

Morning Workshops

10:15-11:30 *Ingredients for Change*

The Path to Kindergarten: Smoothing the Road Learn about the process, practice and policy changes necessary to create lasting, systemic change in the kindergarten transition experience to build the foundation for school success.

Hartford and New London

Good Neighbors: Collaborating Across Town Lines

Learn how to determine what issues are best approached regionally, and what practices and systems can facilitate results.

Groton/New London/Norwich and Ansonia/Derby/Shelton

Parent Partnerships: New Forms and Forums

There are many ways for parents to be partners in the Discovery work. Learn about two communities' innovative approaches to partnering with engaged parent leaders as decision makers.

Bloomfield and Windsor

Conference at a Glance

8:30-9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
9:00-10:00	Morning Keynote: Terrence McNally <i>Storytelling As Change Strategy</i>	
10:15-11:30	<u>Morning Workshops</u> <i>Ingredients for Change</i>	<u>Skill-Building Sessions</u> <i>Part I</i>
11:45-12:30	Luncheon Keynote: Ralph Smith <i>Promoting Community Change: Early Childhood as Catalyst</i>	
12:45-2:00	<u>Afternoon Workshops</u> <i>Boiling It Down</i>	<u>Skill-Building Sessions</u> <i>Part II</i>
2:15-3:00	Closing Session and Door Prizes	

Afternoon Workshops

12:45-2:00 *Boiling It Down*

Kindergarten Transition: Best Practices Learn the nuts and bolts of how to organize, fund and implement effective kindergarten transition activities.

Bristol, Greenwich and Waterbury

What's In It For Them? Engagement often starts with self interest, so when you are looking to build partnerships, it is good practice to put yourself in your potential partner's shoes. Come to this session to gain ideas and tools to make new strategic alliances.

Enfield and Torrington

Leadership Training Was Great, Now What?

Many communities have great experiences with parent leadership training and then struggle to keep parents involved in the Discovery work. Come to this workshop to learn from communities in which leadership training was just the first step!

Danbury and East Hartford

Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Coordinate with others from your community to maximize your collaborative's exposure to the offerings while leaving space for other participants.

Register online by October 10 on the Discovery Website:

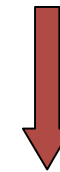
http://discovery.wcgmf.org/reg/event.php?event_id=3

Questions? Call Elaine at: 203-230-3330

Sessions fill up quickly, so register soon, but please be considerate and only sign up if you are certain to attend.

All-Day Skill-Building Sessions

10:15-11:30 *Part I*; 12:45-2:00 *Part II*



Note: The Skill-Building Sessions run concurrently with the morning and afternoon workshops. If you choose one of the Skill-Building Sessions, the expectation is that you will attend both the morning and the afternoon portions. Register early because enrollment is limited for these sessions.

Public Will: Organizing and Mobilizing It!

Learn fundamental community organizing tools such as how to conduct a power analysis, build a coalition and educate candidates running for office.

Connecticut Parent Power and Meriden

Tell Me a Story Building on the morning keynote, gain invaluable coaching and hands-on experience crafting an effective story to capture the hearts and imagination of your audience, whoever they may be!

Terrence McNally

Managing Change This workshop will introduce a variety of "change management" tools and frameworks that will give collaboratives new skills to sharpen and enhance their systemic community change efforts.

Interaction Institute for Social Change

Special Rewards:

Don't miss the Closing Session from 2:15-3:00 p.m. to celebrate the conclusion of four years of Discovery and a chance to win a door prize you can take back to your community!