

Session A 8:30 am – 10:00 am

A1 Formative Assessment - Are you looking for quick and easy ways to check for understanding at the beginning, middle or end of your lessons? Join this session to learn and explore the many digital tools and programs you can use in enjoyable ways to easily document where your students are with their learning. Possible tools: kahoot.it, plickers. Google Forms, padlet, Answer Garden, etc.

Target Audience: Elementary and middle level teachers

General Focus: Challenged

Presenter: Dawn Manchester, 6th grade Teacher; Fuse RI Fellow; Highlander Institute

A2 Getting Kids Moving: Integrating Physical Activity Throughout the School Day - Tired of constantly redirecting a classroom full of antsy students that can't stay on task? Come learn how the Pawtucket COZ's PEP grant is energizing students and teachers for a more productive school day. This workshop, lead together by a Pawtucket middle school PE teacher and an elementary school PE teacher, will engage participants in short, simple physical activity breaks, allowing them to experience firsthand the ease of implementation and the refocusing effect of exercise. Participants will leave with new ideas regarding the infusion of physical activity in short bursts and in small spaces adaptable to a classroom setting, the knowledge of the benefits to advocate for implementation in their own schools, and strategies for effectively managing behavior during and after physical activity.

Target Audience: Teachers (K-12) School Administrators, School Counselors & Support Staff, Policy Decision Makers

General Focus Area: Healthy

Presenters: Mary Parella, Pawtucket COZ Program Director; Jordan Dunne, PEP Grant Coordinator; Christina Peterson, PE/Health Teacher, Samuel Slater Junior High School, Pawtucket, RI.

A3 Creative Parent Engagement - Tired of the same, old programs/events for parents? Want to bring more to your school community? Come to this session to see what others are doing in engaging parents, collecting data, and improving community outreach for their schools. Participants will be expected to share, analyze data, and be creative. A laptop or tablet would be helpful, but not required, for attendees.

Target Audience: Counselors, Parents, Administrators

General Focus Area: Engaged

Presenter: William Pepin, Director of Guidance, North Smithfield High School

A4 Assisting Struggling Learners (RtI) - When trying to assist struggling learners, many educators are frustrated by common obstacles: admiring the problem, recycling the same old tired solutions (which didn't work), and struggling to identify if the issue is a can't do (skill acquisition deficit) or a won't do (motivation or performance deficit). This session will provide an evidence-based tool to assist teachers in brainstorming solutions, which infuse both academic deficits (cant dos) as well as behavioral deficits (wont dos), as well as a few resources connected to these strategies.

Target Audience: K-12 Teachers, School Administrators

General Focus Area: Supported

Presenter: Nicole Bucka, RT/MTSS Technical Assistance, Education Consultant, Northern Rhode Island Collaborative

A5 Digital Learning - Learn how to integrate digital literacy into language arts and social studies, whether you have one computer in the classroom or are in a 1-to-1 laptop school. Participants will get an overview of digital literacy in relation to competencies of online reading and digital authorship, see examples of effective instructional practices at the elementary, middle-school and high school level, and reflect on new approaches to professional development that support teachers as lifelong learners.

Target Audience: All

General Focus Area: Challenged

Presenters: Renee Hobbs, Professor, Director, Media Education Lab, Harrington School of Communication and Media, URI; Julie Coiro, Associate Professor of Education, School of Education, URI