2016 Indiana School Improvement Institute Info Page

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The Indiana School Improvement Institute (SI2) helps local School Improvement Teams implement a vision-based and data-driven improvement process called *Vision-to-Action.* Local stakeholders (teachers, students, parents, community groups) participate in a series of key discussions resulting in targeted, high-leverage, and systemic interventions that lead to increases in student achievement and close achievement gaps.

2016 SI2 Cohorts: Join a learning community!

All Indiana schools are invited to apply for the SI2 2016 cohort. Participating schools will be placed in a cohort of up to 12 schools. Each cohort will work simultaneously through ASAI's *Vision-to-Action* School Improvement Process. Local leadership teams will participate in a series of webinars during which ASAI staff will present the next step of the *Vision-to-Action* process, model the facilitation of local discussion, provide facilitator resources and tips, and answer questions. After each webinar, local leadership team will facilitate a key local discussion at the local level, enter the products of those discussions into the SI2 Online System, and submit to ASAI for review. ASAI will provide written feedback within 48 hours.

Vision-to-Action – A Proven Process: Participate in leadership training!

	FOCUS	KEY QUESTIONS	
1.	GETTING STARTED	Who will serve on the Steering Team?	
2.	ORGANIZATION	How will we delegate tasks among Steering Team members? How will we involve all stakeholders in key discussions?	
3.	INTRODUCTION	Local discussion 1:	Why do we need to improve (urgency)? What is Vision to Action?
4.	VISION	Local discussion 2:	What are our community's ideals - achievement levels, adult practices, student practices? (vision)
5.	GOALS	Local discussion 3:	Where is achievement now? Where do we want to be a year from now? Several years from now? (primary areas for improvement / smart goals)
6.	ROOT CAUSES	Local discussion 4:	What is getting in the way of our goals? (root causes)
7.	INTERVENTIONS	Local discussion 5:	What proven practices will we implement to address our root causes? (interventions)

- Do our practices align with the improvement planning requirements in Indiana PL221?
- If applicable: Do our practices align with the Turnaround Principles?
- If applicable: Do our practices align with Title I required practices (optional)?

8.	PREPARATION	How will we enable those implementing our interventions to *implement with high integrity*?	

Online School Improvement System: Manage your school improvement effort!

Each school participating in SI2 receives an Online School Improvement System where schools 1) review disaggregated student achievement data from a variety of sources, 2) survey their students, teachers, parents, and community members concerning common root causes, 3) download local discussion tools, 4) document their progress as they move through the Vision-to-Action process, 5) print (or download) reports including a School Improvement Plan that may be submitted to Indiana DOE for PL221 purposes, and 6) link their School Improvement Plan to their school's website. Each school's Online System is **customized** based on the grades housed in the school and the various school improvement requirements that the school wishes to incorporate into its School Improvement Plan (e.g. Turnaround Principles, Indiana Public Law 221). All terminology has been aligned with school improvement terms used by Indiana DOE.

Online Leadership Team Manual: Download school improvement resources!

The SI2 Leadership Team Manual provides everything needed by the leadership team to facilitate school-community discussions in key areas related to school improvement including Power Point presentations, presentation scripts, discussion prompts, facilitator guides, and sample products resulting from the discussions (e.g. Root Causes). All materials may be edited by schools to meet local needs.

Tech Support: Work closely with a school improvement expert!

- **ACTIVE COACHING / MENTORING -** ASAI staff members actively monitor the leadership team through the following services:
  1. Active monitoring of the leadership team's activities
  2. Friendly reminders if the leadership team falls behind
  3. Review of each SIP component of the School Improvement Plan as it is developed against ASAI's proven Standards for School Improvement Planning and compliance with external school improvement requirements including a) PL221, b) Title I, and c) Focus / Priority schools. Note: Because IDOE has approved ASAI as a school improvement planning provider, IDOE does not do a "second read" of School Improvement Plans verified by ASAI for PL221.
  4. Written feedback within 48 hours for each School Improvement Plan component as it is developed

- **ON-CALL SUPPORT -** ASAI understands that educators have limited time for school improvement planning because almost all of their day is spent in classrooms with students. Therefore, we are highly committed to being **immediately available** when schools have questions. We provide on-call support from 8:00 am and 4:30 pm EST each day, and often schedule evening consultations at a school's request.

No Cost: Indiana School Improvement Grant!

Grant Application Due: November 11, 2016

As a mission-based, non-profit organization that is committed to helping Indiana schools, ASAI works diligently to keep school costs at a manageable level. With this in mind, a limited number of grants are available for schools participating in the 2016 SI2 Cohort. Grant applications may be found at www.asainstitute.org/si2

- 2016-2017 Fee --**WAIVED** for schools receiving the Indiana School Improvement Grant ($1,450 value)