

**RttT – August 31, 2011
Madison Local Schools
Monthly Report**

Battelle for Kids August Workshop

Nine staff members participated in the August 9/10 Battelle for Kids workshop held at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus. Each morning the Madison team met for the opening sessions with individuals then going to break-out sessions.

Topics of sessions that Madison staff attended included:

- Using Literacy to Increase Student Achievement
- A Proactive and Positive Approach to Classroom Management
- The ABC's of Making AYP
- Student Lead Conferences: Empowering To Take Control of Their Own Learning
- Resources to Fuel Your Teacher-Based Teams
- Language Arts Strategies
- Formative Instructional Practices
- The Power of One
- Cell Phones in the Classroom
- Strategies for Fostering Creativity and Critical Thinking
- Best Practices
- Collaboration session for districts
- Living It, Loving It, and Laughing About It

Professional Development and Related Programs being funded for 2011-12 by RttT

- Everyday Math – follow-up sessions that will include large group as well as instructor going to each classroom to help individual teachers with their implementation of the program.
- Physical science workshop – Columbus- grades 6,7,8 science instructors – to provide information about improving physical science instruction for the OAA/OGT tests.
- Reading instruction – funded with School Improvement money for South and RttT for all elementary buildings, these program will provide large group as well as coaching opportunities (professional staff working with each teacher) for each elementary Reading teacher.
- Science Instruction sessions for high school science staff
- PD sessions on use of Instructional Improvement System as being developed through state computer software system
- Books and reference materials supporting instructional “Best Practices.”
- Conferences regarding changes being required by budget bill for teacher and administrative evaluations
- Transition (RttT leadership) team activities.