



**Evaluation Brief
 FASFEPa and ECTAC Technical Assistance Forum
 September 19-21, 2007**



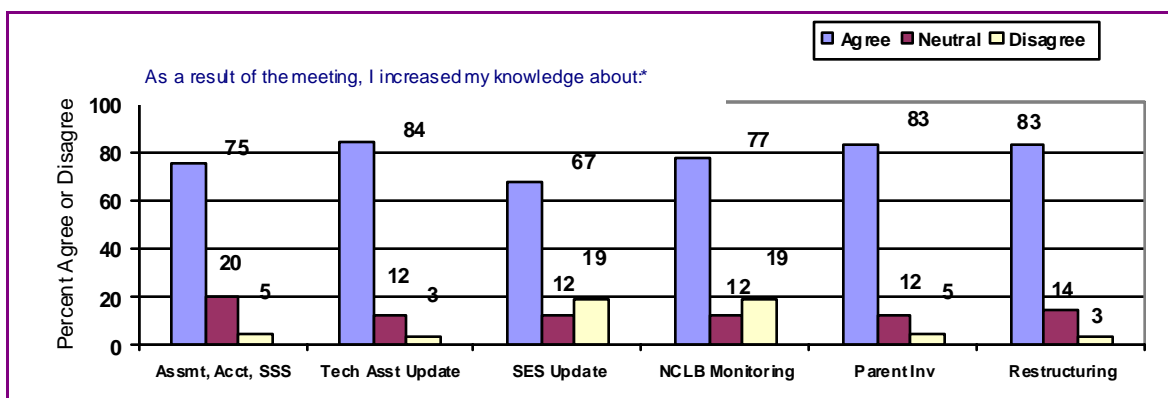
The purpose of this document is to communicate the results of the FASFEPa and ECTAC Technical Assistance Forum, held in Tampa, Florida, from September 19 – 21, 2007. The meeting was convened to provide technical assistance to FASFEPa and ECTAC members on issues, such as, NCLB Updates, SES, Parent Involvement, and School Restructuring. The meeting also provided a forum for sharing and exchange of information among attendees.

A 14-item end-of-meeting survey addressed two major questions: (a) Did the members increase their knowledge, as a result of the meeting sessions and (b) How did the members rate the meeting presentations, accommodations, registration procedures, and other logistical matters? Members were asked to rate the sessions, organization and accommodations using a 5-point Likert-type scale with 1 = Strongly Disagree to 5 = Strongly Agree. One open-end item asked for comments and areas for improvement.

Results One hundred eighty-four administrators attended the two-day meeting. Ninety-one (49%) completed the survey. The results are presented as the percent of respondents selecting each scale. The two extremes of the scale were combined to facilitate interpretation of the results.

Did the members increase their knowledge, as a result of the meetings?

Figure 1. Percent agree/disagree that knowledge increased (n=91)



* Percentages for each item may not equal to 100% due to rounding.

Were the presentations, accommodations, materials, and registration of high quality?

Table 1. Percent choosing each option (n=91)

Items	Agree*	Neutral	Disagree
Presentations were clear	88	10	1
Materials and handouts were appropriate	84	8	8
Enough time was spent on each topic	84	9	7
Registration ran smoothly	99	1	0
Hotel accommodations were excellent	91	6	4
Food was excellent	98	2	0

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Highlights

- Overall, the members increased their knowledge about: Assessment/Accountability, Technical Assistance Updates, SES Updates, NCLB Monitoring, Parent Involvement and School Restructuring.
- Overall, the meeting presentations, materials/handouts, time allocated for each topic, registration, hotel accommodations and food were rated as being of high quality.
- The meeting provided an excellent forum for sharing and exchanging information.

Recommendations

- Continue to offer technical assistance meetings based on members' interests.
- Make efforts to offer high quality presentations at similar meeting/hotel facilities.

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