Beyond Kumbaya: Realizing the Full Potential of Workshops

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Our workshop was driven by three primary objectives:

• To share information among NSF EPSCoR jurisdictions on both key elements and common characteristics of successful educational models;
• To explore areas for potential collaboration, replication, or modification for new education outreach programs in our jurisdictions;
• To learn about emerging opportunities across NSF directorates for supporting new educational models (and alternative funding mechanisms).
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• Age-specific educational models (K-12) targeting particular age-level groups, school units, or programs outside normal school hours;
• Models that use teams or partnerships to promote direct interaction with university research groups; and
• Educational models that use technology tools or unique resources to support enhanced STEM curriculum, enhanced educational collaboration, or solve unique STEM educational issues.
Presentations

27 best practice models
Keynotes

4 keynote presentations
NSF Panel

Discussions of funding opportunities for expanding educational outreach programs
Google Buzz- Interaction

Table “teams” analyzed the sets of presentations for characteristics producing success

Google buzz used to share thoughts
Additional Networking  
(Food and Fun)

Networking with team tables

Clinton Library networking session

Mary Good welcome

Poster session
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OUTPUTS: (end of the conference is just the start of the work!)

• Conference Evaluation Results (Exit Surveys)
  – Post-survey year one
  – Post-survey year two

• Disseminate the information beyond the conference participants
  – Templates: educational models within each jurisdiction (Alabama - link)
  – PowerPoint presentations posted
  – Video clips of presentations posted
  – On-going digital dialogue started with the Buzz: “Website Wiki”

• Identification of funding opportunities for outreach
  – At the conference: NSF panel
  – Continued feedback from outreach community
  – Opportunities posted at Wiki

• Organization of the “Outreach Directors”
  – Initial dialogue
  – Follow-on meetings
Website update in progress

OUTPUTS

• Wiki for digital dialogue
• Links to videos of each presentation
• Powerpoint presentations from conference
• Link to Alabama database of educational outreach programs & outreach directors
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Anticipated Outcomes:

• Continued networking of conference participants based on opportunities to share during the conference
• Outreach Directors – functioning as unit
• Continued “digital dialogue” using Wiki on educational models & successful programs – strengthen networking
• Complete clearinghouse of information on programs (website linked to Alabama’s educational programs database)

*Expanded or enhanced outreach efforts in the 29 jurisdictions
“Beyond Kumbaya”

• White paper - Follow-on for the conference

(Not just a get-together to talk, pat each other on the back and sing campfire songs!)

- Specific outputs in days & months following the event
- Specific anticipated outcomes evaluated in the years following the conference.