

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

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# Workshop Objectives:

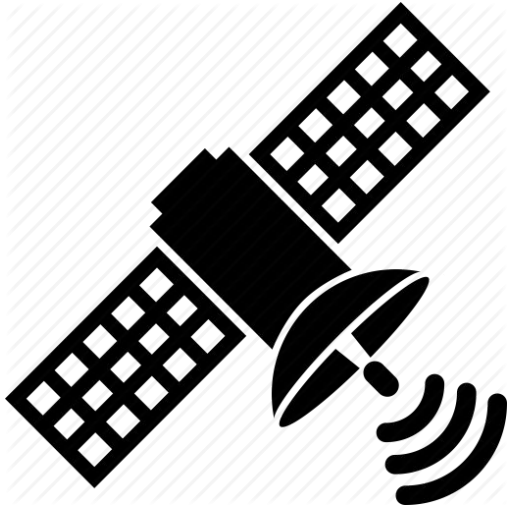
By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to...

- × 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



