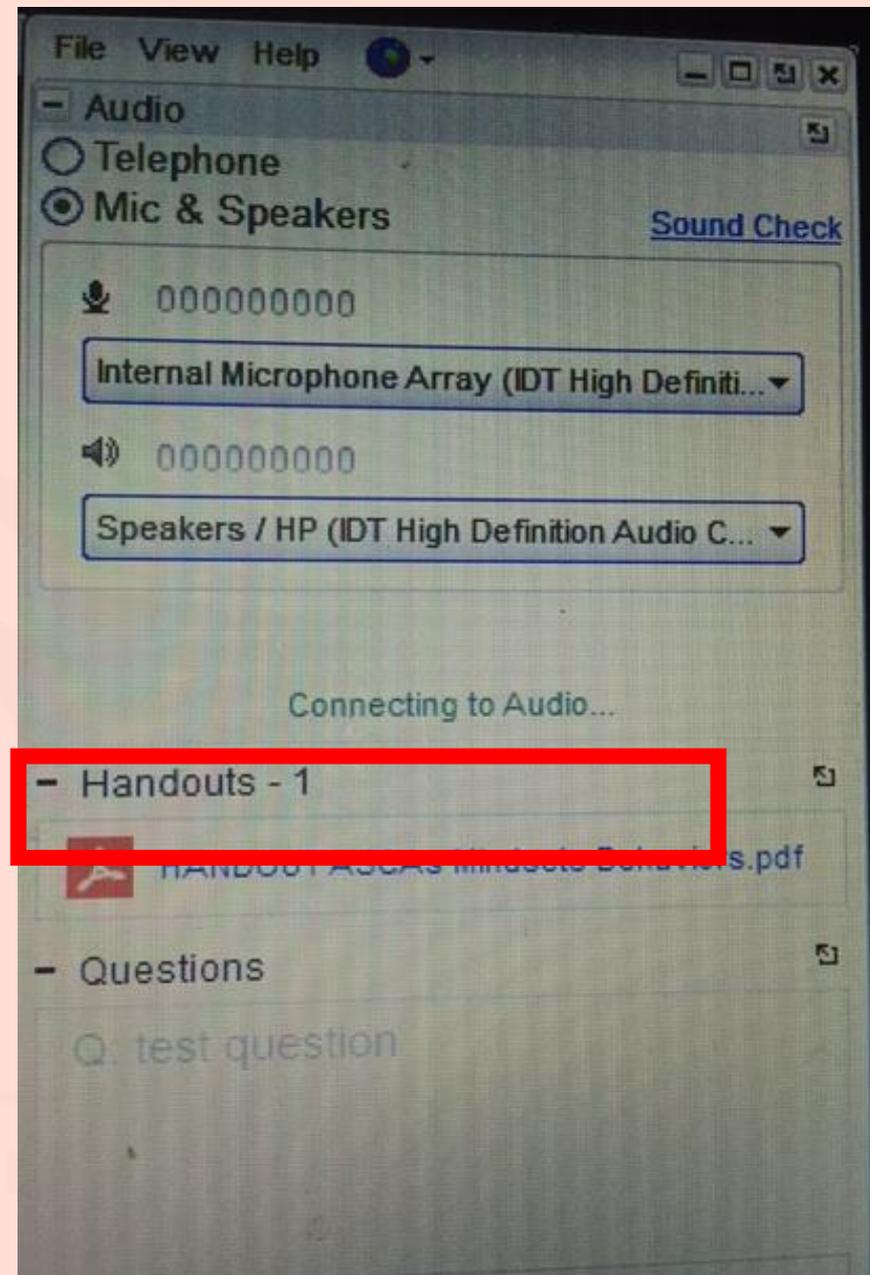
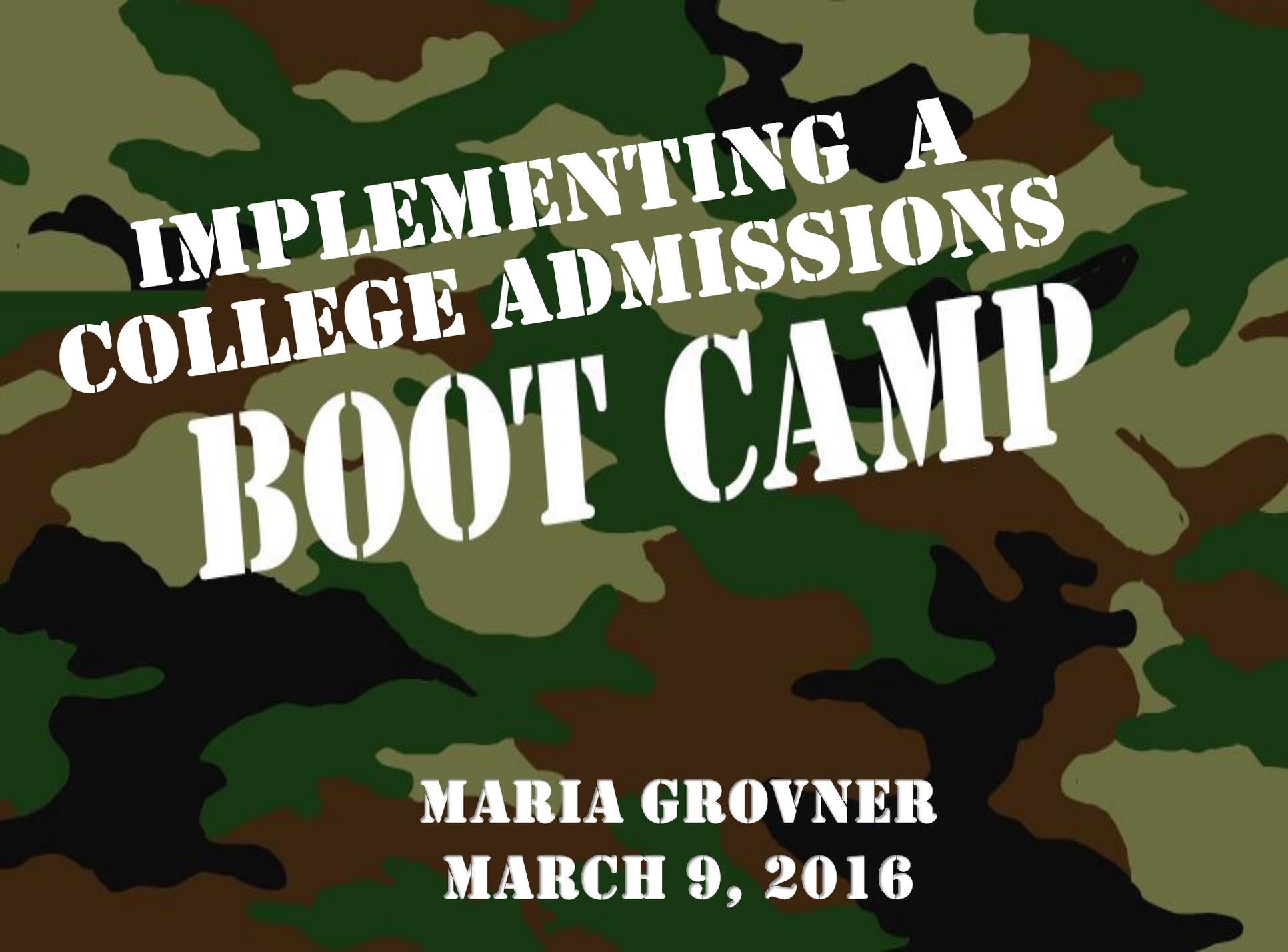




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- We will start momentarily.
- Follow us on Twitter @gadoecounselors



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**IMPLEMENTING A
COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
BOOT CAMP**

MARIA GROVNER

MARCH 9, 2016

COLLEGE BOOT CAMP SESSION OVERVIEW

- Recruiting Students
- Structuring Your Event
- Agenda
- Sessions
- Volunteers
- Student Resources
- Parent Involvement
- Evaluation
- Considerations

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THE STUDENTS



- Contact all grade 11 English teachers
- Advertise through PTA
- Emails and automated calls to parents and students
- News reports on boot camp
- Video commercial played on morning announcements
- Send press releases
- Meet with targeted students for a personalized invitation

COLLEGE BOOT CAMP STRUCTURE

- [Beechwood High School](#)
- [Cherry Creek High School](#)
- Held in Summer
- Number of days
- College admissions speakers
- English teachers and counselors review drafts and provide written feedback twice
- Instruction on college essays
- Financial Aid/Scholarships
- Mini College Fair

During the Boot Camp:



- Work one-on-one and in small groups to review and finalize their text entries for the regular applications and Common Application;
- Prepare multiple essays including all required essays and extra essays using the Application Boot Camp strategy;
- Develop an application strategy to increase college acceptance possibilities;
- Receive advice on their odds at targeted colleges;
- Complete an edited condensed activity sheet to submit with the applications;
- Take part in interview training.

Leave From Boot Camp with:

- Essays that highlight strengths, fit the criteria for the Common Application, and can be morphed into supplemental essays for schools that do not use the Common Application;
- A detailed Activity Sheet as well as other shorter writings to customize each college application;
- A one-on-one meeting to finalize application strategy and solidify a game plan that launches off the written report and understand how to put all application components together.

COLLEGE BOOT CAMP AGENDA

- 15 mins. Introduction and Goals of Boot Camp
- 60 mins. College Essays: The Art of Personal Writing
- 15 mins. Snack Break
- 60 mins.
 - Begin work on paper copy of Common Application
 - Résumé Short Answer - vs - College Essay
- 30 mins. General Questions and Individual Meeting Time
- 75 mins.
 - Register with Common Application
 - Transfer paper copy of Common App to website
 - Begin to prepare Teacher & Counselor Recommendation Forms
- 15 mins. Snack Break
- 60 mins. Résumé
- 30 mins.
 - College Essays – Free Write
 - General Questions and Individual Meeting Time

COLLEGE BOOT CAMP

AGENDA

- 75 mins. Open Time Essays/ Common Application / Other University Applications
- 15 mins. Snack Break
- 90 mins. Individual Meeting Time / Group Essay Reviews
- 45 mins. Student Panel
- HOMEWORK:
 - Complete Family/Parent Information
 - Common App Complete Activities Worksheet
 - Bring Copies of SAT/ACT/AP Scores
- Provide lunch and snacks
- What's listed can be accomplished in 1 ½ days
- Other topics that can be included are:
 - Student Athletes
 - Financing a College Education



COLLEGE BOOT CAMP SESSIONS

- College Search: Learn how to effectively search for colleges and narrow down your student's prospective list from 4,000 colleges to their top 6-8.
- Admissions Essay: Students will review how to write a good essay and avoid cliché topics, and they will actually *compose their first draft*. Students will receive actual feedback **during the Bootcamp**.
- Admissions Interview: Admissions personnel will coach students for the admissions interview and teach them how to make the best impression possible the first time around.
- SAT/ACT Test Prep: Students will learn how to maximize their study efforts for the SAT/ACT exams and learn techniques they can use to ace these high-stakes exams.
- Financial Info Review: Help families understand merit-based *and* need-based financial aid, and how to **maximize their eligibility** for both.
- **Optional**: Student-Athletes: If your students want to play sports in college, regardless of whether it's DI or DIII, this workshop will walk them through the **recruiting process** and show students how to **effectively market themselves** to college coaches.

College Board Advisory Session: Sessions for 12th grade focus on the transition from high school to college, application essays, financial aid and college support systems.

COLLEGE BOOT CAMP VOLUNTEERS

- College Admission Representatives
- High School Faculty (especially English teachers)
- Financial Aid Personnel
- Contact school counselors in K-12
- Former students (high school graduates/college students)
- Community Members



WE WANT YOU

COLLEGE BOOT CAMP VOLUNTEERS

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- **College Admission Representatives**
 - To conduct sessions
 - To coach students with interviews
 - To answer General Questions
 - To conference with students on their essays
 - To conduct a session on College Admissions
- **High School Faculty (especially English teachers)**
 - To review essays for content
 - To instruct on writing an effective essay
 - To conduct sessions on Student Activity Sheet and Teacher Recs.
 - To conference with students on their essays
- **Financial Aid Personnel**
 - To conduct sessions on “Financing a College Education”
 - To answer General Financial Questions
- **Contact school counselors in K-12**
 - To help students develop a game plan for applying to college based on checklists
 - Facilitate sessions
- **Former students (high school graduates/college students)**
 - To share information about what makes an effective essay
 - Informal conversations about applying to college and college life
 - Student Panel
- **Community Members**
 - To discuss employability skills that would perhaps help with the interview or can be incorporated into essay
 - To share volunteer opportunities
- **School’s Counseling Department**
 - Individual Time with School Counselor
 - Develop Schedule for students
 - Session on “What Your Counselor Can Do For You”

COLLEGE BOOT CAMP CHECKLISTS

- [Senior Year Checklist NACAC](#)
- [Senior Year Checklist CollegeBoard](#)
- [Timeline and Checklist \(Campus Explorer\)](#)
- [College Planning Checklist ACT](#)
- [Federal Student Aid](#)
- [Application Timeline CollegeBoard](#)
- [College Planning Worksheets](#)

COLLEGE BOOT CAMP PARENTS

Resources to Share

- [Parent Action Plan](#) (by College Board)
- [Next Step U Parent Night Handouts](#)
- [NACAC Guide for Parents](#)
- [Parents' Guide to College Planning](#) (by Campus Explorer)
- [Financial Preparation Information for Parents](#)

Boot Camp Agenda for Parents

- Understanding Early Decision/Early Action
- NCAA Eligibility Requirements
- Paying for College
- College Essay Feedback
- Parent Panel
- Types of Colleges



30 min.
sessions

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BOOT CAMP CONSIDERATIONS

- Being prepared prior to start of fall college application rush
- Computers Availability
- Budget/Funding Sources
 - [SACAC's Extending the Dream Professional Grant](#) Deadline: 3/21 @ 5PM
- Staff (volunteers, stipends, prep time for sessions)
- Partnering with neighboring schools
- Print Materials
- Select Engaging Presenters
- Parent needs vs Students Needs



ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN,
SOPHOMORE OR JUNIOR?

DO YOU PLAN TO GO TO COLLEGE?

WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND:

MINI CAMP COLLEGE

The ABC's of Applying to College

Mini Camp College is a program sponsored by the Southern Association of College Admission Counseling, ACT, the National Society of High School Scholars, and Georgia State University designed to help high school students apply to and pay for college. College admission professionals from institutions across the country will lead workshops on:

- The College search process
- Standardized testing
- Completing applications and writing essays
- Scholarships and financial aid

REGISTRATION AND PARKING ARE FREE!

Register online by March 4!

www.sacac.org/mini-camp-college-workshops

SATURDAY **MAR 12** 8:30 AM-12:45 PM

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CENTENNIAL HALL

100 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia

Free parking available at GSU W-Parking Lot, 51 Courtland Street, NE



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Georgia's School Superintendent
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- Always happens before the NACAC College Fair
- FREE for students in grades 9-11
- NACAC also has workshops that students and parents can attend at the NACAC National college fair. [2016 Workshops](#)

Elementary



Understanding the
Counselor's Role in
Crisis Situations

2:00 PM



5th Grade
Portfolios
Best Practices

2:00 PM

Middle



Early College
Awareness
Initiatives

11:00 AM

High



Academic Achievement
Initiatives
11:00 AM

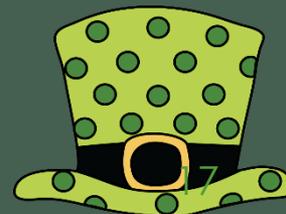
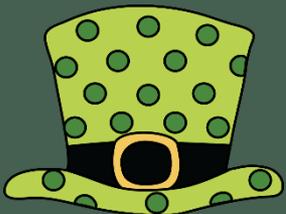
**MOWR Course Numbers
Updates**
**Tuesday, March 22
10:00 AM**

**Articulation: A Great Option for
Offering MOWR to Students**
**Thursday, March 24
10:00 AM**

MARCH WEBINARS

REGISTER TODAY!! DON'T DELAY!!

Click on the session's topic to register.



COME EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC

SUMMER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS

May 31, June 1, June 2

Macon Centreplex – Macon, GA - 8:15 AM – 3:00 PM

Lunch will be provided.

Hotel block available at Macon Marriott for \$109 per night. (Reference School Counselors when booking.)

Professional Learning Opportunities for School Counselors are provided on page 2.

TO REGISTER:

1. Visit www.ctaern.org Login info: First three letters of last name and last four digits of SSN
2. Workshop Catalog
3. Workshop Categories (upper right)
4. Guidance/Career Development
5. Click “Register” tab to register for the desired summer workshop(s) you would like to attend.
6. An email confirmation will be sent to you after successfully registering for each the workshop.

Get ready for a Top Hat Magical Summer.....

Abracadabra...Ayla kazoo

This summer will be magical because of all the great updates the Georgia Department of Education

has in store for you!

Each show will leave you wanting more because each show is filled with

MAGIC!

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Appearing June 1 & June 2
8:15 AM — 3:00 PM
(CHOOSE ONE DAY)



DAVE WEBER

**“Sticks & Stones exposed: The Truth Behind Words & Relationships”
(Culture & Climate)**

This hilarious presentation zeroes in on the power of our words and the impact they have on the culture and climate of a school. What kind of atmosphere are our words creating? One in which education professionals strive to work as a strong team for the sake of the children...or one that is breeding an inability to trust and work together. Discover how to transform your classroom and your relationships and how to build a great “community” within your school and your family.
*Additional sessions by Dave Weber scheduled throughout the summer through CTAERN.

**Intended Audience:
Elementary, Middle, High
8:15 AM—3:00 PM**

Appearing May 31, June 1 & June 2
8:15AM — 12:00 PM
(CHOOSE ONE DAY)



GREG MANNING

Career Exploration for Young Champs

This interactive workshop packed full of energy, motivation, information, and fun exercises will discuss and assist with strategies and exercises that will encourage young students to dream about a future career. It's never too early to dream of becoming that chef. We all dream and it's common for middle and high school students to begin thinking about a productive career. Elementary students should also have the same opportunity to dream about their future, they just need you, their school counselor to be there to open up a whole new world of career opportunities.

**Intended Audience:
Elementary
8:15 AM—12:00 PM
Participate in Main Event from 12-3**

Appearing May 31, June 1, & June 2
8:15 AM — 3:00 PM
(CHOOSE ONE DAY)



LYNN ANDERSON

Counseling and Economic Development

This full-day workshop offers Georgia middle and high school counselors what they need to know about the 21st century workforce development and education. This professional learning begins by describing the “new economy” and what education and skills are now needed by high school graduates and in their postsecondary training. The workshop then moves into how counselors can work with workforce development agencies. Counselors are encouraged to invite their building administrator to participate in this session.

**Intended Audience:
Middle and High
8:15 AM—3:00 PM**

The MAIN EVENT will happen on May 31, June 1, and June 2.
Counselors are encouraged to choose the day that works best for them. Lunch will be provided for all sessions.
A few of the highlights for the MAIN EVENT are:

- “Move On When Ready” Updates
- Updates from Various State Agencies
- Legislative Updates that Impact School Counselors
 - The Future of Career Planning in Georgia

Intended Audience:

Middle and High School Counselors (8:15AM - 3:00 PM) & Elementary School Counselors (12:00 PM — 3:00 PM)



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