



Writing Centers & Access: A Process of Building Relationships Through Outreach

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Workshop Objectives:

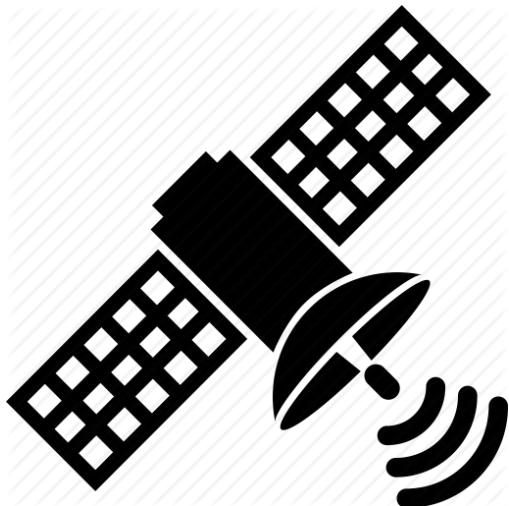
By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to...

- × Identify a particular community within their institution they can support through specialized outreach efforts (e.g., satellite locations, liaison programs, etc.)
- × Identify a distinct area in which their writing centers can be more inclusive and bridge the distances (physical, emotional, linguistic, etc.) existing within the communities they serve
- × Develop an outreach plan based on the particular community and distinct area identified from above

Today's Workshop Agenda:

1. Writing Center @ MSU outreach initiatives and services
 - a. Satellite locations
 - b. Liaison program
 - c. Similar efforts at other institutions
2. Building Relationships via Outreach Efforts
 - a. identifying underrepresented/marginalized communities
 - b. underutilized connections (*student populations*)
 - c. You don't know what you don't know. So, how do we find out?
3. Reflection, identifying, & development
4. Questions & comments

Outreach Initiatives & Services



Satellite locations:

- × Main location (9 am-5 pm Monday - Friday)
- × Online consulting (9 am-5 pm M-F; & 5-10 pm Sundays)
- × Engagement centers in 4 residential buildings + the student union (5-9 pm Sunday - Wednesday)
- × Main library (5-10 pm Sunday - Thursday)
- × Multimedia Writing Center (6-9 pm Sunday - Wednesday)

Discussion: How does this use of location broaden the student population services?



Liaison locations:

- × College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) Scholars Initiative
- × Office for Cultural and Academic Transition (OCAT)
- × Fostering Academics Mentoring Excellence (FAME)
- × LGBT Center
- × TRIO Student Support Services
- × Volunteer English Teaching Program (VETP)

Discussion: How does this use of location broaden the student population services?

Similar efforts :

Discussion: (break into two sides)

- × Do you notice any similar efforts at your current/past institution? If so, what are they?
- × What about from other institutions you learned from in this conference?
- × If you don't have any similar efforts at your current/past institution, how and where can you start?



Building Relationships:

Discussion:

- Where to start? Who is the community you want to cultivate a stronger relationship with?
 - Marginalized/underrepresented communities
 - Underutilizing (*student populations*)
- How can we begin a relationship? Who should make the effort to reach out? Where to meet them?
- What is the purpose of building this relationship? How can the outreach initiative objectives be developed in a collaborative way? Are the efforts mutually beneficial?

Reflection, Identification, & Development

- × In what ways can we *use these emerging plans* to improve inclusion and meaningful participation within and among our communities and among the members of those communities? (discuss this with 2-3 people; come together as a whole)
- × *Trying to reach out to different disciplines, departments, and colleges (WAC) to debunk myths of the WC*
- × *Working with MSU's Center for Survivors--working on providing support in writing for survivors and people who have experienced trauma*
- × *Working with veterans*



Reflection, Identification, & Development: cont.

- × How do *these plans to reach out to other parts of our communities help us as we expand who is authorized to contribute to the knowledge base of our subfield, and how do we encourage and cultivate emerging tutor-scholars?* (discuss this with 2-3 people; come together as a whole)

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Questions, Compliments, & Critiques

