



Reading First California Technical Assistance Center

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Reading First Cohort 4 LEA Orientation Session

June 5, 2006

Sacramento Hilton Arden West Hotel

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Kathi Cooper, Reading First LEA Advisor and
Sharon Ruiz Van Vleck, Director**
California Technical Assistance Center

Craig Heimbichner, Manager, Reading/Language Arts Leadership
California Department of Education

Presentation

*Overview of the Reading First Initiative California Instructional Reform
Agenda "California's Voices for Sustainability" Video Excerpts*
Kathi Cooper and Sharon Ruiz Van Vleck

Presentation

Professional Development Support
**Connie Lee, Director, Development and Training and
Elizabeth Kelsch, Director, Development and Training**
California Technical Assistance Center

Break

Presentation

Assessments: 6-8 Week Skills and End-of-Year
Roxanne Higgins, R-TAC Director
Sacramento County Office of Education

Presentation

On-line Assessment Reporting System (OARS)
Axel Shalson, President and CEO
Red Schoolhouse Software

Lunch

**Working Together –
Discussions with R-TAC Directors**

Presentation
Reading First Assurances
Sharon Ruiz Van Vleck

Presentation
Advantages of Being a Cohort 4 District: Lessons Learned
Kathi Cooper

Next Steps:
Planning with R-TAC Directors

Adjournment

Handouts:

- Powerpoint Presentations will be available online at www.calread.net under LEA Sessions
- Other Resources:
 - Federal Reading First Legislation
 - California Reading First Website – Technical Assistance link
 - R-TAC Directors’ Roster
 - Job Descriptions
 - Professional Development Reading Institute Schedules
 - Coach Institute Schedule
 - Skills Assessments
 - OARS Brochure
 - Assurances for the Sake of Our Children Publication
 - Next Steps
 - Tentative C-TAC Events Schedule 2006-07
 - Reading First Roster (Cohort 4 only)
 - Reading First Roster (Cohort 1-4)
 - California’s Voices for Sustainability DVD
 - 2005 Superintendents’ Summit DVD (one per district)
 - “Thriving on Excellence” Video (one per district)

Next Cohort 4 LEA Orientation Session: September 13, 2006
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