



Overview of Tools Created by the IDEA Partnership

Dialogue Guides

Dialogue Guides are models for conducting interactive discussions across stakeholders in States and districts around implementation of IDEA 2004. Dialogue Guides consist of:

- a *Topic Brief* based on the work of a federally funded TA Center or other key organization on a topic of interest to stakeholders
- *Dialogue Starters* written in a collaborative cross-stakeholder process by representatives of national organizations affiliated with IDEA Partnership. These stakeholder organizations represent families, teachers, related service providers, administrators, and policymakers.

Partnership Collections

A Partnership Collection is a stakeholder developed tool to assist in locating and using the work of a number of federally funded TA Centers around a topic of interest to the stakeholders.

Collections consist of:

- A stakeholder developed *Glossary of Terms*
- *Ideas for Use* targeted to various stakeholder groups
- A *Beginning Collection* to introduce the basic ideas and concepts
- An *Intermediate and/or Advanced Collection* to explore and apply the ideas and concepts
- A *Practice Collection* to showcase examples of the current work in the field
- *Dialogue Guides* for use in discussing the ideas and concepts in the Collection
- Example – Response to Intervention (RTI) – a Partnership Collection -- <http://www.ideapartnership.org/page.cfm?pageid=17>

Users' Guides

Users' Guides are similar in content and format to a Collection, but are targeted to a particular resource produced by one TA Center.

Video Messages

To model and encourage shared work around issues and to support stakeholder engagement, the Partners are proposing to develop short video messages to post on the Partnership website and include in each of the tools. These video messages may be helpful in communicating the use of Partnership tools at the state and local level and the conveying the spirit of collaboration among national organizations.

Virtual Mentoring

To support the use of Partnership tools in the field, the Partner organizations are developing a system of video and online support for organizations, state education agencies and local school districts in the effective use of stakeholder developed materials and collaborative strategies to improve understanding and change practice.

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