

Writing EdPrepLab Practice Briefs

Educator Preparation Laboratory

Session Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Goals and Outcomes
3. Writing a Practice Brief Overview
4. Choosing a Practice
5. Outlining
6. Process & Timeline
7. Next Steps and Adjourn

Outcomes

- Participants will be able to describe what EPL practice briefs are and the process for drafting and production.
- Participants will begin to develop ideas for a practice brief topic.
- Participants will begin to draft an outline.
- Participants will provide and receive peer feedback on potential topics and starter outlines.
- Participants will identify a timeline for drafting.

Practice Briefs Overview

- Goal: To highlight exemplary practices
- Audience: Policy partners, other practitioners
- Length: 4-6 pages
- General guidelines:
 - No literature review needed
 - Lead with the practice: What, Why, How, Impact
 - Sufficient detail for others to adopt/adapt

Practice Briefs Structure

Introduction

- Introduce your institution, program, and context

Body

- 3 - 4 “big ideas”
- No subheadings

Conclusion

- Impact and take away

Choosing a Practice

In small groups use following protocol:

1. Identify a timekeeper (use phone timer with alarm)
2. Speaker: share your ideas and why you think they would be good briefs (3 minutes)
3. Listeners: share your thoughts on which would be the best practice to start with and why (1 minute each)

Individual Outlining

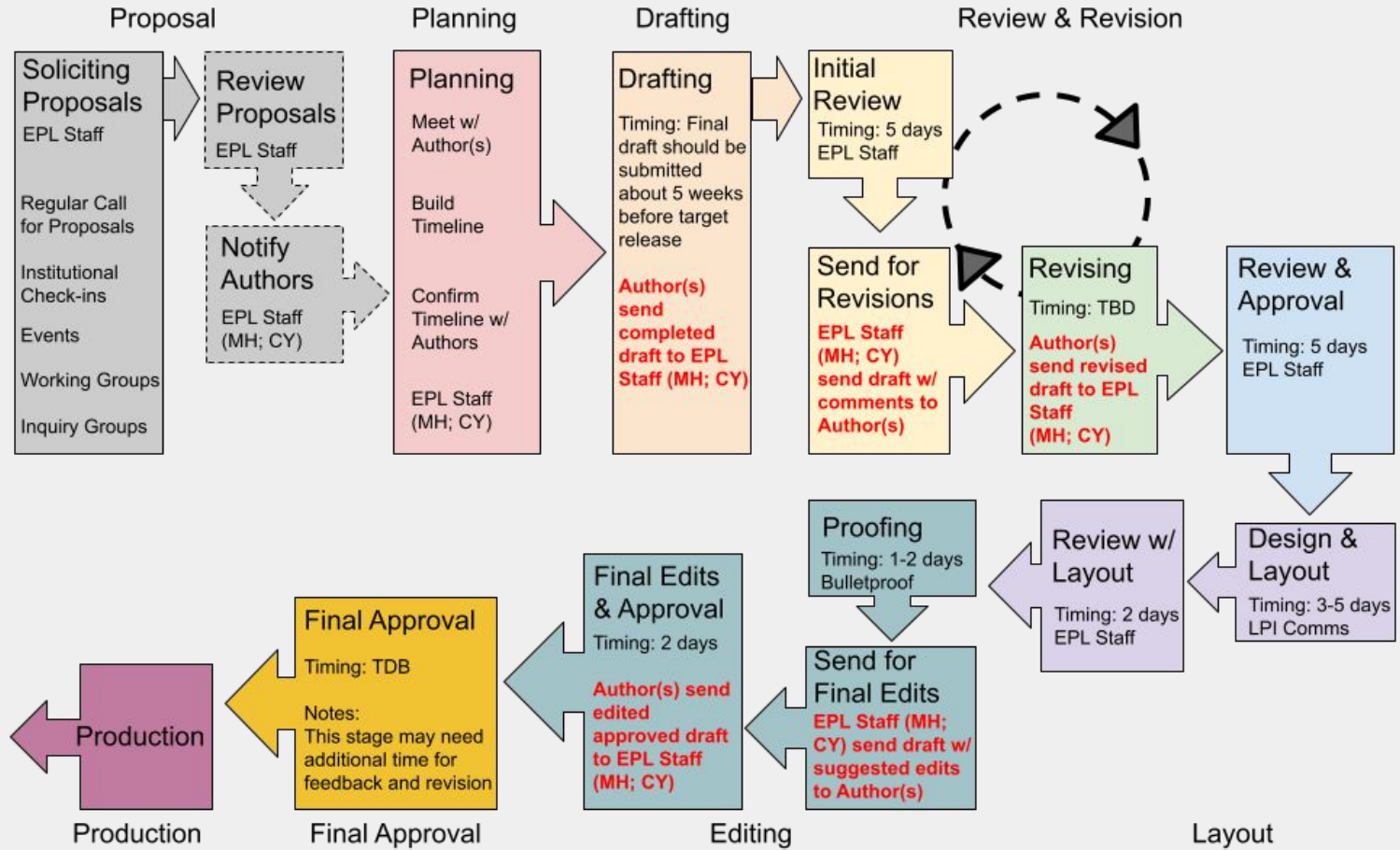
Given your practice:

1. What do readers need to know about your program and context in the introduction paragraph?
2. Jot down notes on: the **what** of your practice, the **why** of your practice, and the **how** of the practice, and the **impact** of the practice.
3. What are 3-4 big ideas that your practice can be broken down into for conciseness and clarity?

Small group discussions

1. Identify a timekeeper (use phone timer with alarm)
2. Speaker: share your practice and the 3-4 big ideas you outlined (3 minutes)
3. Listeners: respond to the questions:
 - a. What do the big ideas convey about the practice?
 - b. What is missing from the big ideas that would help communicate the what, how, why, and impact (1 minute each listener)

Practice Briefs Process & Timeline



Report Out

In 1 minute share:

- The topic of your practice brief
- 3-4 big ideas
- Ideal completion of first draft (optional)

Thank You!

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