



## Developing Professional Learning Communities through the use of Critical Friends Group Protocols

- *How do I lead a professional learning community when change and complexity are constants?*
- *How do I, as a leader, use data and information collected from the past year to develop a stronger learning community and improved student performance?*
- *How do I, as a leader, foster adult dialogue, trust and collaboration that result in high levels of student learning?*

The National School Reform Faculty (NSRF) is a professional development initiative with a focus on developing collegial relationships, encouraging reflective practice, and rethinking leadership- all in support of increased student achievement. This training focuses on the concept that positive change is a collaborative activity. As a district or school starts a new initiative, this training can provide the tools to support the development of functioning/working teams. The protocols used during this training will develop participants as coaches, providing them with valuable tools to engage in and facilitate school improvement through efficient, respectful methods of working together.

Our very interactive training leads educators through the processes of protocols and group dynamics. This training provides modeling, guided practice with constructive feedback and strategies to prepare participants to be effective facilitators and in-house support coaches for school improvement initiatives. Group members learn how to lead discussions, use protocols, facilitate small and large group activities and work effectively in groups. The result is a true professional learning community that values excellence. Completion of the five day training allows participants to be recognized by the National School Reform Faculty (NSRF) as a CFG school coach.

This workshop is designed for all K-12 educators, administrators and curriculum coordinators/supervisors and developers.

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Location: CRB School Support Services, 900 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany

Time: 8:00AM – 3:00PM

Cost: \$275 (minimum 15 participants)

**Registration:** Beginning May 8, 2009, you must register through MyLearningPlan. Please follow this link <http://www.bocesinstructionalresources.org/IRS/registration.htm> and click on the WebReg link.