Follow-up on Relaunching Students & Learning Supports

It is clear from the responses about relaunching student and learning supports that many places are ready to move forward and appreciated the details and resource aids in the Center's Guidance Notes on *Relaunching Student and Learning Supports* http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/relaunch.pdf.

Moreover, districts and schools have mailed us wanting to know more about what direct assistance our Center can provide.

How We Can Directly Help in Making it Happen

We know that transforming student and learning supports is challenging (especially with everything else that has to be done on most days). Our hope has always been that, given their sparse resources, state departments, districts, and schools will avail themselves of the free and easily accessible resources we have developed to guide efforts to transform student and learning supports.

In addition, to support state and local efforts in developing a unified and comprehensive system of learning supports, the Center offers free mentoring, coaching, and technical assistance by email and phone to teams that are moving this work forward. Those making such systemic changes have found it particularly helpful when we work with them in preparing a design document and strategic plan for the work in ways that integrate the transformation into their existing school improvement plans.

For those seeking our no cost coaching and technical assistance, we find the best way to start is with an initial conference call with key leadership and then follow-up exchanges with any and all who are working on the transformation. In preparation for these calls, we suggest the following:

- (1) read Part I in *Transforming Student and Learning Supports* ... http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/book/book.pdf
- (2) as a supplement to the reading, we suggest also looking at the brief introductory webinar at http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/powerpoint/briefintroslidesrec.pptx and the accompanying handouts http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/pdfdocs/intropphandouts.pdf
- (3) browse the resources compiled in our System Change Toolkit - http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/summit2002/resourceaids.htm
- (4) email us the matters that need immediate discussion as the agenda for the calls.

If you're ready to move forward, let us know by sending an email to <u>Ltaylor@ucla.edu</u>

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