

Effective Strategies Institute on Dropout Prevention  
*Navigating the Seas to Success:  
Stay the Course to Graduation*  
Bellevue Biltmore Hotel and Spa  
Clearwater, FL

**Pre-Institute Workshops**

(Choose one)

January 13, 2009

2:00-5:00 p.m.

(Must pre-register online: [www.dropoutprevention.org](http://www.dropoutprevention.org); cost = \$35.00/each workshop)

**PIW#1: Engaging Students: Putting Students in the Center of Their Education**

Presenter: Ms. Elise Lynch, Florida Department of Education

When students are actively involved in learning and feel a personal connection to their school, they are most likely to graduate. This session will examine a variety of techniques and practices that tap into students' interests and strengths promoting ownership of their education, community, and future.

**PIW#2: Resource Mapping: Identifying and Coordinating Resources**

Presenter: Ms. Joyce Lubbers – Florida Department of Education

Effective youth programming and services depend heavily on functional linkages and partnerships among numerous stakeholders that promote and support the sharing of information and resources, as well as engagement in joint planning and commitment to securing positive youth outcomes. This session will address collaborative strategies that link systems, align organizational missions, policies, funds, actions, and day-to-day management so youth have access to the full array of services they need to succeed.

**PIW#3: Fifteen Effective Strategies in Dropout Prevention**

Presenter: Staff of the National Dropout Prevention Center at Clemson University

This presentation will focus on what we know about the school dropout issue along with information about why students drop out of school. Strategies will be given that suggest how to respond to these school and community needs. Fifteen effective strategies for dropout prevention with illustrations of model programs and best practices from local districts and communities across the nation will be presented.

**PIW #4: A Collaborative Approach To Improving Attendance**

Presenters: Patricia Peverill, LCSW, School Social Worker and Robyn Marinelli-Haff, Supervisor, Student Services – Sarasota, FL

This presentation will provide an overview of the district's attendance procedures and strategies used to increase the accuracy of attendance monitoring and the effectiveness of interventions to reduce the number of absences. Examples will be shared from two high schools who are piloting programs based on best practices. Strategies used to address non-attendance and to increase academic achievement will be reviewed from three elementary schools, which are part of a Federal Elementary Counseling Grant.