

Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant Literacy Lead Agency Project Overview

Statewide Literacy Priority: Priority 7

Grades six through twelve programs that promote and build school capacity for effective literacy instruction for students with disabilities.

Literacy Lead Agency: Napa County Office of Education (Napa COE)

Consortium Members: Riverside County Office of Education (Riverside COE),
Siskiyou County Office of Education (Siskiyou COE)

Project Name: The Lead to Literacy (LtL) Project

Project Overview: Key activities of the LtL Project include:

1. Conducting pilot programs aligned to the state's newly developed literacy model and focus on the needs of students with disabilities at partnering districts.
2. Applying a continuous improvement cycle, using pilot program data to drive actions and make needed adjustments to the plan.
3. Helping districts build instructional capacity, strengthen organizational culture, and develop leadership to allow for rigorous structured literacy strategies to take root.
4. Supporting the sustainment of systemic changes that result in better outcomes for students, especially those with special needs.
5. Engaging students, families, and community as partners in improving literacy outcomes.

The LtL project will begin with building the local context essential to sustainable school improvement through needs assessment and data analysis. Participating districts will form implementation teams and draft local literacy action plans. Current data indicates the consortium counties and districts need professional learning support in improving student learning outcomes in literacy, especially for students with disabilities; professional learning systems for leaders; and engaging students, families, and community as partners in improving literacy outcomes. Local educational agencies will receive evidence-based professional learning opportunities aligned with goals outlined in their literacy action plans. Asset-based and culturally sustaining pedagogies will be infused throughout professional learning.

The project will ensure and refine effective implementation through a continuous improvement process. Coaching and training continues throughout the life of the project and beyond; data analysis determines actions and adaptations to the plans and examines whether policies and practices are leading to improved student outcomes.

Napa COE will work directly with Calistoga Joint Unified and Napa Valley Unified School Districts. Siskiyou COE will work with Butte Valley Unified School District, and Riverside COE will work with Moreno Valley Unified School District.