



Dear Colleague,

We are writing to invite you to apply for and/or nominate a candidate to the 2015-2016 Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP), sponsored by the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) in Washington, DC, and Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) in Hamden, CT.

Now more than ever, leaders of organizations need to understand the local impact of education policy mandates from Washington and Hartford. EPFP provides Fellows with direct contact with policy-makers, thought leaders, and decision-makers on the national and state levels. These experiences provide EPFP Fellows with the knowledge and skills leaders need to help teachers, staff and community members make sense of the education and related policy initiatives that impact their work.

In addition, as school districts deepen their educator evaluation practices, it is essential that they provide relevant professional learning experiences for their exemplary educators. EPFP is the ideal professional learning opportunity for those school and district leaders.

EPFP is designed for administrators, teachers, managers, and others with demonstrated leadership talent, and for a few special emerging leaders. The program helps build administrative and leadership capacity that will supplement professional growth efforts already in place in your organization. EPFP seminars focus on topics such as: education reform, educator evaluation, leadership development, engaging and communicating effectively with diverse stakeholder groups, CT's "achievement gap," community advocacy and other relevant concerns. The criteria for successful program completion include:

- Attendance at all in-state seminars
- Attendance at two national conferences
- Evidence of the Fellow's active participation in EPFP, and
- A study of a policy area of interest to the Fellow

A full description of the program and information explaining costs and procedures and the application can be found on the ACES website (<http://www.aces.org/professional-development/education-policy-fellowship-program>).

EPFP is for that special individual with great leadership potential. All applications and nominations must be submitted by **August 15, 2015**. Questions about the nomination/application process should be directed to Leslie Abbatiello. Please email completed applications to Leslie Abbatiello at [labbatiello@aces.org](mailto:labbatiello@aces.org).

Best regards,

*Leslie Abbatiello*

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