

NIRS Quarterly Call

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Chat Box Discussion

Please note that these are not the full call minutes, but only what was typed in the chat box in Adobe Connect during the call. For the full discussion, please watch the call recording. Below in bold are the questions, followed by all the relevant responses provided.

Do you count activity from employees on subcontracts? What about presenters or consultants?

Dina Johnson: Yes we do in Colorado. Our Director sees us as being the home to several subcontracts so we should get credit for their related activities.

Cheryl Every: Yes, subcontractors should be counted because the UCEDD is paying.

Dina Johnson: UCEDD provides the infrastructure

Do you enter responding to emails or phone inquiries on different topics (providing TA)? And if so, do you count each individually and how do you determine duration?

Laurie (VKC) 2: I thought TA was only provided to organizations and phone calls or email would be considered other model services.

Cheryl Every: we don't report because a lot of staff is offering TA on the phone

Dina Johnson: We have not reported at that level but only when we have a more formalized relationship with the entity.

Melissa Mandrell: we report only if it is an ongoing relationship.

Ziba Arjmand: if it's significant enough...on going

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Melissa Mandrell: if they are not getting a 'degree' we count everyone as a continuing education/community trning

Leni Swails: We count them as short and medium term trainees, depending on the amount of effort involved

Dina Johnson: We collect a trainee form on everyone who is medium or long term

Cherie Buelow - Iowa's UCEDD: Here in IA we count them as a UCEDD trainee - we are still giving them the same information as a LEND trainee

Cheryl Every: We have psychology interns that complete over 2,000 hours so count their services in the school systems, doing direct services, such as evaluations, assessments at the end of the fiscal year.

Dina Johnson: we have been counting students in any university courses where our LEND faculty teach as short term trainees

Tamara Hager: We have UCEDD Trainees also...

Mina Li: We have not entered them. We recorded their activities

Cheryl Every: The psychology interns are entered as trainees, also they participate in activities.

Does anyone use NIRS to collect state impact information (via ZIP code or county or other)? If so, how? If not, do you collect this data in another way?

Leni Swails: yes!

Mina Li: Not in our center

Gisele/WIND Wyoming: Ask on a survey, county they reside.

Gayle Osburn: We do the county on the survey also

Laurie (VKC) 2: Yep! I'm finding it cumbersome to keep track of as well.

Susie Mack 2: We ask for location (city) in Brief Description box

Cherie Buelow - Iowa's UCEDD: In Iowa we collect TA activities by county. We also use NIRS to collect community benefits data for the Iowa Hospital Assn report

Stacey May: at the end of the activity questions we have added extra boxes and collect extra data like location

Ziba Arjmand: we collect this data in Location filed.