

Supplemental Educational Services Web cast

Introduction

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My name is Nina **Rees**, and I head The Office of Innovation and Improvement at the U.S. Department of Education. My office, along with The Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, has the primary responsibility to oversee the proper implementation of the supplemental education service provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act. Welcome to this webcast.

We are eager to share with you some of the lessons we have learned in the field of supplemental education services. Our office has been working very closely with a lot of individuals in the field, to listen to the questions that have been asked, and to come up with common sense solutions to address the every day needs of educators in the field.

To this end, we feel that our staff today has a lot of useful information about how to best implement the supplemental education service provisions of No Child Left Behind, because we feel that for the proper implementation of this program, we really need the help of folks at the local education agencies around the country.

This web cast also includes presentations by practitioners in the field. We have representatives from the Maryland State Education Agency, from Forsyth County, Georgia, and from a supplemental service provider in the State of California. We feel that the insights that these individuals have to offer should help you in terms of answering some of the key questions you may have about the implementation of supplemental services.

But, most importantly, please call us and e-mail us if you have any other questions after this webcast is over. Supplemental Services is probably one of the most innovative provisions of No Child Left Behind. And with any kind of innovation, we expect to get a lot of questions, and a few bumps in the road. The best way to address the issues in the field is for us to have you call us, and go over the problems that you are facing on a daily basis.

One final note, my Office of Innovation and Improvement will soon be producing a booklet of best practices looking at effective work of LEAs in the area of supplemental services. We look forward to sharing that information with you sometime this summer. Thank you.