

Best Practices Form

Instructions: *Submit this form as a separate attachment with your completed Program Review.* Programs often do something particularly well; usually they have learned through assessment—sometimes trial and error—what solves a problem or makes their programs work so well. These are often called **Best Practices** and can help others. Please share the practices your program has found to be effective. The contact information lets others know whom to contact for more information. This part of Program Review is linked to the Student Success Strategic Goal: “Become an exemplary model of student success by developing and implementing best practices.” For examples of Best Practices visit the [Program Review Committee’s website](#).

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Best Practice(s):

Bakersfield College Delano Campus has implemented another Community of Practice (CoP). The “like minded” group promotes partnerships to deal with problems that have multiple internal and external variables. We established three communities (Counseling, Math and ENSL Educators) that can meet to discuss problems and solutions unique to their particular communities. It should be noted, that we are also establishing an Arvin/Lamont Education CoP to include educators from K through 14. The purpose of this CoP will be to identify and eliminate education roadblocks in Arvin and Lamont. The first summit will be October 20, 2013.

The Community of Practice concepts are important because they connect people who might not otherwise have the opportunity to interact. These groups provide an arena for instructors, counselors, administrators and community leaders to share information, stories, and personal experiences in a way to build understanding, insight and workable solutions. It allows folks to come together to explore new possibilities, solve challenging problems, and create new, mutually beneficial opportunities. These groups promote authentic communication, mentoring, coaching, and self-reflection. The primary purpose is to work on solutions between organizations in an environment that allows for the flow of ideas and exchange of information. Simply, it is a chance to share resources, ideas and take action that leads to tangible results.