



# Middle Level Education Research SIG

## National Middle Grades Research Project

### Common Planning Time (CPT)

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#### Training Agenda

July 28, 2008  
9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.  
CPRD Chicago

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| <b>1) Introductions</b>   | <b>9:00 - 9:20</b>   |
| Participant researchers will introduce themselves and briefly discuss their experience in qualitative research approaches.  |                      |
| <b>2) Introduction to Research Program</b> [ <i>Training Manual</i> : Section I]  | <b>9:20 - 10:10</b>  |
| (a) National Program development and history  |                      |
| (b) Purpose of the <i>Training Manual</i>   |                      |
| (c) CPT project description   |                      |
| (d) Common definitions  |                      |
| (e) CPT project parameters  |                      |
|   | <b>10 min break</b>  |
| <b>3) Data Collection Protocols</b> [ <i>Training Manual</i> : Section II]  | <b>10:20 - 12:00</b> |
| (a) Brief overview of the <u>observation protocol</u> (10 minutes)  |                      |
| (b) Gaining a common understanding of the behaviors to be observed<br>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 <u>interview protocol</u> (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)  |                      |
|   | <b>10 min break</b>  |
| <b>4) Best Practices in Qualitative Interviewing and Observing</b>  | <b>12:10 - 12:30</b> |
| [ <i>Training Manual</i> : Section III]   |                      |
| Large group discussion about best practices: Participant researchers share their expertise and questions about the project.   |                      |
| <b>5) Data Submission Information</b>   | <b>12:30 – 12:50</b> |
| <b>6) Memorandum of Agreement</b>   | <b>12:50 - 1:00</b>  |