

MARCH 18-19, 2010  
RADISSON HOTEL AT CROSS KEYS  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

# District Leadership Institute

Join district leaders from across the country for this two-day intensive workshop designed to assist you in planning a district program to support schools in strengthening their programs of school, family, and community partnerships focused on student success.



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A Professional Development Service for  
District and Organization Members of the  
National Network of Partnership Schools  
(NNPS)

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# *National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) invites you to attend!*

## District Leadership Institute Baltimore, Maryland March 18-19, 2010

NNPS is based on more than a decade of research and field work with districts of all sizes and in all locations — urban, suburban, and rural. This two-day intensive workshop prepares district facilitators to guide schools in strengthening goal-oriented and sustainable programs of school, family, and community partnerships using NNPS research-based approaches.

### When:

Thursday, March 18, 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Friday, March 19, 2010 8 a.m.—3 p.m.

### Where:

Radisson Hotel at Cross Keys  
Village of Cross Keys  
5100 Falls Road  
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

410-532-6900

Toll Free: 1-800-532-5397

### Registration:

Please complete the enclosed registration form.

- Use one form for each registrant; duplicate as necessary.
- All registrations must be accompanied with payment of check, purchase order, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover).
- Checks and purchase orders should be made payable to: JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY—NNPS. A copy of the purchase order must be sent with the registration form.
- A confirmation letter will be mailed to you upon receipt of your registration. **The deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 3, 2010.** Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Fees:

**Members: \$300 per person**

Non-Members: Contact NNPS to learn how your district can become a member to attend this Institute. *Cost includes continental breakfasts, lunches, Institute materials, and follow-up review..*

### Refunds:

A full refund will be given for cancellations received by March 9, 2010. No refunds after this date.

### Contact:

Please contact Jennifer Ganss, NNPS Coordinator, at 410-516-2318 or [jganss@csos.jhu.edu](mailto:jganss@csos.jhu.edu) with any questions.

# District Leadership Institute Agenda

**Day One: March 18, 2010**

**Mastering the Model**

**8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Continental Breakfast

Greetings, Introductions, and Overview:

**How YOU Can Conduct the NNPS Team-Training Workshop for YOUR Schools' Action Teams for Partnerships (ATPs)**

Warm-up

One-Day NNPS Team Training

Know and Present the Basics

Framework of Six Types of Involvement

Meeting the Challenges

Reaching Results

Action Team for Partnerships

Lunch

One-Year Action Plan for Partnerships

What is it and why is it so important?

How will YOU know when it is well written?

Let's write one and critique it.

NNPS Benefits, Services, & Requirements

Q&A for the Day

Conclusion – Day 1

**Day Two: March 19, 2010**

**District Leadership and Facilitation**

**8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Continental Breakfast

Greetings and Overview

Warm-up

**How YOU Can Organize your Leadership and Assistance to Schools**

Roles and Responsibilities of NNPS District Facilitators

Leadership & Facilitation Strategies

Lead and Succeed with Partnerships

What Do Facilitators Do?

Start YOUR District Leadership Plan for 2010-11

Lunch

Afternoon Warm-Up

Complete YOUR District Leadership Plan for Partnerships for 2010-11

Common Challenges and Solutions

Q&A for the Day

## Who Should Attend?

The two-day workshop is designed for **new district facilitators for partnerships** who are preparing to provide direct services to schools. NNPS defines a "district facilitator" as a district-level specialist who is charged by the school system to provide direct assistance to help schools strengthen their programs of family and community involvement.

**Organization and state leaders who guide district leaders for partnerships** in taking responsibility to assist their schools, or who work with schools as district leaders do, also may attend.

**All attendees must be members of NNPS.**

The District Leadership Institute is not designed for principals, parents, teachers, or others who are not assigned to lead and facilitate multiple schools' Action Teams for Partnerships (ATPs) using the NNPS research-based approach.

## Upon completion of the Institute, District Facilitators will be able to:

- Describe the content of the NNPS model and conduct the NNPS One-Day Team Training Workshops for schools' Action Teams for Partnerships (ATP).
- Evaluate a One-Year Action Plan for Partnerships at the school level.
- Describe the roles and responsibilities of district facilitators for partnerships.
- Identify strategies for effective facilitation and leadership throughout the year.
- Write a District Leadership Plan to build a local network of partnership schools and collegial support for partnerships.
- Identify resources from NNPS to assist in leading and facilitating schools' ATPs on partnership program development.
- Make presentations on school, family, and community partnerships.

## CERTIFICATES

Certificates for 16 hours of professional development will be issued to attendees who complete the two-day Institute.

## Accommodations

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### Institute Hotel:

#### Radisson Hotel at Cross Keys

Village of Cross Keys  
5100 Falls Road  
Baltimore, MD 21210

410-532-6900  
Toll free: 1-800-532-5397

**JHU room rate \$99.** plus 13.5% tax

You can make hotel reservations online at:

<http://www.radisson.com/baltimoremd>

Be sure to select the promotional code: **JHNNPS**

The JHU room rate is valid only for the conference dates and is guaranteed for reservations made through Monday, March 1, 2010.

Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. When contacting the hotel, identify yourself as a JHU conference participant and request the JHU rate.

Hotel reservations and travel costs are the responsibility of each participant.

Please plan your travel so that you can complete the two-day training thru 3 PM on March 19.

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The Radisson Hotel at Cross Keys is located about 30 minutes away from Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) and 15 minutes from the Amtrak train station. Super Shuttle service (most economical) is available at the airport.

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## National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS)

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The National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) at Johns Hopkins University, established in 1996 by Dr. Joyce Epstein, works with schools, districts, states and organizations that are committed to developing and sustaining comprehensive programs of school, family, and community partnerships to improve students' success in school. Currently, NNPS includes active members in over 1100 schools, 150 school districts, 21 state departments of education, and more than 50 organizations.

NNPS school members use the research-based framework of six types of family and community involvement, an action team approach, goal-oriented structures and processes, and evaluation strategies to strengthen and continually improve their programs of family and community involvement linked to school improvement goals.

NNPS district, state, and organization members conduct leadership activities to establish and improve their own programs of school, family, and community partnerships. District facilitators are guided to help all schools to organize Action Teams for Partnerships (ATPs) and plan, implement, and evaluate their partnership programs in order to reach all families and improve student achievement and success in school.

Visit [www.partnershipschools.org](http://www.partnershipschools.org)  
for more information on NNPS!

# Registration Form

## District Leadership Institute Baltimore, Maryland March 18-19, 2010

- Type or print clearly.
- Duplicate this form for each registrant.
- Registration forms must be received by **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010**

Name (as you want it on your name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

District: (or Organization) \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your District an NNPS member?  Yes  No (If NO, contact NNPS at 410-516-2318 to join.  
This Institute is for members only.)

Which best describes your district?  urban  suburban  rural

Total number of schools in your district: \_\_\_\_\_

Including yourself, how many Facilitators for Partnerships will work with schools on this program? \_\_\_\_\_

Fee: \$300 per person

### Payment Method:

Checks and purchase orders should be made payable to: JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY.

Check  PO# \_\_\_\_\_ (Include a copy of the purchase order with the registration form.)

Visa  MasterCard  Discover  This is a corporate credit card

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the card, if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

**Refunds:** A full refund will be given for cancellations received by **March 9, 2010**. NO refunds after this date.

**FAX OR MAIL REGISTRATION and PAYMENTS BY MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2010 to: Jenn Ganss**

**Fax: 410-516-8890**

**Address:** National Network of Partnership Schools, Johns Hopkins University,  
3003 N. Charles Street, Suite 200, Baltimore, MD 21218

**Questions?** Call Jenn Ganss, NNPS Coordinator, at 410-516-2318 or email [jganss@csos.jhu.edu](mailto:jganss@csos.jhu.edu).

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## What Did Members Say?

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**Excellent training. Great facilitators. ... I now feel equipped to take this back to my district. (District Facilitator)**

**This is one of the best conferences I ever attended. Well organized, on schedule, helpful facilitators, great food. Very encouraging! (County Community Education Coordinator-Family Involvement Specialist)**

**I loved the flow of the training ... I feel I can do it. (PIRC leader)**

**Great combination of direct instruction, small groups, and one-on-one attention. (District Facilitator)**

**This program ties all of our district's initiatives into a tidy package. We simply need to "add" to our NNPS activities a plan, timelines, and persons responsible. NNPS is a breath of fresh air. (District Facilitator)**

**I learned that goals for family and community involvement must support school improvement goals for this work to be meaningful to schools. (District Facilitator)**

**My a-ha moment: There are no 'barriers' in creating partnerships — only challenges that can be overcome. (District Facilitator)**

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Source: 2008 and 2009 DLI Attendees



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