



Middle Level Education Research SIG

National Middle Grades Research Project

Common Planning Time (CPT)

Training Agenda

March 24, 2008
8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
AERA/New York City

- 1) Introductions** **9:00 - 9:20**

Participant researchers will introduce themselves and briefly discuss their experience in qualitative research approaches.

- 2) Introduction to Research Program** [*Training Manual*: Section I] **9:20 - 10:10**
 - (a) National Program development and history
 - (b) Purpose of the *Training Manual*
 - (c) CPT project description
 - (d) Common definitions
 - (e) CPT project parameters

10 min break

- 3) Data Collection Protocols** [*Training Manual*: Section II] **10:20 - 12:00**
 - (a) Brief overview of the observation protocol (10 minutes)
 - (b) Gaining a common understanding of the behaviors to be observed
Small groups of 4-5 participant researchers to review and discuss the observation protocol (15 minutes)
 - (c) Small groups bring comments and questions back to larger group for discussion (10 minutes)
 - (d) Brief overview of the interview protocol (10 minutes)
 - (e) Small groups to review and discuss the interview protocol (15 minutes)
 - (f) Small groups bring comments and questions back to larger group for discussion (10 minutes)

10 min break

- 4) Best Practices in Qualitative Interviewing and Observing** **12:10 - 12:30**

[*Training Manual*: Section III]

Large group discussion about best practices: Participant researchers share their expertise and questions about the project.

- 5) Data Submission Information** **12:30 – 12:50**
- 6) Memorandum of Agreement** **12:50 - 1:00**