

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

Sunday, April 30, 2000

2:30p.m. – 3:30p.m.

**From Power Suit to Sweat Suit:  
Professional Development Online**

Is online professional development the answer? the future? Hear about some of the online opportunities that are presently available to K-12 educators. We'll discuss both their advantages and their shortcomings. We'll also explore how an online resource can form the basis for some unique, customized, ongoing face-to-face training at your own school.

Together, panelists and audience will investigate some key questions related to the effectiveness of online professional development for improved teaching and learning.

- Describe your most successful online learning experience (either one you've taken or developed/led).
- What key factor do you believe attributed to its success?
- What challenges must be overcome to make online professional development an effective model for just-in-time learning for educators?
- What sorts of educator-focused learning is best met by online professional development?

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