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Building State Capacity for Reporting Perkins Data

National Reporting System (NRS) for Adult Education *Creating a Community of Data Users*

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NRS Timeline in Brief

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- 1996 – State directors for adult education and U.S. Department of Education develop a framework for a system of program accountability
- 1998 – Workforce Investment Act (WIA) becomes law and requires an adult education accountability system with core indicators of performance (Title II Section 212)
- 1999 – Initial performance measures become effective for states and local programs
- 2000 – National Reporting System (NRS) for adult education is implemented in all states



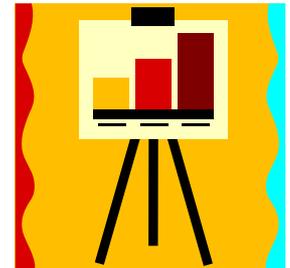
NRS Measures and Definitions

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Core Outcome Measures		
Topic	Measure	Definition
Educational gains	Educational gains (12 levels)	Learners who complete or advance one or more educational functioning levels measured by standardized test scores
Follow-up measures 	Entered employment	Learners who obtain a job by the end of the first quarter after the exit quarter
	Retained employment	Learners who obtain a job and remain employed in the third quarter after program exit
	Receipt of secondary credential	Learners who obtain a GED, secondary school diploma, or recognized equivalent after exit
	Placement in postsecondary education or training	Learners enrolling after exit in a postsecondary educational or occupational skills program after program exit

Uses of NRS Data

- Federal
 - To meet agency accountability requirements (GPRA)
 - To demonstrate program effectiveness to Congress
 - To determine state incentive awards
- State
 - To meet state and federal reporting requirements for funding
 - As one factor in determining local funding
 - To understand local programs and identify technical assistance needs
- Local
 - For program improvement efforts
 - For program management – to understand students and classes



NRS Team Activities

- Accountability

- Performance data for the core measures
- Financial reports for grant expenditures
- Narratives of program activities

Report to Congress

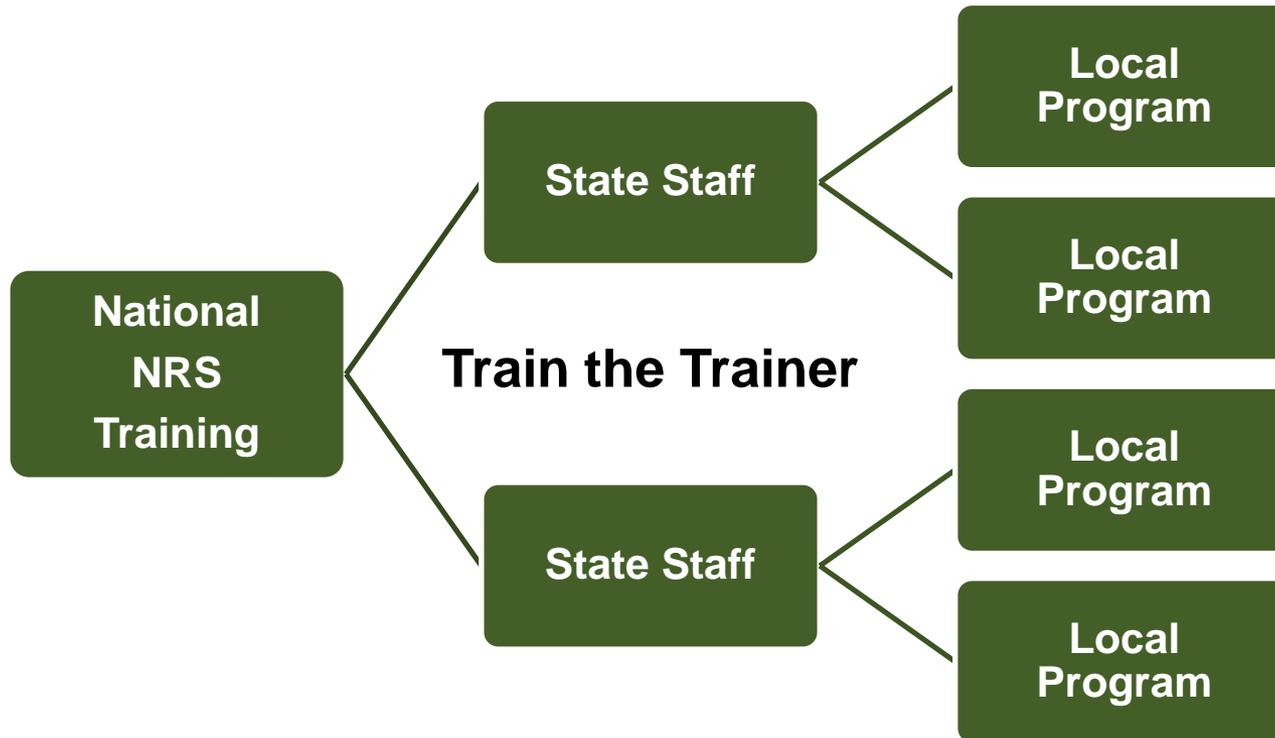


- Technical assistance to states

- NRS implementation support
- Annual training opportunities
 - Regional
 - Targeted
 - Online



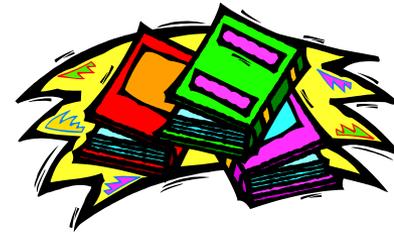
NRS Training Model



The central goal of NRS training is to promote the use of data for program management and improvement

NRS Training Components

- Preparation webinar
- Face-to-face workshop
 - Training manual
 - Data tools
 - Presentation materials
- Framework for statewide rollout
- Follow-up



Examples of NRS Training

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- Learning to be an NRS Data Detective: The Five Sides of the NRS (2006)
- Desk Monitoring: Improving Program Performance (2007)
- Building and Sustaining Quality in NRS Data: Strategies for Program Improvement (2008)
- The Local Connection: Building a Data Use Learning Community (2009)
- Diving Deep into the NRS Local Pool: Attendance, Transition Outcomes, and Educational Gain (2010)
- Smart Fiscal Management for Adult Education Programs (2011)
- Going Longitudinal: Building an Adult Education Longitudinal Data System (2012)
- Myth Busters: The Truth about Adult Education (2013)



My Experience: *Statewide Training Rollout*

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Characteristics of Success

- Low cost
- Simple framework for implementation
- Easy-to-use tools
- Direct utility for state and local program
- Immediate and long-term results
- Process ownership
- Fun!



Group Discussion

Creating a Community of Data Users: What is Your Experience?

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1. What goals and objectives do you have for data use in your state and local programs?
2. How have you developed and fostered communities of data users? What training models have you used?
3. What challenges have you encountered and how have you addressed them? What were your successes?

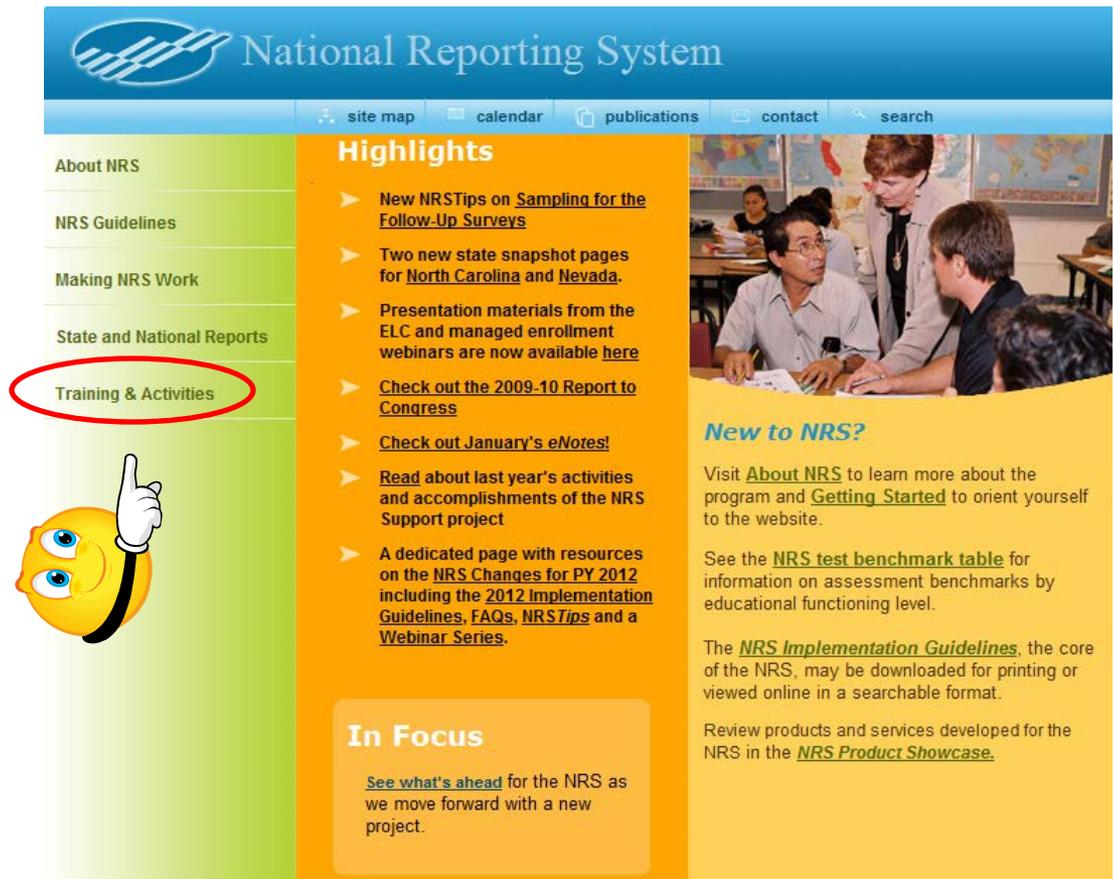


NRS Technical Assistance Website: Accessing Training Materials

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- Annual Training Materials
- Assessment Guidance
- Data Quality Resources
- Self-Paced Online Courses
- Implementation Guidelines
- National and State Reports
- NRS History
- NRS Publications



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Highlights

- New NRSTips on [Sampling for the Follow-Up Surveys](#)
- Two new state snapshot pages for [North Carolina](#) and [Nevada](#).
- Presentation materials from the ELC and managed enrollment webinars are now available [here](#)
- [Check out the 2009-10 Report to Congress](#)
- [Check out January's eNotes!](#)
- [Read](#) about last year's activities and accomplishments of the NRS Support project
- A dedicated page with resources on the [NRS Changes for PY 2012](#) including the [2012 Implementation Guidelines](#), [FAQs](#), [NRSTips](#) and a [Webinar Series](#).

In Focus

[See what's ahead](#) for the NRS as we move forward with a new project.

New to NRS?

Visit [About NRS](#) to learn more about the program and [Getting Started](#) to orient yourself to the website.

See the [NRS test benchmark table](#) for information on assessment benchmarks by educational functioning level.

The [NRS Implementation Guidelines](#), the core of the NRS, may be downloaded for printing or viewed online in a searchable format.

Review products and services developed for the NRS in the [NRS Product Showcase](#).

Accessing NRS Training Materials (continued)

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The NRS project provides technical assistance and support to states through face-to-face training, national meetings, webinars, and online training courses. More information on these topics may be found on the About NRS, NRS Guidelines, and Making NRS Work pages of this website.

Training

Face-to-face training events have been held since the implementation of the NRS to help states improve data quality, increase data use for program improvement, develop data systems, review the *NRS Implementation Guidelines*, and share information among states and staff about their programs.

Online Courses

These training courses are designed for adult education program administrators that explain NRS requirements and courses designed to improve the quality of NRS data collection.

Policy and Procedure Meetings

National meetings are held with state directors and the Federal staff to discuss the current status of the adult education program and future implementations, as well as to gather feedback from states on future initiatives.

NRS Webinars

Online sharing of NRS-related information has allowed state and local program staff to learn about the NRS without having to leave their offices.

Archive of Events

In the archives you will find previous training materials that you can print and reproduce to use with your own staff. Visitors can also find these training links under specific topics listed in the main menu bar—About NRS, NRS Guidelines, and Making NRS Work.

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Using the Online Training Courses

Get **help** with using the online training courses.

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2013 Summer Training - Myth Busters: The Truth about Adult Education
This workshop provides states with training on how to use NRS data to address an evaluation or research topic that will inform practice and improve programs. This workshop is the twelfth annual regional training designed to promote the quality and use of data collected under the National Reporting System (NRS) for Adult Education.

2012 Summer Training - Going Longitudinal: Building an Adult Education Longitudinal Data System
This year's workshop aims to help guide states into the world of longitudinal data systems (LDS) and is intended for state adult education staff interested in learning about and participating in the development of an LDS in their state. Participants will learn about the Federal objectives, resources, and requirements; share information about their states' longitudinal systems; define their objectives and data elements for an adult education longitudinal data system in their state; and develop an action plan to achieve that system.

2011 Summer Training - Smart Fiscal Management for Adult Education Programs
This training focused on organizing and explaining, in everyday language, the basic financial requirements for managing the Federal adult education and literacy program.

2010 Summer Training - Diving Deep into the NRS Local Pool: Attendance, Transition Outcomes, and Educational Gain
This training focused on ways to analyze the core NRS outcome measure of educational gain, the four followup transition measures and student attendance and suggested areas to examine to plan program improvement efforts

2009 Summer Training - The Local Connection: Building a Data Use Learning Community
This training focused on the characteristics and essential elements of data use learning communities at the state and local level. Training materials include a companion guide to the training, learning community pre- and post- needs assessment surveys, the PowerPoint presentation with facilitator's notes and corresponding handouts, and other resources.

Click on the following link for more information on the follow-up webinar to this training:
[Lessons from the Field: Implementing data use learning communities](#) (January 19, 2010)

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NRS Contact Information

To request training materials or more information about the NRS, please send an email to nrs@air.org

Thank you!

