

ANNOUNCEMENT

PCLT selected to present at the 24th Annual At-Risk Youth National Forum

We are pleased to announce that PCLT has been selected to present at the 24th Annual At-Risk Youth National Forum, *Connecting the Dots of Collaboration*, to be held February 19-22, 2012, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. PCLT will conduct three (3) presentations at the conference: a workshop, a roundtable discussion, and a seminar.

The workshop, entitled *Effective Transition Programming: Seven Best Practices for Quality and Culture*, will be presented by Sherry Barr, Psy.D., Vice President. This workshop will offer a practical tool for assessing the quality of transition-focused initiatives. Participants will practice a replicable process through which schools can share productive dialogue about clear standards.

The roundtable discussion, entitled *Advisory: A Whole-School Model to Build School Connectedness*, will be led by Scott Albert, MSW, New Jersey Project Director. The discussion will focus on an effective advisory model for all that includes a structured curriculum that builds a trusting team; develops social-emotional skills; and focuses students on dreams, goals, and what it takes to achieve them.

The seminar, entitled Campaign Connect: A Movement to Increase School Connectedness and Improve Student Achievement, will be co-presented by Dr. Barr and Mr. Albert. This seminar will explore the essential elements of Campaign Connect, a movement designed to unify diverse stakeholders around a common vision to transform schools into safer, more supportive environments that more effectively accelerate student achievement.

The mission of the National Dropout Prevention Center/Network is to increase high school graduation rates through research and evidenced-based solutions. Since 1987, the National Dropout Prevention/Network has worked to improve opportunities for all young people to fully develop the academic, social, work, and healthy life skills needed to graduate from high school and lead productive lives. By promoting awareness of successful programs and policies related to dropout prevention, the work of the Network and its members has made an impact on education from the local to the national level.

Please see http://www.dropoutprevention.org/home for more information or to register for the conference.