The PREP Project:  
A Multimedia Approach of Preparing Educators for Collaboration

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Professionals Ready for Educational Partnerships (PREP) is an interdisciplinary multimedia staff development program that incorporates stand alone video presentations, support materials, and CD ROM tutorial/assessment probes to help educators learn how to work together to serve students considered to be "at-risk." Conference participants will see the videos and have "hands-on" opportunities to interact with the CD ROM tutorial/assessment probe. CDs use full motion video and audio clips in a series of questions and vignettes to apply newly acquired information and skills. The CD ROM also provides immediate feedback to the trainee. The video component of the PREP project consists of 10, one-hour documentary video presentations. Viewers see prominent researchers and actual practitioners from various parts of the country implementing various forms of collaboration. Breakout activities conducted by a trained facilitator are interspersed throughout the video presentation to promote discussions and exercises. A detailed description of PREP can also be found at www.prep.utah.edu.