



2016-2017 Professional Development Opportunities

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When preparing your GEAR UP School's Implementation Plan for the upcoming year, this document provides a listing of mandatory and suggested professional developmental opportunities. Please take into consideration that this list is not comprehensive of all opportunities that may be important for your particular school and is subject to change, but should serve as a basis for how you plan to meet the GEAR UP goals. The mandatory opportunities are in **BOLD**.

Opportunity	Date -Location	Interest/Topic	Audience	GEAR UP Support (No supplanting)	For More Information
Montana Providers Professional Learning Network (MPPLN)	Varies On going	MPPLN is a statewide collaborative infrastructure supporting high quality professional learning opportunities that are equitable, consistent and support the implementation of the Montana Common Core Standards. Professional development opportunities are offered regionally and statewide.	Educators	Include in local budget for mileage, lodging, meals, & substitutes as applicable, and registration costs as needed.	MPPLN Calendar http://learninghub.mrooms.net/ Colet Bartow, Communications & Resource Coordinator cbartow@mt.gov
School Administrators of Montana 21 st Century Principal Leadership Institute	TBD	This institute uses a blended learning model for administrators to learn and collaborate amongst colleagues. It is aligned to individual needs and professional goals, allows for an inquiry based program, followed up with action research.	Administrators	GEAR UP Administrators by interest and registration STATE SUPPORTED; do not include in local budget	Kirk Miller, SAM Executive Director samkm@sammt.org Zach Hawkins, MT GEAR UP Director zhawkins@montana.edu
ACT College & Career Readiness Workshops	No workshops offered this year. Contact GU for further assistance.	This workshop will help educators determine how best to use ACT programs and services to help students achieve education and career success.	GEAR UP local management team	Include in local budget for mileage, lodging, meals, & substitutes as applicable	http://www.act.org/learningevents/worksops/index.html
Montana Council of Teachers of Math (MCTM) & Montana Science Teachers Association (MSTA) Conference	August 10-11, 2016 Butte, MT	Foster partnerships between math teachers and science teachers, students, and university faculty. Focus on math and science Montana Common Core Standards.	Math Teachers Science Teachers	Include in local budget for registration, mileage, lodging, meals, & substitutes as applicable	www.montanamath.org
MEA-MFT Educator's Conference	October 20-21, 2016 Helena, MT	This conference is dedicated to bringing top-quality professional development to Montana teachers. Each year, teachers from all over Montana come to the conference for inspiration, information, and renewal units.	Educators	N/A	http://www.mea-mft.org/educators_conference.aspx
GEAR UP West Conference & Montana GEAR UP Fall Liaison Meeting	October 16-18, 2016 Spokane, WA	GEAR UP West is a collaborative regional conference for college access practitioners from the western states of the U.S. This year's conference theme is Today's Vision; Tomorrows Opportunities. Montana GEAR UP Fall Liaison Meeting	Liaisons REQUIRED College Access Professionals	One liaison is required to attend. STATE SUPPORTED; do not include in local budget Additional GU team members/liaisons are BY APPLICATION ONLY if they would like to attend. Do not include in local budget for travel, lodging, meals. Applications are on GU website due Sept. 5 .	http://www.gearup.wa.gov/about/what-we-do/gear-west Registration, travel arrangements, and reimbursements will be coordinated through MT GEAR UP.
Montana Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities Council (MPSEOC) Montana Counselor Updates	October 26, 2016	Annual updates from each Montana postsecondary institution broadcasted via MET-NET.	Counselors Liaisons	Include in local budget for mileage reimbursement to MET-NET site; no registration fee; lunch provided	www.montanacolleges.com Montana GEAR UP is a sponsor of MPSEOC events.
OPI Assessment/Data Conference	January 12-13, Missoula, MT February 1-2, Billings, MT	College & Career Readiness; Common Core State Standards; assessments to impact instruction; ACT Plus Writing; GEMS; using data efficiently and effectively.	Curriculum Directors Teachers Administrators Counselors Liaisons	Include in local budget for registration, mileage, lodging, meals, & substitutes as applicable	http://opi.mt.gov/curriculum/
Montana GEAR UP Winter Liaison Meeting	January 24, 2017 Helena, MT	Montana GEAR UP Winter Liaison Meeting	Liaisons REQUIRED	One liaison from each school is required to attend- STATE SUPPORTED; do not include in local budget	Registration, lodging, and reimbursements will be coordinated through MT GEAR UP.

NCCEP/GEAR UP Capacity Building Workshop	February 5-8, 2017 in New York at the NY Hilton	Conference is designed to provide professional development, deepened knowledge, and practical guidance around issues and current topics that impact GEAR UP programs, college access and success activities. This conference is coordinated by NCCEP and planned in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education.	College Access Professionals GEAR UP Local Management Team members may apply	BY APPLICATION If selected, STATE SUPPORTED; do not include in local budget	www.edpartnerships.org Applications will be available through MT GEAR UP in December, 2015. Registration, travel arrangements, and reimbursements will be coordinated through MT GEAR UP.
OPI Indian Education for All Best Practices Conference	February 19-21 Helena, MT Radisson Hotel	Conference will highlight promising school and classroom practices. Montana educators will share what they are learning through ongoing efforts to implement Indian Education for All in classrooms around the state.	Teachers Administrators Liaisons	Include in local budget for registration, mileage, lodging, meals, & substitutes as applicable	www.opi.mt.gov/indianed2/IEFAConferences.html
Montana College Access Network (MCAN) Conference	March 27-29, Radisson in Helena	Conference encompasses networking opportunities, educational updates, and presentations of best practices that are relevant to increasing access to higher education for all Montanans	College Access Professionals Business & Community Partners GEAR UP local management team	Include in local budget for mileage, lodging, meals, & substitutes as applicable	http://www.mtcollegeaccess.org/ Montana GEAR UP is a conference sponsor.
Montana Indian Education for All (MIEA) Conference	April 19-22, Missoula, MT	Conference focuses on celebrating lifelong learning, best practices, and innovation to ensure American Indian students at all levels of the educational system receive a high quality education that prepares them for whatever future they envision. Includes a student track.	Teachers Administrators Counselors Liaisons Students	Include in local budget for registration, mileage, lodging, meals, & substitutes as applicable	www.mtiea.org Montana GEAR UP is a conference sponsor.
Montana School Counselor Association (MSCA) Spring Conference	April 6-7, 2017 Bozeman, MT	Conference focuses on information and best practices in student's academic, career, and personal/social development.	Counselors Liaisons	Include in local budget for registration, mileage, lodging, meals as applicable	www.mtschoolcounselor.org Montana GEAR UP is a conference sponsor.
Montana GEAR UP Spring Planning Meeting	April 25-26, 2017 Helena, MT Great Northern Hotel	GEAR UP Spring Implementation Planning Meeting-Local GU teams will develop their Year 4 IP and Budgets.	REQUIRED GEAR UP Local Management Team to include: Administrator Counselor Core Content Teacher Liaison	GEAR UP local management team is required to attend- STATE SUPPORTED; do not include in local budget	Registration, lodging, and reimbursements will be coordinated through MT GEAR UP.
Montana Behavioral Initiative (MBI) Summer Institute/GMM Summit	June 19-23 Bozeman, MT	Conference focuses on changing community and school culture through Graduation Matters Montana, positive school-wide behavior plans, classroom strategies and student aspirations. MBI and GMM are working together to keep children and youth engaged, safe, and graduate.	Educators	Include in local summer budget for registration, mileage, lodging, meals as applicable. (Lodging reimbursement for dorm room rate of \$26 only)	Susan Bailey-Anderson at 1-888-231-9393 ext. 2046 sbanderson@mt.gov
NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference	July 16-19, 2017, San Francisco, CA	The national conference serves as the annual convening for the GEAR UP program directors and school grant recipients, college access professionals, and business and community partners. It is coordinated by the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP) in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education. Conference will showcase the innovative work of GEAR UP grantees across the nation.	College Access Professionals Business & Community Partners GEAR UP Local Management Team members may apply	BY APPLICATION If selected, STATE SUPPORTED; do not include in local budget	www.edpartnerships.org Applications will be available through MT GEAR UP in March, 2016. Registration, travel arrangements, and reimbursements will be coordinated through MT GEAR UP.
AP Regional and Annual Conferences AP Summer Institutes	Regional -TBD; various sites throughout Western region 2017 Conference TBD AP Summer Institutes-TBD	Conferences focus on AP courses and Pre-AP strategies for new and experienced teachers. Participants will learn methods and policies to increase educational access and equity. AP Summer Institutes provide an excellent opportunity for teachers to gain command of a specific AP subject and to receive up-to-date information on the latest curriculum changes.	AP Teachers	Include in local summer budget for registration, travel, lodging, and meals as applicable Fellowship available for Summer Institutes: http://professionals.collegeboard.com/k-12/awards/ap-grants	For more information visit: http://apac.collegeboard.org

Montana GEAR UP-Supported Professional Development Guidelines

1. Follow your school policies for approval of professional development. School administrator approval is required before registering for GEAR UP-supported professional development opportunities. It is important to balance professional development participation with school responsibilities.
2. Complete the necessary registration form specific to the professional development opportunity you wish to attend and make necessary travel arrangements (unless otherwise specified). Montana GEAR UP will not reimburse for late registration fees.
3. Your school district will pay for costs associated with the event (unless otherwise specified). Keep receipts for registration fees, lodging and other applicable expenses (e.g., airport parking for out of state travel) and turn them into your district. It is not necessary to keep food or gas receipts.
4. GEAR UP can offer a stipend for professional development done during the summer up to \$100 per day for each participant.
5. Attend the entire event and complete a Montana GEAR UP evaluation.
6. Your school district must complete and submit the *School's District Reimbursement Form* available at <http://mus.edu/gearup/travel.asp> within 30 days of the event.
7. **Montana GEAR UP will reimburse expenses related to the event per State of Montana/OCHE guidelines** (<http://mus.edu/che/intranet/StateTravelPolicy.pdf>), which include but are not limited to: mileage expenses at the current state rate of one vehicle per every three participants, lodging at the current state rate or the hotel conference rate if state rate is unavailable, and meals at the current state rate not covered by the event. Reimbursement will not be greater than the current state allowable rates, even if the district reimbursement rate is higher.