

Registration and Times

There is no registration fee for the conference. Register on-line through our website at <http://www.radford.edu/ttac>

Registration and breakfast will begin at 8:30 each morning, with the day's activities beginning at 9:00 and ending at 3:00.

Location and Lodging

The Institute will be held at the Wytheville Meeting Center, located at 333 Community Blvd, Wytheville, VA 24382. For directions to the Center, please visit their website at:

<http://www.wythevillemeeetingcenter.com/>

A block of rooms has been reserved at special rates for the nights of both April 15th and 16th at the Country Inn and Suites located next door to the Meeting Center. It is your responsibility to make your own lodging reservations. To make lodging reservations contact the hotel directly by calling (276) 223-1058. Please mention the name TTAC Dropout Prevention when reserving rooms. Reservations must be made by April 1, 2009 in order to guarantee a room and to receive the discounted conference rates of \$70 / night.

For more information or special needs, please contact: [Dropout Prevention Institute '09](#)

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Dropout Prevention Institute Spring '09

Back to Basics: The Fundamentals of Dropout Prevention

Dropout Prevention Institute
April 16 and 17, 2009
Wytheville Meeting Center
Wytheville, Virginia

Featuring
Dr. Loujeania Williams-Bost
along with
other state and regional
speakers

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Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Loujeania Williams-Bost holds a Ph.D. in Special Education from Pennsylvania State University and has an extensive background in working with students with disabilities. She is currently the Director of the National Dropout

Prevention Center for Students With Disabilities (NDPC-SD) at Clemson University.

Who Should Attend the Institute?

Any school personnel with an interest in dropout prevention for all students are welcome to attend Day 1. The second day is designed for interested school or division teams **who attended day 1**.

Day 1

- Dr. Williams-Bost will conduct an all-morning session focusing on the latest research on data-supported fundamentals of effective Dropout Prevention programs and initiatives for all students.
- Afternoon breakout sessions will focus on the following broad principles of Dropout Prevention:

- **Early Academic Support and Enrichment**
- **Adult Advocacy**
- **Comprehensive Data Systems**
- **Rigorous and Relevant Instruction**
- **Personalized Learning Environments**

Day 2

• An all-day workshop with Dr. Williams-Bost will focus on systemic renewal, data analysis, and action planning around specific school or division data that supports dropout prevention for all students.

• **School-level** teams may consist of the building principal, both special and general education faculty, guidance counselors, attendance officers, school psychologists and/or parents.

• **District-level** teams may consist of a central office administrator, both special and general education staff, building principals and/or parents.

• Teams should **plan to bring** the following types of data:

- Language Arts and Math Pass Rates
- Attendance
- Retention
- Office Discipline Referrals
- Absenteeism
- End-of-Course Tests
- Credit Accrual

*Additional information about required data will be sent to conference enrollees prior to April 1, 2009.