Preparation Program
Partnerships:
Best practices for meeting state and local personnel needs

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How are Federal Resources Facilitating Prep Program Partnerships?

- OSEP funded prep programs
- SPDG funding for personnel development
- TQ Partnership grants
- Transition to Teaching Grants
- TEACH Act
- NCLB Title II local funds for recruiting and retaining personnel
- OSEP-funded Personnel Improvement Center
How are States Facilitating Prep Program Partnerships?

- Providing leadership in increasing awareness of personnel needs and connecting high need LEAs with state prep programs
- Approving new kinds of prep programs that respond to local needs
- Creating infrastructure for collaborative and prep program partnerships to exist
  - IT resources for distance delivery
  - Funding for prep program development
  - Scholarships and loans for candidates from high need LEAs/local programs
How are IHEs Participating in Prep Program Partnerships?

- Providing distance delivery options for paras and community members in high-need, rural locales
- Collaborating with local administrators to conduct community-based recruitment campaigns
- Offering dual-credit coursework for HS ‘teacher academies’
- Honoring articulation agreements with local community-colleges
- Creating ‘condensed’ coursework/offering night and weekend classes
How are LEAs Participating in Prep Program Partnerships?

- Funding teacher candidates from their own pool of HS graduating seniors
- Encouraging paras to become teachers
  - Release time for coursework
  - Praxis-prep courses
  - Funding Praxis exams
- Providing an appropriate pool of candidates for partnering IHEs and CC’s
- Supporting candidates with mentors/academic assistance
- Supporting IHEs with facilities and technology for on-site course delivery
How is Personnel Improvement Center Supporting the Development of Preparation Program Partnerships?

- Working in 7 states this year to facilitate the development and implementation of partnerships to increase local accessibility
  - Working with state leadership to convene prep program partnership workgroups
  - Assisting state workgroups in development and implementation of partnership plans between high need LEAs and partnering IHEs