

K-12 In-Service Professional Development for Teachers



K-12 Teachers Alliance Featured Presenter:

## Marsha Spears

## **Presentation Topics**

- DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTIONRESPONSE TO INTERVENTION
  - COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS
    GUIDED READING
- CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT
- LITERACY

## Biography

Marsha Spears has spent over ten years as a highly sought after education presenter throughout the country. Marsha's 30 plus year career as a classroom teacher and administrator includes classroom experience at the primary, intermediate and upper grade levels. Marsha has been an Elementary Principal, middle school phase leader, coordinator of federal and state programs and has been a leader and advocate for at risk children. She has also developed programs that have received national recognition for providing for the education of lowachieving students and their families. Marsha intertwines solid research-based information with her expertise to make her presentations teacher-friendly and practical for everyday use, so that participants are able to relate.

"As an educator who has taught every single grade K-12, my personal goal is to provide practical staff development for every type of classroom which is easy to implement and focused on strategic practices that are supported by research. My primary hope is that you leave each training with a large number of innovative ideas that can be implemented in your school tomorrow."

## Academic & Professional Qualifications

- Doctoral Program, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
- Graduate Work, The University of Miami, Miami, Florida
- M.A., Education, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio
- B.A., Early Childhood Education, Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida
- School Bell Award, 1995, 1993, 1992
- Title 1 Award, Project awarded "Outstanding Comprehensive Program from the State of Ohio," 1995 and 1990 (only program to win this award twice)
- South-Western Certificate of Excellence Award, 1993 and 1991
- Community Education Leadership Award, State of Ohio 1992

"I have been teaching for 34 years and attended many workshops. Marsha was by far the best for preparing teachers. An old teacher can learn new tricks." — Elanor Barraclough, Roebling NJ

"Marsha was awesome and very motivational. I feel ready to use this in my classroom now."

— Elizabeth Hill, TX

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