Field Focus Group

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Place: Galveston, Texas

What is new?

Concern for jobs in the states from economy. Hiring freeze in Louisiana and Texas but they are placing IVE students. Arkansas due to a crisis in a big county students have to travel to other distant counties. Students have to decide if they should take a job that could uproot their family or pay back stipend. Positive-Arkansas now has a state lottery which pays for lottery scholarships

All states feeling economic uncertainty-employees do not want to think about school

What is needed?

Tablet issues with students. In Texas they loan to the supervisor for the students to use. In Arkansas they have tablets but cannot document. Oklahoma students have them but are not using them like they should. Need for field supervisors with credentials. Need to encourage students to get professional license.

What is next?

Continue to find creative ways for students to be placed in internships