



CLIMBS* Institute Training

***Content and Language Integration as a Means of Bridging Success**

Sponsored by the ESOL/Title III Unit of the GaDOE

Facilitated by Metro RESA Consultants

GOAL: Provide CLIMBS training to RESA consultants and select educators from each RESA region in the North Georgia cohort. CLIMBS training helps participants improve their understanding of the use of English Language Proficiency standards in classroom instruction, learn best practices for scaffolding instruction for ELLs, and understand how to better use summative and formative assessment to inform the instruction of ELLs.

REQUIREMENTS: Attend five full-day face-to-face sessions over five months. In addition, participants will interact through online discussions and activities between face-to-face sessions.

CREDIT: Four Professional Learning Units (PLUs) will be awarded for completion of all assignments and full attendance at all face-to-face trainings.

LOCATION: The five face-to-face trainings will be held at Metro RESA in Smyrna, GA.

PARTICIPANTS: The North Georgia cohort will be comprised of eight teams - one team from each RESA region. Each team will be comprised of the RESA consultant responsible for ESOL and three educators selected from a single school within that RESA district. The school personnel will be chosen by the RESA participant in collaboration with the school district's ESOL coordinator. The school-level participants selected should include an ESOL teacher and two content-area teachers who teach or plan to teach ELLs.

The school personnel should be identified based on their willingness and capacity to implement CLIMBS strategies in the classroom and to provide teacher training on CLIMBS modules in their own school districts at a later time.

FUNDING:

RESAs: For each RESA participant, the Title III Department of the GaDOE will pay the \$150.00 CLIMBS Institute registration and materials fee and will reimburse lunch and

mileage costs (for travel over 50 miles one way) in accordance with state regulation. In addition, RESA personnel who must commute more than one hour each way to the on-site sessions may secure lodging for the night prior to the session. The GaDOE will reimburse RESA participants at the state rate for this lodging.

DISTRICTS: Local Title III sub-grant or Title III Consortium funds may be used to pay the costs associated with this professional development opportunity. The per-person expenses include: the \$150.00 CLIMBS Institute registration and materials fee, the cost of *Teaching English Language Learners: A Differentiated Approach* [Rothenberg, C. and Fisher, D. (2007)], and travel and lunch expenses associated with the five face-to-face sessions. Participants may also utilize Title III funds to pay for lodging expenses if travel to Metro RESA is greater than 50 miles one way and for substitute teachers, if necessary.

Each participant's \$150.00 CLIMBS Institute fee includes the WIDA participant binder, two WIDA publications, and access to the WIDA online assignment and communication modules.

EVALUATION: The GaDOE will evaluate the effectiveness of the CLIMBS training, to the extent possible. Evaluations of the CLIMBS training, participant surveys and evaluations of participants' final projects (the in-district trainings) will be reviewed by CLIMBS-certified GaDOE ESOL/Title III staff. If the impact of these initial CLIMBS institutes is determined to be positive, the GaDOE will seek to certify additional CLIMBS trainers to provide greater access to the training.

RESA Directors are kindly requested to identify their RESA participant for this cohort and submit the name, position held, phone number and e-mail to calston@doe.k12.ga.us by end of business day on April 29th.

The North Georgia cohort will include the following RESAs:

