



Building Title I Leadership Across Wisconsin



What is Title I?

Title I is a federal program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) that provides supplementary funds and services to school districts and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children who are disadvantaged. Its overall purpose is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and assessments. The grant contains provisions for ensuring that children who are disadvantaged and enrolled in private schools also benefit from the academic enrichment services funded with Title I, Part A funds.

You can find more information about Title I in Wisconsin on the DPI's website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/titleone/index.html>.

Advantages to Working with your CESA

- Title I Network services are available to all districts and are provided at no cost or a reduced cost
- CESAs Statewide Title I Network Coordinators are provided with frequent updates, information, and support from DPI regarding:
 - Title I law and regulation
 - Federally required Title I reports and surveys
 - Title I professional development
 - Statewide initiatives that support and enhance Title I programs
 - New federal initiatives and grants being funded through Title I
- Coordinators may have additional Title I services available that can further support your Title I programming and school improvement processes
- CESAs are familiar with the unique educational circumstances and needs in your region of the state

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Wisconsin's Cooperative Educational Service Agencies



A collaboration between Cooperative Educational Service Agencies and the Department of Public Instruction

In the spring of 2009, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) conducted a survey with Title I Coordinators across the state. Responses indicated that school districts desired additional guidance and assistance in implementing effective Title I programs and in maximizing the potential of their Title I dollars to raise student achievement.

Based on the survey results, DPI initiated the Statewide Title I Network, which is a collaborative effort between the 12 Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESAs) and DPI to provide increased technical assistance and professional development for districts and schools with Title I programs. With financial support from DPI, each CESA has a staff person to provide Title I support services for all school districts in their CESA region for no cost or a reduced cost.

Specifically, the Title I Network provides a base level of services to districts and schools receiving Title I dollars in the following five service areas:

1) TITLE I IMPLEMENTATION:

Consultation with Title I Coordinators regarding Title I law, programming, reporting requirements, and monitoring

2) TITLE I COORDINATOR LEADERSHIP:

Information and resources for Title I Coordinators through one-on-one technical assistance, regional meetings, and a Title I Coordinator orientation

3) SUPPORT FOR ANNUAL MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES (AMOs)

Technical assistance and professional development opportunities to Title I districts and schools identified as missing an AMO in one or more areas under the new Wisconsin Accountability System (reading and mathematics achievement, attendance rate, and high school graduation rate.)

4) SUPPORT FOR PRIORITY AND FOCUS SCHOOLS

Technical assistance and professional development events for Title I schools identified as "priority" or "focus" as defined under the new Wisconsin Accountability System or those needs identified by a regional needs assessment.

5) RESOURCES AND COLLABORATION:

Information and resources regarding other initiatives and agencies that can provide Title I related support

BASE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE STATEWIDE TITLE I NETWORK:

CESAs will craft these services to best meet the needs of the districts in their region:

- Administer a regional survey to determine how to best meet your districts' Title I needs
- Provide Title I coordinator technical assistance & support
- Provide Title I coordinator orientation and meetings
- Coordinate and host a series of professional development offerings
- Inform and assist Title I schools and districts identified for improvement under Wisconsin's Accountability System
- Provide updates and information on resources, initiatives, and agencies that could enhance Title I programming

MORE INFORMATION:

For a List of CESA Statewide Title I Network Coordinators, see www.dpi.wi.gov/titleone/ti_network_staff.html

You can also find out more on the DPI's Network web-page: http://dpi.wi.gov/titleone/ti_network.html

Or through your Title I Education Consultant at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/titleone/asp/consultants.aspx>

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