

Learning Leader Network

A program of the Rhode Island Instructional Leadership Academy

Register for 2009/10 Critical Friends Groups for School and Teacher Leaders!

The Learning Leader Network (LLN) is a growing professional development network made up of Rhode Island **school leaders, aspiring school leaders, and teacher leaders** who believe that, with each other's continued support and feedback, we can improve our schools by improving our leadership practice.

The LLN comes together for a fall and spring retreat, as well as for Critical Friends Group (CFG) meetings. A CFG is a supportive group of educators who reflect on practice and give feedback by using protocols to guide conversations, learn protocols and structures to build the learning community in your school.

Experience professional development that models how to move beyond 'one-shot-wonders', bring the work back to your school, and be part of a network of incredible leaders.

Review the offering below and mail back the attached registration form with your payment.

Fall and Spring Leadership Retreats

Sept. 19, 2009 and May 15, 2010 from 9AM – 3PM, Location TBD.

Meet LLN members, participate in critical dialogue about leadership, and experience protocols that you can use in planning your school's professional development.

(12 I-plan hours or possibly course credit if you also register for a CFG). Cost \$100

Critical Friends Group/Book Study for School and Teacher Leaders

6 sessions on Oct. 20, 2009; Nov. 18, 2009; Jan. 14, 2010; Feb. 25, 2010; March 15, 2010; and April 27, 2010 from 4:00-6:30PM, Central RI location TBD.

This group of principals, aspiring principals, assistant principals, teacher leaders, and other school leaders will alternate sessions that focus on giving feedback on each other's work and discussing books selected by the group.

Teacher leaders and school leaders may meet together or break into smaller home groups.

(15 I-plan hours or possibly course credit if you also register for the retreats). Cost \$200

Critical Friends Group/Professional Coaching for School Leaders

3 sessions on Oct. 9, 2009; Jan. 8, 2010; March 12, 2010 from 8:30AM-12:30PM and 2 conference calls between sessions, location TBD.

This group of principals, aspiring principals, assistant principals, and other school leaders will focus on giving feedback on each other's work and dilemmas, with a special focus on personal growth that supports effective communication and the formation of relationships that work.

(15 I-plan hours or possibly course credit if you register for the retreats). Cost \$200

What participants have to say about the CFGs:

"Today's session reminded me of my passion, my love of my work and why it's so important to keep pushing myself and my colleagues to be the best change agents, for the good of children everywhere."

"State of the art PD provided simply by being with a group of highly intelligent and dedicated school leaders following high quality protocols to examine our work."

"This group is powerful – imagine if there were dozens of these CFGs throughout the state!"

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Learning Leader Network Retreats and Critical Friends Group Registration Form

Please put a check next to the LLN professional development/services that you would like to take part:

_____ Fall and Spring Retreats **only** (\$100)

_____ CFG **only** (\$200)

check one:

_____ CFG/Book Study for **School Leaders**

_____ CFG/Book Study for **Teacher Leaders**

_____ CFG/Professional Coaching for **School Leaders**

_____ Fall and Spring Retreats **and** a CFG (\$250) (Check here _____ if you are interested in 3 RIC graduate credits. Upon approval to offer the credit, you would be responsible to pay an additional \$150 and to meet for 1 additional Saturday in March)

check one:

_____ CFG/Book Study for **School and Teacher Leaders**

_____ CFG/Professional Coaching for **School Leaders**

_____ LLN listserv: This is the main way we communicate events, etc. with everyone. (free!)

_____ LLN wiki: <https://learningleadernetwork.wikispaces.com> (free!)

** Special Discount Opportunity - due to limited grant funding, if you return this form and payment by September 11, 2009, take \$50 off the cost of your registration.*

Your name _____ Email _____

School name _____ District _____

Return this form to Donna Braun/RIILA by fax or mail (contact info above).

Checks/PO's should be made out to

Rhode Island Instructional Leadership Academy.

Contact Donna Braun by phone (316-8380) or email (dbraun@riasp.com) with questions.
