

TRAINER NEWS FROM THE OCWTP

OCWTP Trainer-Related Policies

New OCWTP trainer-related policies went into effect March 1, 2007. These policies begin on page 23 of the OCWTP Policy Manual which is posted on our website, OCWTP.com. <http://www.ocwtp.com/RTC%20Resources/Policy%20Manual%201-07.pdf>

Trainer Event

This year's trainer event, with a theme of *Diversity Among Us*, took place on March 12, 2007, at the Marriott North in Columbus. Over 135 trainers and OCWTP staff were in attendance. Dr. Joe Shannon was this year's Linda Pope award recipient, and Brian Bethel received the Rising Star award. To view the PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Ruth McRoy on *Disproportionality*, go to <http://www.ocwtp.com/For%20Trainers/Trainer%20Event%20Keynote%202007.pdf>

The Trainer Event is offered each year to honor trainers and provide them opportunities for networking and professional development. We're asking for your input in future event planning.

If you attended this year's event, please respond to these two open-ended questions. Your response is anonymous. Click here to participate: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=847753570057>

We are particularly interested in feedback from trainers who do not usually attend this annual event. Click here to anonymously respond to two open-ended questions: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=233373570470>

Technology

We have three very important technology-related announcements:

1. The new OCWTP website will be launched soon! Trainers will have a separate section which includes trainer development opportunities, news and updates, and resources.
2. The highly anticipated Learning Management System (LMS) is coming! The Technology work team is partnering with ODJFS to get the LMS up and running in 2008. The new LMS will have greater capabilities than our current system, Train Track, and will allow the OCWTP to make significant improvements to the delivery and management of trainings.
3. Christina is encouraging all trainers to hold off upgrading laptops to the new Windows Vista for at least 6 months. One reason is that CPS will not run on Vista. Another reason is the potential cost. Vista has tremendous hardware requirements compared to XP or previous operating systems. You will almost definitely need either to purchase a new system or upgrade your graphics card, your memory, and your processor, and potentially your hard drive.

ODJFS Mandatory Meeting

Save the Date! The ODJFS-led meeting will be held on December 3, 2007. All trainers of standardized curricula *must attend* the meeting to learn about the state's current initiatives and their impact on the training system.