



# Middle Level Education Research SIG

## National Middle Grades Research Project

### Common Planning Time (CPT)

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#### Training Agenda

November 8, 2007  
8:00 am -12:00 pm  
NMSA, Houston, TX

- 1) Introductions** **8:00 - 8:20**

Participant researchers will introduce themselves and briefly discuss their experience in qualitative research approaches.
  
- 2) Introduction to Research Program** [*Training Manual: Section I*] **8:20 - 9:10**
  - (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*] **9:20 - 11:00**
  - (a) Brief overview of the observation protocol (10 minutes)
  - (b) Gaining a common understanding of the behaviors to be observed (discussion lead by Micki, Kim, David, (15 minutes)
  - (c) Small groups of 4-5 participant researchers to review and discuss the observation protocol (15 minutes)
  - (d) Small groups bring comments and questions back to larger group for discussion (10 minutes)
  - (e) Brief overview of the interview protocol (10 minutes)
  - (f) Small groups to review and discuss the interview protocol (15 minutes)
  - (g) 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** **11:10 - 11:30**

[*Training Manual: Section III*]

Large group discussion about best practices: Participant researchers share their expertise and questions about the project.
  
- 5) Project Timeline, Data Submission Information and Memorandum of Agreement** **11:30 - 12:00**