



# Program Approval & Certification Processes

# Facilitators

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# Goals

- ✧ To discuss national trends related to program approval and certification reform
- ✧ To share an example of the standards and certification reform process in a CEEDAR intensive state including successes, challenges, and lessons learned

# Discussion Groups

- ✧ Select a table facilitator and scribe
- ✧ Consider the guiding questions
- ✧ Post major points on chart paper

# Discussion of Previous Session

- ✧ Introduce yourselves
- ✧ Consider....
  - 3 things your learned
  - 2 things you will implement
  - 1 question or comment
- ✧ Agree on the most insightful ideas and post

10 minutes

# Panel

✧ National perspective

– Deb

✧ State example

– Stacey

✧ Q&A

20 minutes

# Guiding Questions

- ✧ Where is your state in the process of engaging in program approval and/or certification revision?
  - What have been the greatest successes in the process? What strategies contributed to those successes?
  - What have been the greatest challenges in the process? What strategies have you tried (or what strategies are you currently trying) to address these challenges?

# Guiding Questions

- ✧ How has your state addressed issues of stakeholder engagement?
- ✧ How are changes to program approval and/or certification processes reinforcing improvements in the preparation of teachers and leaders to support SWDs?
- ✧ Explore the CEEDAR Center Interactive Policy Database ([cedar.org](http://cedar.org)). How might this resource be useful to your state as you consider program approval and/or certification revisions?



# Reflections

- ✧ Share one major point per table
- ✧ Review comments on charts
- ✧ Share next steps

# Thank you!

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