

CFG gives me an opportunity to interact with colleagues outside of my discipline in a relaxed atmosphere. I gain a greater perspective and feel listened to during each session.

-- Karen Coffey, VaPA

CFGs are
“transformational
learning communities
fiercely committed to
educational equity
and excellence.”

-- School Reform Initiative mission
statement

We never get enough time to talk with our colleagues about teaching, and to get the support we need to reach our full potential as teachers. That's what this group is about.

-- Celia Reaves, Psychology

CFG gives an opportunity to really discuss teaching with colleagues in a deep and meaningful way.

-- Renee Dimino, Transitional Studies

We hope you can join us!

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You are invited to join!

Critical Friends Group

A Critical Friends Group
helps you reflect
critically about your
teaching among friends.



Critical Friends Groups use a nationally recognized professional development model **established to improve student learning and success by supporting educators reflecting on and improving their practice.**

CFGs are led by a trained facilitator and use structured protocols to look at:

- curriculum
- teaching dilemmas
- student work
- peer observations
- pivotal moments

so that participants can provide each other with specific and actionable feedback.

History

In 1994, the Annenberg Institute (at Brown University) charged a group of educators to design professional development that recognized and valued the context of the school, its students, and the strengths of the educators with a focus on improving teaching and increasing student achievement. From there, the CFG was born.

-- www.sri.org

In 2012, MCC's Teaching & Creativity Center offered its first CFG where we examined each other's practice in a supportive and non-evaluative environment.

In 2014, several MCC faculty members participated in facilitator training, so that we could expand our CFGs!

We will be offering 3 CFGs for the 2014-15 academic year.

Please contact the facilitators (by June 30) for the group you would like to join:

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