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**INCLUDED:** List of attendees

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## Educators Learn More Skills on Reaching Diverse Students

Over 85 educators from across the state braved the icy roads and falling snow to attend a workshop aimed at helping them work with at-risk diverse learners.

The workshop, led by Dr. Catherine Collier, called “So What Do I Do Now? Effective Strategies for Prevention, Intervention & Monitoring,” was organized by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence and held Thursday, November 30, 2006.

“I was very impressed with the number of the educators that braved the elements to attend the conference,” said Toni Bowling, the conference’s coordinator. “We had participants from as far away as Ulysses, Kansas. The turnout on Thursday is a good indication of the dedication of teachers, administrators and resource specialist to educate our at-risk students.”

Collier has over 35 years experience in cross-cultural, bilingual, and special education. She completed her Ph.D. with research into the referral of Hispanic students to special education programs and served as diagnostician for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Arizona and Alaska. Dr. Collier created the Bilingual Special Education Curriculum/Training project (BISECT) at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and works extensively with school districts on professional and program development for at-risk diverse learners. Her most recent books include Separating Difference and Disability: Assessing Diverse Learners and Cognitive Learning Strategies for Diverse Learners.

For more information about this workshop, contact Toni Bowling at 620-341-5372 or 1-877-378-5433, mbowling@emporia.edu.

Educators in attendance at the workshop included:

Emporia State University  
JoAnne Vieweg

Flint Hills Spec. Ed. Coop, Emporia –  
Jennifer Esslinger  
Emily Joplin  
Elizabeth McCoy  
Laramie Peitz

High Plains Educational Cooperative  
#611 –  
Hope Pierson

Southwest Plains Regional Service  
Center –  
Elaine Fox  
Irene Perez

USD 209, Moscow –  
Louise Quintana

USD 214, Ulysses –  
Michelle Fillpot  
Alan Kautz  
Carol King  
Kristi Kunselman  
Juan Perez  
Elizabeth Perez  
Lusema Torres

USD 259, Wichita –  
Judy Ebersole  
Karen Kuhn

USD 260, Derby –  
Vincent Gibbons

USD 373, Newton –  
Cheryl Nottingham  
Stephanie Thompson

USD 382 Pratt –  
Gina Bates

USD 418, McPherson –  
Laura Miller  
Susan Newton

USD 457 Garden City –  
Alberto Carrillo

USD 501, Topeka –  
Laura Austin  
Tanyea Bingham

Amy Blanchat  
Ana Escobar  
Gena Klise  
Paolo Politi  
Bonnie Robles  
Cheryl Rowh  
Angie Shelton  
Vicki Wessman (continued)



USD 253, Emporia –  
Allison Anderson  
Amanda Arevalo  
James Baker  
Judy Ball  
Joni Black  
Sheri Bonnet  
Amy Chapman  
Mindy Clark  
Julie Davis  
Suzanne Donnelly  
Derek Eccles  
Barb Fabert  
Carla Fessler  
Jared Giffin  
Nancy Gilpin  
Rodney Gutsch  
Joy Haegert

Jeana Hayes  
Robbie Hill  
Karen Horton  
Tracy James  
Bonnie Jasso  
Diana Jones  
Brian Jordan  
Erin Kauffman  
Amber Keeling  
Vickie Kennitt  
John Lexow  
Shelly Lutes  
Teresa Maley  
Melanie Martin  
Amy McAnarney  
Wendy Moore  
Gretchen Oldham  
Kelly Olson

Robin Pekarak  
Dinanath Ramcharan  
Stephanie Ramirez  
Jeri Scheve  
Lisa Scheve  
Amber Schroetlin  
Roberta Shafer  
Michelle Sheldon  
Patricia Smiley  
Heather Stauffer  
Stephanie Sullivan  
Pam Swafford  
Valerie Symmonds  
James Warner  
Kathy Williams  
Shelley Wise  
John Wyrick

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