



COLORADO AND WYOMING POSTSECONDARY FORUM

For Leaders in Enrollment, Retention, and Student Success
Request for Programs (RFP)

The Colorado Department of Higher Education and ACT are partnering to offer a regional forum focused on closing the ethnic achievement gap, data utilization, and college affordability on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at the University of Denver - Cable Center.

The forum's themes of "Closing the Ethnic Achievement Gap from a Postsecondary Perspective" and "Maximizing Your Usage of Student Data from ACT Testing in Colorado and Wyoming" will provide attendees with usable, practical tools, while recognizing the importance of development and resource sharing in our ever changing higher education environment. The progression of sessions throughout the forum will begin with a plenary focused on the national and state perspective of "Minding the Gap" and continue with breakout sessions that highlight promising institutional practices.

In this spirit, members of the Colorado and Wyoming higher education community are encouraged to submit a proposal for a relevant breakout session. Successful proposals will leverage recommended practices and utilize the achievements of programs from various areas of the college or partner institutions. Additionally, we recognize that Colorado's ethnic achievement gap focuses primarily on the difference in education attainment between Hispanics and Caucasians.

- Proposals should be submitted no later than Friday, April 15, 2011
- Proposals should be no more than one page in length
- Information should include a session title, description of the concept, and how the topic fits into the forum theme
- Proposals should contain relevant contact information including: Name, title, institution, phone, and email
- All proposals should be submitted via email to Joe Cruse with ACT at joe.cruse@act.org

Criteria for Review of Proposals

All proposals will be subject to review by the planning committee. Proposals for breakouts will be evaluated for: (1) relevance of breakout session to theme of the forum (2) the interest that the session could generate in a general forum environment with a diverse audience (3) the feasibility of the session fitting into a one hour format.

You will be informed by May 6, 2011 if your proposal has been selected for the forum.

All proposals must be submitted electronically.

Thank you,
Department of Higher Education & ACT

