

UCEDD Resource Center

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UCEDD Leadership: Pay it Forward

2014 TA Institute – Facilitated Session Notes

Thursday, March 20, 2014: 9:45-11:00 AM

Writing Research Grants (like the big dogs)

- David Johnson, UCEDD Director, Institute on Community Integration, Minnesota
- Robert Stodden, UCEDD Director, Center on Disability Studies, Hawaii

Focused on:

- 1) Not really about how to write grants, but how to support grant writing.
- 2) Creating structure of organization to support grants:
 - a) Support staff for grant research, preparation, submission, and management.
 - b) Regular meetings with internal and external partners to encourage sharing of ideas, identifying grant opportunities, and development of key partnerships over time.
 - c) Regular events to acknowledge grants and research.
 - d) Technical support for things like methods, statistics, and other grant sections.
 - e) Creating and sustaining academic credentials for PI's for all appropriate staff.
- 3) Creating culture to support writing grants:
 - a) High expectations for everyone, all are expected to write and get external funding.
 - b) Clear expectations about what is appropriate funding, pursuing high value funding.
 - c) Celebrating successes with good communication strategies.
 - d) Making grants and contracts part of job descriptions and personnel evaluations.
 - e) Expecting that publishing and disseminating are part of all grants/contracts.