Using data to inform middle school improvement in Virginia

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Goals of the Workshop:

- Increase understanding of data available about schools; discuss and document ways to obtain data beyond school-level pass rates; and discuss ways that multiple data elements and types can inform school improvement plans and activities
- Better understand the challenges that middle school leaders face during improvement activities, and how leading with data has helped other schools break through these challenges
- Learn about the application of tiered intervention strategies in middle schools

Resources:

- Data tables
- Data review worksheets
- NCRTI Screening Tools Chart
- NCII Academic Progress Monitoring Tools Chart

Agenda:

8:30–8:35 Welcome and introduction
   Kathleen Smith, Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Improvement

8:35–8:50 Introduction to REL Appalachia and roundtable overview
   Justin Baer, REL Appalachia, CNA

8:50–9:50 Overview of the IES Practice Guide: What Works Clearinghouse’s Using Student Achievement Data to Support Instructional Decision Making
   Ellen Mandinach, WestEd

9:50–10:00 Break

10:00–11:45 Working session: Exploring school data
   Deborah Jonas, REL Appalachia, CNA
   10:00–10:30: Introduction and overview
   10:30–11:00: Data review and synthesis
   11:00–11:15: Progress check-in and break
   11:15–11:45: Continue working with data
11:45–12:00  What did you learn from reviewing these data?  
*Deborah Jonas, REL Appalachia, CNA*

12:00–1:00  Practical aspects of data use to improve student achievement in middle schools  
*Beverly Rabil, Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Improvement*  
Includes working lunch  
*Sponsored by VDOE’s Office of School Improvement*

1:00–1:30  Opportunity to continue to build capacity to use data to support school improvement—Exploring a new REL Appalachia alliance  
*Deborah Jonas, REL Appalachia, CNA*

1:30–2:30  Overview of tiered interventions  
*Jenny Scala, American Institutes for Research (AIR)*

2:30–2:45  Wrap-up and completion of Stakeholder Feedback Survey  
*Justin Baer, REL Appalachia, CNA*