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- Pathway to a Data Use Culture in Montana -

2017 Montana Data Use Conference

September 26th and 27th

Helena, MT

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OPI invites researchers and users to share their work at this conference.

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Submit request to Joe Hamilton, Business Analyst 444-0475, TTY 406-444-0235, jhamilton@mt.gov.

Who should attend? Anyone with an interest in education data from pre-K through post-secondary—
Superintendents, school administrators, teachers, board members, university faculty/staff, university
students, local education agency staff, state education agency staff, IT/technical staff and directors.

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“Pathway to a data use culture in Montana”

Mission: To provide Montana educators, administrators, and researchers with a venue to learn how to access and communicate data in ways that will improve educational outcomes for Montana students.

Vision: Creation of a statewide data use culture in which educators regularly use data to inform decision making. Showcase evidence-based school or community program interventions, emphasizing the role of data-driven decision making in the continuous improvement cycle and program evaluation.

Goal #1: Create long-term, direct partnerships with university researchers

- Create a forum for the presentation and discussion of recent research on educational outcomes.
- Provide opportunities for university researchers and OPI staff to network, build relationships, and share experiences around data use.

Goal #2: Increase teacher use of data to enhance teaching

- Present and discuss key examples of effective analysis, interpretation, and presentation of education data at the district and school level.
- Train district staff in basic data literacy skills and the use of GEMS to access and interpret dashboards.
- Build “team” capacity to interpret data and use findings to inform school policy, strategies, and interventions – among teachers, counselors, and administrative staff/leadership.

Goal #3: Enhance the OPI’s understanding of its own program effectiveness

- Build awareness of OPI’s data-centered interventions and resources among district and school staff, interagency partners, and university researchers.
- Gather feedback on how OPI can continuously improve its interventions, evaluation methods, and engagement with stakeholders.

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