



University and School District Research Partnerships Forum

*Hosted by the Houston Education Research Consortium (HERC)
Kinder Institute for Urban Research*

*Rice University, Houston, Texas
July 9-11, 2014*

Goal

- Promote the development of university and school district research partnerships.

Objectives

- Exchange strategies for creating and maintaining partnerships.
- Share research findings on the most promising interventions.
- Develop ideas for collaboration across partnerships.

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Agenda

(Subject to change)

Chair:

- Ruth López Turley, Houston Education Research Consortium

Facilitators:

- Jim Kohlmoos, HERC/EDGE Consulting
- Vivian Tseng, William T. Grant Foundation
- Alicia Wilson-Ahlstrom, Forum for Youth Investment

Wednesday, July 9

*Hilton Houston Plaza/Medical Center
6633 Travis Street, Houston*

6:00 – 8:00 PM Informal Partnership Dinner

Thursday, July 10

*10th Floor Conference Room
BioScience Research Collaborative (BRC) Building
Rice University, 6500 Main Street, Houston*

7:30 – 8:30 AM Breakfast & Registration

- 8:30 – 9:15 *Welcome and Introductions*
- Ruth Lopez Turley, Houston Education Research Consortium
 - Jim Kohlmoos, HERC/EDGE Consulting
 - Vivian Tseng, William T. Grant Foundation
 - Alicia Wilson-Ahlstrom, Forum for Youth Investment
- 9:15 – 9:30 *Creating and Sustaining Research-Practice Partnerships*
- Vivian Tseng, William T. Grant Foundation
- 9:30 – 10:30 *What Do We Need and Want?*
Job-alike huddles and full group discussion
- Facilitator: Jim Kohlmoos, HERC/EDGE
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Break & Consultations**
- 10:45 – 12:15 *Research-Practice Narratives*
- UChicago Consortium on School Research
 - Houston Education Research Consortium
 - Research Alliance for New York City Schools
- 12:15 – 1:15 **Lunch: Meet-Up Consultations**
- 1:15 – 2:30 *Key Issues to Resolve - BRC Rooms 282, 284, 285*
- **Data Sharing - Jim (Room 282)**
-What are the big problems encountered regarding data sharing?
-What techniques work in managing data sharing efforts?
 - **Management Infrastructure - Alicia (Room 284)**
-What are the biggest problems in managing partnerships?
-What are effective techniques for formalizing the partnership?
-What kinds of governance structures work best?
-How are decisions made?
 - **Knowledge Management/Utilization - Vivian (Room 285)**
-What problems have you encountered in actually using and applying research-based knowledge?
-What are effective ways to disseminate and promote use of research reports within schools?
- 2:30 – 2:45 **Break**
- 2:45 – 4:00 *Big Challenges to Anticipate - BRC Rooms 282, 285*
- **Reform/Research Topics on the Horizon, Alignment of Research Agendas - Jim (Room 282)**
-What reform topics will be most prevalent in the next 2-3 years? At the university? At the district?
-How best to align the research agendas?

- **Leadership Churn/Sustaining and Expanding Participation - Vivian (Room 285)**
 -How has (or might) a change in leadership affected your partnership?
 -How best to anticipate leadership change?
 -How to ensure sustainability during times of personnel changes?

- 4:00 – 4:45 *Funders Forum – BRC 10th Floor Conference Room*
- Facilitator: Jim, HERC/EDGE
 - Panel: Arnold Foundation, Grant Foundation, & Walton Foundation
- 4:45 – 5:30 **Break & Consultations**
- 6:00 Shuttle pick-up - *Hilton to Hugo's Restaurant*
- 6:30 – 8:30 Dinner - *Hugo's Restaurant, 1600 Westheimer Rd*
- 8:30 Shuttle returns to hotel

Friday, July 11

*10th Floor Conference Room
 BioScience Research Collaborative (BRC) Building
 Rice University, 6500 Main Street, Houston*

- 7:30 – 8:30 AM Breakfast and consultations
- 8:30 – 8:45 *Reflections on Day 1*
- Ruth, HERC
- 8:45 – 10:15 *Building Cross-Partnership Research Agendas - BRC Rooms 282, 284, 285*
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Break**
- 10:45 – 11:30 *Designing a Network for Future Work*
- Vivian, Grant Foundation
 - Jim, HERC/EDGE
- 11:30-12:15 PM *Collecting nuggets, connecting dots*
- Vivian, Grant Foundation
 - Jim, HERC/EDGE
 - Alicia, Forum for Youth Investment
- 12:15 PM **Adjourn**