THE OREGON STATEWIDE PLAN FOR SHORTAGES OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS





PLAN, PLAYERS AND SEQUENCE

 State Association stakeholders meeting 2004

 Large stakeholders meeting 2004

 Development of shortage survey, mailing and tallying results 2005

Distance Ed. Options Survey

- Assoc. officers, SPED program administrators and training program directors including SLPA
- Assoc. officers, SPED Prog. Admin's., training program director, Supt's. State Dept. of Ed.
- Subgroup of large stakeholders group
- Committee chair

PLAN, PLAYERS AND SEQUENCE Cont'd.

 Ad hoc committee chartered by Assoc. 2005

- Committee partners 2005
- Establishment of 3 focus areas and initiatives 2006

- Representatives from hospital, SLPA training program, regional education service districts, K-12 districts, Dept. of Ed; rural, urban, suburban
- 2 training program Dir's., staff from Teaching Research
- Committee members

PLAN, PLAYERS AND SEQUENCE Cont'd.

- Application for ASHA grant
- Estab.Single jobs clearing house Spring '06
- Received grant
- University career fairs Spring of 2006
- Development of grassroots recruitment project and dissemination

- Comm. Leadership
- Teaching Research staff and Comm.

Committee

Training program Dir's. school district Rep's., students, Comm.

Subcommittee



AREAS OF FOCUS AND INITIATIVES

ACCESS TO TRAINING

*Development of Distance Learning Cohort Opportunity: Master's Degree

*Development of Distance Learning Opportunities: Leveling

*Explore Legislation for Additional Faculty to State Training Programs

RECRUITMENT

- *Organize and Facilitate Focused Career Fairs
- *Develop Single Web Site for Job Posting and Recruitment
- *Develop Grassroots Recruitment Training Kit
- *Facilitate Grassroots Recruitment with SPED Administrators
- *Facilitate Grassroots Recruitment with SLPS via ASHA Grant

RETENTION

*Disseminate Research Findings on Retention to SPED Directors/Administrators at Statewide Conferences

MODELS OF RECRUITMENT

* Short Term Recruitment

Meet immediate staffing needs, less than one year, often less than 6 months

Focus only on those qualified to immediate employment

Same strategies with often poor results

Communication centralized at different level of agency

Long Term Recruitment

- *Applies to larger number of venues
- *Home grown candidates
- *Broader application:
- 8th grade through college
- career changers
- *Develop long term relationships with students increases supply of those desiring to work in the profession
- *Grassroots recruitment-local

kit

stipends

TOPICS TO CONSIDER IN RECRUITMENT

- * Advertising guidelines
- * Small needs big attention
- * Local and regional
- * Out-of-state lowest probability
- See recruitment guidelines page for administrators.

TOPICS TO CONSIDER IN RETENTION

- * Use of workload analysis vs. caseload
- * Continuing education
- * Work schedule flexibility
- * Collaboration and consultation with SLP's
- * Salary
- * Support of and respect for SLP role in learning by administrators

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