IEA wants to help our colleagues gain confidence and provide support in the implementation of the Illinois Learning Standards (also known as Common Core State Standards). The IEA/Learning Standards Initiative (LSI) will provide training, resources and support through a train-the-trainer model at our IEA region offices. Funding through an Organizing for Action grant from NEA, gives us the opportunity to support our members as they teach to the new Illinois Learning Standards.

LSI coordinator Annice Brave, an IEA board member and the 2011 Illinois Teacher of the Year, is on loan from her teaching position at Alton High School. She is a member of both the PARCC Educator Leader Cadre and the NEA Common Core Working Group and has extensive knowledge about implementing common core in the classroom as well as many, many helpful resources she will share with IEA members who agree to be leaders/trainers in their schools.

Training will include six modules:

- The how and why of Illinois Learning Standards;
- Four modules on what common core looks like in the classroom for English Language Arts elementary, ELA upper level, math elementary and math upper level;
- And, common core adaptations for special populations.

We ask that you watch for future materials on LSI. We are very excited to provide this resource.
Opportunity: Through this NEA funding grant, IEA’s Center for Educational Innovation (CEI) will provide training, resources and support to IEA staff and members. Janet Tate, CEI instructional resource and professional development director, will provide support for this program working closely with LSI Coordinator Annice Brave. Brave will provide a train-the-trainer model working collaboratively with IEA regional offices to align the Illinois Learning Standards.

Why should I become an LSI team member?

The IEA LSI team has two goals:

- Build teacher effectiveness in implementing the new Illinois Learning Standards and,
- Make teachers’ work easier. Teachers’ inboxes are filled with information about the standards. We will provide a concise list of quality sources for teachers to use.

The IEA LSI team is here to help.

By becoming an IEA LSI team trainer, you will have access to training and information to use in your building and your district.

This is your opportunity to develop your teacher leadership skills and take ownership of the Illinois Learning Standards. IEA will put you on the path to training your colleagues in using the best standards-aligned materials and effective teaching techniques.

- Improve your practice,
- Support your colleagues,
- Lead your students on the path to readiness for college and career!

Become an IEA Learning Standards Initiative team trainer

Contact information:

- First and last name
- Home address
- Cell phone number
- Working personal email address
- School district and local association
- District role (grade level, subject area, teacher and/or ESP)

For additional information, contact Janet Tate, IEA-CEI Instructional Resource and Professional Development Director at: janet.tate@ieanea.org

Apply online at: http://bit.ly/lsi-apply