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ABSTRACT

These Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSR) state action plans were initially developed in 1998 for the central regional states, which include Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. They detail the states' specific technical assistance needs, as well as the services to be provided by Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL) in collaboration with other service providers. The plans have been revisited to reflect each individual state's changing needs and McREL's assistance plans associated with the federally initiated Demonstration Programs. In tabular format, McREL action plans for each of the central regional states are listed. The plan consists of the following: the specific assistance needed, the strategy to be used, the assistance to be provided to which agency, and the date by which the intervention is to be completed. (DFR)

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These CSRD State Action Plans were initially developed in 1998 for the Central Regional States, which include Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. These plans detail the states' specific technical assistance needs, as well as the services to be provided by McREL in collaboration with other service providers. These plans have been revisited to reflect each individual state's changing needs and McREL's assistance plans associated with the federally-initiated Demonstration Programs.

McREL's CSRD Coordinator worked with each SEA CSRD Coordinator to identify specific technical assistance activities for each state. Among the requests for technical assistance from McREL were: help with facilitating the grant application process for prospective CSRD applicants; creating opportunities for CSRD schools to network; providing guidance to the new CSRD SEA Coordinators, and; disseminating strategies for successful implementation of comprehensive school reform through regional workshops. Strategies for successful implementation of comprehensive school reform will include allocating resources for efficiency, designing evaluation, analyzing and using data, and creating high quality professional development programs.

Table 1 summarizes the key needs identified by each Central Region state. Each SEA CSRD Coordinator had an opportunity to review the action plan prior to this printing. These action plans will be updated as additional needs are identified.

Table 1
Needs Assessment for Action Planning

ITEM	CO	KS	MO	NE	ND	SD	WY
Application process/proposal development			✓			✓	
Collaboration between teaching staff and community		✓		✓			
Leadership/capacity-building issues	✓	✓		✓			
Limited number of substitute teachers	✓	✓		✓			
Model design implementation strategies				✓			
Network opportunities for CSRD sites	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
On-site assistance/facilitation	✓						
Program evaluation strategies			✓	✓	✓		
Time for professional development							✓

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Assistance Need	Strategy to be used	Assistance to be provided by	Complete by
<i>Technical Assistance and Training</i>			
Training in Six Traits Writing	Regional training; identify representatives from the 18 CSRD sites requesting the Six Traits Writing Workshop	McREL: G. Clark D. Seger CDE: B. Fitchett	TBA
Assist/partner with CDE Regional Support Teams in service delivery	Conduct regional workshops on the CSRD application process	McREL: G. Clark CDE: J. Silverstein B. Fitchett Regional Support Team	TBA
Support to identified CSRD schools in need of implementation strategies and corrective action plan	Site visits; revisit implementation timelines and goals; provide support and guidance	McREL: G. Clark CDE: B. Fitchett	March Ongoing
Communication links to resources and networks for CSRD sites	Face-to-face meetings; listserv, e-mail, mailings and CSRD interactive Web site	McREL: G. Clark CDE: B. Fitchett J. Silverstein	February 25 th May Ongoing
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRD	CSRD SEA networking meetings	McREL: G. Clark Region IX CC	July October
Best practice tools for successful implementation of school reform	Selected CSRD schools to attend CSRD/PD workshop with PD award-winning schools	McREL: G. Clark NCREL NWREL PD schools	July September

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Strategies for successful implementation of the nine components of CSR	McREL Fall Conference/ CSR Pre-conference	McREL: G. Clark SEAs CSR sites	October 18
<i>Support Services</i>			
Q&A e-mail hotline		McREL: Field Services' staff	Ongoing
Project site listserv		McREL	Ongoing
Listserv for SEAs		McREL	Ongoing
Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL CDE CO Region IX CC	Ongoing
McREL CSR products	Disseminate to SEA and CSR LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSR materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSR LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
<i>Research Activities</i>			
Research studies at CSR LEA sites	Selected regional sites; on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Aphthorp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing

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<i>Technical Assistance and Training</i>			
Pre-application training for prospective CSR applicants	LEA roundtable event with prospective CSR applicants	McREL: KSDE	May 3
CSR awareness	Present at Kansas State Department of Education Annual Conference - Wichita, KS	McREL: Model Designers Region VII CC	May 4-5
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSR	CSR SEA networking meetings	McREL: Region VII CC	July October
Strategies for successful completion of nine CSR components	McREL Fall Conference/ CSR Pre-conference	McREL: SEAs CSR sites	October 18
CSR Reviewers Training	Convene training for CSR reviews by prospective CSR applicants	McREL: KSDE:	June
Best practice tools for successful implementation of CSR	Network Forum at IAS conference with selected CSR sites and PD award-winning schools	McREL: PD schools	October
<i>Support Services</i>			
Q&A e-mail hotline		McREL: Field Services' staff	Ongoing
Project site listserv		McREL	Ongoing

Assistance Need	Strategy to be used	Assistance to be provided by	Complete by
Listserv for SEAs		McREL	Ongoing
Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL KSDE Region VII CC	Ongoing
McREL CSRSD products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRSD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSRSD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRSD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
<i>Research Activities</i>			
Research studies at CSRSD LEA sites	Selected regional sites; on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Apthorp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing

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<i>Technical Assistance and Training</i>			
LEA Roundtable event	Network opportunities to share strategies and resources	McREL: SEA G. Clark, A. Peralez	January 21
Action planning for prospective CSRD applicants	Working meeting with SEA CSRD coordinators in Washington, DC	McREL: Region VII CCs USDE G. Clark	February 18
Education Excellence Conference - CSRD Strand presentation	CSRD overview panel presentation and resource allocation presentation at State conference	McREL NE SEA CSRD sites	April 12-13
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRD	CSRD SEA networking meetings	McREL: Region VII CC Other service providers G. Clark	July October
Strategies for successful implementation of the nine components of CSRD	McREL Fall Conference/ CSRD Pre-conference	McREL: SEAs CSRD sites G. Clark	October 18
<i>Support Services</i>			
Q&A e-mail hotline		McREL: Field Services' staff	Ongoing
Project site listserv		McREL	Ongoing



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Listserv for SEAs		McREL	Ongoing
Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL NDE CO Region VII CC	Ongoing
McREL CSRSD products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRSD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSRSD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRSD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
<i>Research Activities</i>			
Research studies at CSRSD LEA sites	Selected regional sites; on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Apthorp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing



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Assistance Need	Strategy to be used	Assistance to be provided by	Complete by
Technical Assistance and Training			
Collaboration between North Dakota and South Dakota CSRSD schools for networking to exchange strategies	CSRSD roundtable event	McREL: ND DPI DECA	G. Clark TBA
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRSD	CSRSD SEA networking meeting	McREL: Region VI CC Model Developers	G. Clark July October
Conduct site visits and meet with SEA CSRSD Coordinators	Assist North Dakota Dept of Public Instruction with CSRSD LEA site visits	McREL	TBA
Best practice tools for successful implementation of school reform	Selected CSRSD schools to attend CSRSD/PD workshop with PD award winning schools	McREL: NCREL NWREL PD schools	G. Clark October
Strategies for successful implementation of the nine components of CSRSD	McREL Fall Conference/ CSRSD Pre-conference	McREL: SEAs CSRSD sites	G. Clark October 18
Support Services			
Q&A e-mail hotline		McREL: Field Services' staff	Ongoing
Project site listserv		McREL	Ongoing
Listserv for SEAs		McREL	Ongoing



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Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL: NDE SEA Region VI CC Mountain & Plains Equity Center	Ongoing
McREL CSRD products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSRD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
<i>Research Activities</i>			
Research studies at CSRD LEA sites	Selected regional sites; on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Apthorp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing

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<i>Technical Assistance and Training</i>			
Professional development initiatives	LEA roundtable event	McREL: DESE staff	September
Understanding the "Change Process" (Lafayette, SD)	A workshop using the simulated <i>Change Game</i> will be presented.	McREL: G. Clark M. Arnold	February 18
Action planning for prospective CSRD sites	Working meeting with SEA CSRD coordinators in Washington, DC	McREL: Region VII CC USDE	February 18
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRD	CSRD SEA networking meetings	McREL: Region VII CC Model Developer	July October
Strategies for successful implementation of the nine components of CSRD	McREL Fall Conference/ CSRD Pre-conference	McREL: SEAs CSRD sites	October 18
Best practice tools for successful implementation of school reform	Network forum workshop at IAS CSRD conference with selected CSRD sites and PD-awarded schools	McREL: NCREL and NWRREL PD schools	July September
<i>Support Services</i>			
Q&A e-mail hotline		McREL: Field Services' staff	Ongoing
Project site listserv		McREL	Ongoing



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Listserv for SEAs		McREL	Ongoing
Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL: G. Clark V. LaRock Region VII CC DESE	Ongoing
McREL CSRD products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSRD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL	Ongoing
Research Activities			
Research studies at CSRD LEA sites	Selected regional sites; on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Aphorhp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing

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<i>Technical Assistance and Training</i>			
CSRD Orientation Proposal guidelines CSRD readiness Model selection	Workshop for prospective CSRD sites	McREL: DECA: G. Clark J. Hauck	December
Understanding the "Change Process" (Lafayette, SD)	A workshop using the simulated <i>Change Game</i> will be presented	McREL: G. Clark, M. Arnold	February 18
Action planning for prospective CSRD applicants	Working meeting with SEA CSRD coordinators in Washington, DC	McREL: Region VI CC USDE G. Clark	February 18
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRD	CSRD SEA networking meetings	McREL: Region IX CC G. Clark	July October
Best practice tools for successful implementation of school reform	Selected CSRD schools to attend CSRD/PD workshop with PD award winning schools	McREL: NCREL NWREL PD schools G. Clark	July September
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Cross-lab developed CSRD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL G. Clark	Ongoing
<i>Research Activities</i>			
Research studies at CSRD LEA sites	Selected regional sites; on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Apthorp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing

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Network opportunities to exchange strategies and resources	LEA CSRSD roundtable event	McREL: WY SEA NWREL Region IX CC G. Clark M. Arnold	January 13
Review CSRSD evaluation tool	Provide feedback on CSRSD evaluation tool	McREL WY SEA: K. Scheurman	March 16
<u>Proposed Development</u> Data collection systems Evaluation strategies	CSRSD New Grantee Implementation Workshop	McREL: WY SEA NWREL G. Clark	Fall
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRSD	CSRSD SEA networking meetings	McREL: Region IX CC G. Clark	July October
Best practice tools for successful implementation of school reform	Selected CSRSD schools to attend CSRSD/PD workshop with PD award winning schools	McREL: NCREL NWREL PD schools G. Clark	July September
Strategies for successful implementation of the nine components of CSRSD	McREL Fall Conference/ CSRSD Pre-conference	McREL: SEAs CSRSD sites G. Clark	October 18

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Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL; G. Clark M. Arnold WY SEA NWREL Region IX CC	Ongoing
McREL CSRD products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL; G. Clark	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSRD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL; G. Clark	Ongoing
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