

Professional Development & School Improvement

EPFP

2016-2017 EDUCATION POLICY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is the nationally recognized leadership development program sponsored by the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) and managed in CT by Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES).

EPFP is a ten-month learning experience for professionals with strong leadership abilities and a concern for issues important to children and education. Participants work full-time in K-12 public school districts, universities, RESCs and non-profits. Applicants are also accepted from business, municipal and state government, and boards of education. Fellows are typically endorsed and supported by their employer.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

EPFP provides a forum for developing advanced leadership skills in CT educators and leaders from related fields.

Specifically, EPFP builds leaders' capacity to:

- Actively participate with local, regional and/or national stakeholders and policymakers in community and state/national organizations
- Proactively engage and collaborate with key stakeholders to influence federal, state and local decisions that impact equity and excellence in education

EMPLOYERS GAIN:

- Access to a program proven to directly support the development of educational leaders
- Better informed, more skillful employees
- Employees prepared to assume sophisticated leadership responsibilities
- Expanded networks that enhance your organization's ability to access and influence key leaders and decision-makers who shape policy in Connecticut on behalf of children and education

Innovate
Empower
Achieve **Teach**
Collaborate
Inspire Lead

Recent speakers at EPFP monthly seminars include:

Kevin Lembo, *CT State Comptroller*

Kevin Maloney, *CT Conference of Municipalities*

Kathryn Meyer, *CT Center for Children's Advocacy*

Katy Roy, *CT School Finance Project*

Pete Smith, *Rome, Smith & Lutz Government Relations*

Jeffrey Villar, *CT Council for Education Reform*

ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION PROCESS

Connecticut EPFP invites you to apply if you have:

- A commitment to personal and professional learning on behalf of children and youth
- A track record for making things happen—inside and across agencies and organizations
- Substantive work experiences, leadership experience, and a full-time professional position
- The sponsorship and financial support of your employing organization

What is my commitment if I am accepted as an EPFP fellow?

- Participate in 10 monthly seminars (typically dinner meetings on Wednesdays, from 4:30-7:30 PM) in Hamden, CT, between September and June.
- Travel to and participate in a three-day field study to New Orleans, LA in fall 2016.
- Travel to and participate in the four-day Washington Policy Seminar, April 23-26, 2017 in Washington, D.C. This is the national conference for IEL and EPFP and all candidates must be able to attend.
- Commit to drafting a policy related project on an issue relevant to your sponsoring organization.
- Actively participate in our monthly seminars by sharing your experience, knowledge and new learning with other fellows.

Program Fees and Candidate Sponsorship

EPFP relies on a combination of grants and tuition fees from sponsoring agencies to support its activities.

- The annual program tuition for 2016-2017 is **\$2,550.00**.
- Costs for the two national experiences will be approximately **\$2,000.00**.
- Participating fellows and/or their sponsoring organizations are responsible for all travel and related costs.
- Sponsoring organizations of accepted nominees will be billed in the fall for tuition.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CT EPFP is managed by ACES Professional Development & School Improvement (PDSI).

Visit www.aces.org/professional-development/epfp for more information or to apply.

Application deadline is July 15, 2016.

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