



## *Instructional Rounds:*

### **Creating a Collaborative Culture Focused on Improving Teaching and Learning in your School and District**

*How do we build common instructional practices in my school or district so that student learning will increase? How can we connect our school improvement plan, classroom walkthroughs, and professional learning community work into one system to improve instruction?*

GRREC Specialists who have recently been trained in the latest updates in Instructional Rounds at Harvard University will facilitate a two-part professional development experience to prepare your leadership team to facilitate Instructional Rounds in your school and/or district. The work is anchored in research and field experiences from Harvard Graduate School of Education faculty members: Richard Elmore, Elizabeth City and Lee Teitel. Instructional Rounds, a practice adapted to education from the field of medicine, embodies a specific set of ideas for educators to use to solve common problems and improve teaching and learning. Trainers will use protocols from the Harvard process to enhance this professional learning opportunity.

#### **Institute for Leaders**

- Teams (recommended) will participate in one **3-day Institute** of their choice:

<b>Central Institute</b>	<b>Western Institute</b>
September 8 & 9, October 27, 2015	November 9 & 10, December 1, 2015
<b>GRREC Office &amp; Training Facility</b>	<b>Muhlenberg County Extension Office</b>
Visiting Barren & Monroe County Schools	Visiting Muhlenberg & Todd County Schools

- **Day One** will familiarize participants with the most current foundational pieces of the Instructional Rounds Protocol.
- **Day Two** will begin in a local school; participants will visit multiple classrooms and experience the protocol in a school. Afternoon sessions will be organized in break-out groups on topics such as: Establishing IR Networks, Refining the Problem of Practice, Next Level of Work, Faculty Buy-in, Including Students in Rounds, etc.
- **Day Three** will begin in a different local school; participants will visit multiple classrooms and experience the protocol. Afternoon sessions will sharpen skills in writing problems of practice, dig deeply into the meaning of “instructional core,” and assist schools in the development of an implementation plan.

#### **Team participants will:**

- Sharpen skills in observing teaching and learning.
- Understand the elements of the “instructional core” and how it is at the heart of all improvement.
- Build common language, expectations and norms for conducting instructional rounds in their school or district.
- Develop skills in observing teaching and learning, describing what they see, and debriefing observations.
- Identify professional development needs at the school or district level that will contribute to improved instructional practices.
- Learn a process for connecting how task predicts performance.

**Audience:** Teacher Leaders, Instructional Coaches, School Administrators, Superintendents, and Central Office Administrators (School/district teams of 3-4 people are recommended)

**Dates:** Central Institute - September 8 & 9 and October 27, 2015  
 Western Institute - November 9 & 10 and December 1, 2015

**Location:** Central Institute – GRREC, Barren Co. Schools, and Monroe Co. Schools  
 Western Institute – Muhlenberg Co. Extension Office, Muhlenberg Co. Schools, and Todd Co. Schools.

**Time:** 8:30-3:30 (CT) Registration and Lite Breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m. (Lunch provided on-site)

**Cost:** \$100.00 per participant; Superintendents attending with a team will be free of charge.

**Materials:** Includes the book -- *Instructional Rounds in Education* (City, Elmore, Fiarman, Teitel, 2009)

# Registration Form

## Instructional Rounds: Creating a Collaborative Culture Focused on Improving Teaching and Learning in your School and District

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Please select which institute you would like to attend:

Central Institute

Western Institute

Day 1 at GRREC

Day 1 at Muhlenberg Co. Extension Office

Day 2 in Barren Co.

Day 2 in Muhlenberg Co.

Day 3 in Monroe Co.

Day 3 in Todd Co.

Please choose if you are attending as a district team or as a school team:  District Team  School Team  Individual

**Please Print:**

District Name: \_\_\_\_\_ or School Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Team Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

2. Team Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

3. Team Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. # \_\_\_\_\_ (required for registration) Superintendents may attend at no charge with the school or district team  
(RTTD districts will be paid by grant – write RTTD in PO# blank.)

**EILA credit will be provided to all administrators attending.**

Note: School districts (or schools) will be billed following the activity based upon registration. Cancellations must be made within five (5) working days of the activity to avoid being billed for fee. Substitutions will be allowed.

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**Registration Deadline: September 1, 2015**

*Fax this completed form to GRREC at (270) 563-2208*

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