



# PROMOTING EQUITABLE ACCESS

at the State and Local Levels

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November 3–5, 2015  
Westin Atlanta Airport

## REGIONAL INSTITUTE AGENDA

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### Outcomes

- Increased knowledge of initiatives, strategies, and/or practices for supporting and sustaining equity at state and local levels
- Increased understanding of opportunities and challenges in supporting and sustaining equity at state and local levels
- Increased awareness of national experts and other professionals who may be used as resources on issues around equitable access

### Regional Institute Agenda

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Time	Event	Location
4:00–6:30 p.m.	<b>Sign-In and Meet-and-Greet</b> Participants, speakers, and facilitators	First Floor Lobby
	<b>Dinner on Your Own</b>	

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Time	Event	Location
8:00–8:30 a.m.	<b>Sign-In   Coffee</b> Facilitator: Crystal Darby, Administrative Associate, SECC	Atlanta Ballroom I
8:30–8:45 a.m.	<b>Welcome   Logistics   Remarks</b> Speaker: Richard Woods, State School Superintendent, Georgia Department of Education Facilitators: Beth Howard-Brown, Director, SECC Jason LaTurner, Interim Director, TXCC Erin McCann, Senior Researcher, SECC and TXCC	Atlanta Ballrooms I and II
8:45–9:30 a.m.	<b>Plenary 1: Moving Your State Forward on Equity</b> Speaker: Terry Holliday, former Commissioner of Education for the Commonwealth of Kentucky Facilitator: Beth Howard-Brown, Director, SECC	Atlanta Ballrooms I and II
9:30–9:40 a.m.	<b>Transition and Break</b>	

Time	Event	Location
9:40–10:40 a.m.	<b>Concurrent Sessions – Round 1: Strategies for Promoting Equity with Diverse Student Populations</b>	
	<b>Students in High-Poverty Communities</b> Expert: Terry Holliday, former Commissioner of Education for the Commonwealth of Kentucky Facilitator: Debra Meibaum, SECC	Dogwood
	<b>Students of Color</b> Expert: Darlene Brown, REL Southwest Facilitator: Concepcion Molina, TXCC	Gardenia
	<b>Students in Rural Communities</b> Expert: Bill Horwath, Equitable Access Support Network (EASN) Facilitator: Rita Ghazal, TXCC	Jasmine
	<b>Students with Disabilities</b> Expert: Lynn Holdheide, Center for Great Teachers and Leaders (GTL) at American Institutes for Research (AIR) Facilitator: Robyn Madison-Harris, SECC	Magnolia
	<b>English Learners</b> Expert: Tery Medina, Southeastern Equity Center (SEC) Facilitator: Heidi Goertzen, SECC	Cherokee Rose
10:40–10:50 a.m.	<b>Transition and Break</b>	
10:50–11:50 a.m.	<b>Plenary 2: Strategies for Recruiting and Retaining Effective Teachers</b> Speaker: Dan Brown, Educators Rising Facilitator: Jason LaTurner, TXCC	Atlanta Ballrooms I and II
11:50 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	<b>Transition and Break</b>	
12:00–12:30 p.m.	<b>State Team Reflections</b> Alabama—Dogwood; Georgia—Atlanta Ballroom III; Mississippi—Magnolia; North Carolina—Cherokee Rose; South Carolina—Jasmine; Texas—Gardenia	
12:30–1:45 p.m.	<b>Lunch at Cecilia's Southern Table</b>	Hotel

Time	Event	Location
1:45–2:45 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Sessions – Round 2: Strategies for Promoting Equity with Diverse Student Populations</b>	
	<b>Students in High-Poverty Communities</b> Expert: Terry Holliday, former Commissioner of Education for the Commonwealth of Kentucky Facilitator: Debra Meibaum, SECC	Dogwood
	<b>Students of Color</b> Expert: Darlene Brown, REL Southwest Facilitator: Concepcion Molina, TXCC	Gardenia
	<b>Students in Rural Communities</b> Expert: Bill Horwath, EASN Facilitator: Rita Ghazal, TXCC	Jasmine
	<b>Students with Disabilities</b> Expert: Lynn Holdheide, GTL Center Facilitator: Robyn Madison-Harris, SECC	Magnolia
	<b>English Learners</b> Expert: Tery Medina, SEC Facilitator: Heidi Goertzen, SECC	Cherokee Rose
2:45–3:00 p.m.	<b>Transition and Break</b>	
3:00–4:00 p.m.	<b>SEA Panel Session: Supporting Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in Implementing Equity</b> Speakers: Logan Searcy, Education Specialist (Alabama); Cindy Saxon, Associate Superintendent, Teacher and Leader Effectiveness (Georgia); Cerissa Neal, Executive Director, Educator Quality (Mississippi); Nancy Barbour, Director, District and School Transformation (North Carolina); Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services (South Carolina); and Tim Regal, Director, Educator Evaluation and Support (Texas) Facilitator: Beth Howard-Brown, Director, SECC	Atlanta Ballrooms I and II
4:00–4:30 p.m.	<b>Equitable Access Implementation Resources from the Center for Great Teachers and Leaders</b> Speaker: Lynn Holdheide, GTL Center Facilitator: Glenda Copeland, SECC	Atlanta Ballrooms I and II
4:30–4:45 p.m.	<b>Reflections on Day 1</b> Facilitator: Jason LaTurner, TXCC	Atlanta Ballrooms I and II
	<b>Dinner on Your Own</b>	

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Time	Event	Location
8:00–8:15 a.m.	<b>Sign-In   Coffee</b> Facilitator: Crystal Darby, Administrative Associate, SECC	Atlanta Ballrooms I and II
8:15–8:25 a.m.	<b>Welcome   Logistics   Remarks</b> Facilitator: Beth Howard-Brown, Director, SECC	Atlanta Ballrooms I and II
8:25–8:30 a.m.	<b>Transition and Break</b>	
8:30–9:30 a.m.	<b>Concurrent Sessions – Round 3: SEA Strategies for Promoting Equity</b>	
	<b>Induction and Mentoring</b> Expert: Karen Wyler, Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) Facilitator: Concepcion Molina, TXCC	Dogwood
	<b>Using Data to Improve Equity</b> Expert: Monica Young, EASN Facilitator: Shirley Carraway, SECC	Gardenia
	<b>SEA/IHE Collaboration on Teacher Preparation</b> Expert: Lynn Holdheide, GTL Center Facilitator: Robyn Madison-Harris, SECC	Jasmine
	<b>Promoting Reward, Recognition, and Career Advancement Through the Opportunity Culture Initiative</b> Expert: Lucy Steiner, Public Impact Facilitator: John Spence, TXCC	Magnolia
	<b>The Transformative Role of Cultural Competence and Awareness</b> Expert: Tammie Causey-Konaté, SECC Facilitator: Don Doggett, SECC	Atlanta Ballroom III
9:30–9:45 a.m.	<b>Transition and Break</b>	
9:45–10:45 a.m.	<b>Concurrent Sessions – Round 4: SEA Strategies for Promoting Equity</b>	
	<b>Induction and Mentoring</b> Expert: Karen Wyler, GaDOE Facilitator: Concepcion Molina, TXCC	Dogwood
	<b>Using Data to Improve Equity</b> Expert: Monica Young, EASN Facilitator: Debra Meibaum, SECC	Gardenia
	<b>SEA/IHE Collaboration on Teacher Preparation</b> Expert: Lynn Holdheide, GTL Center Facilitator: Robyn Madison-Harris, SECC	Jasmine
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10:50–11:15 a.m.	<b>State Team Reflections</b> Alabama—Dogwood; Georgia—Atlanta Ballroom III; Mississippi—Magnolia; North Carolina—Cherokee Rose; South Carolina—Jasmine; Texas—Gardenia	
11:15–11:30 a.m.	<b>Evaluation   Reimbursement   Closing Remarks   Adjournment</b> Facilitators: Erin McCann, Senior Researcher, SECC and TXCC Crystal Darby, Administrative Associate, SECC Beth Howard-Brown, Director, SECC	Atlanta Ballrooms I and II



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