the GEAR UP professional community. Come learn how other high-performing GEAR UP professionals have taken advantage of the program's innovative approach to creating system(s) change within schools, colleges, universities, and communities. The workshop also will benefit individuals seeking to compare and contrast their roles and responsibilities with others in the community in order to maximize their performance and increase their professional impact.

■ **Evaluators Institute** (*\$125 fee*)

An increased emphasis on program evaluation presents a significant challenge and opportunity for local GEAR UP evaluators. Performance reporting requirements from the U.S. Department of Education clearly state the need for data collection, reporting, and evaluation by grantees. By improving individual and institutional capacities to conduct high-quality project-level evaluation, local GEAR UP evaluators can better track cohorts of students, collect pertinent data, and evaluate program effectiveness in a way that will meet funders' requirements and enhance program impact. These efforts also will help GEAR UP partnerships better understand how well they are serving various types of students. Increasing capacity for data-based decision making and the use of logic modules and program alignment models will enable GEAR UP evaluators to improve data collection for the purpose of measuring student achievement.

■ **Pre-Application Workshop for FY 2005 GEAR UP Grants**

The U.S. Department of Education expects to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) in February 2005 for GEAR UP grant applications. Using this newly developed RFP, participants will learn about the revised regulations for applying for new and continuing GEAR UP grants. Emphasis will be placed on meeting the intent and purpose of the GEAR UP legislation. Programs and education strategies that have proven effective with GEAR UP students also will be shared. Participants will learn about regulatory and management challenges faced by current grantees and ways to address those challenges as part of the grant-writing process.

■ **How to Administer a Successful Academic Enrichment Summer Camp** (*\$125 fee*)

This program has its roots in brain theory, accelerated learning, experiential training and advanced work processes. It combines the most relevant aspects of each field into a working system that enables educators to facilitate a successful Academic Enrichment Summer Camp. This workshop will provide:

- greater understanding of the human brain;
- models for creating effective learning environments;
- methods for designing holistic curriculum;
- a new set of tools that can be applied immediately in the classrooms; and
- a renewed confidence in creating a positive impact.

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■ **Register Today!**

To register for the Pre-Workshop Sessions (February 6, 2005) and the Capacity-Building Workshop (February 7–9, 2005), visit the NCCEP website at www.edpartnerships.org.

■ **Contact Information**

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