

PRIMARY GOAL OF "BEST PRACTICE" FORUM:

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To identify effective ways to disseminate and foster adoption/implementation of innovative curricula in Los Angeles public schools, with an emphasis on the high school level.

DIFFUSION OF INNOVATION THEORY

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- Terms used:
- **Change Agent:** a professional who influences innovation
- **Innovation:** an idea, practice or object perceived as new
- **Diffusion:** the process by which an innovation spreads

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- **“Most change comes into institutions from ‘outside.’ Griffiths, studying change in school systems concluded, ‘the major impetus for change in organizations is from outside.’”**

From “Resistance to Change,” by Goodwin Watson

What is the LOSH Program?

- The UCLA Labor Occupational Safety and Health (UCLA-LOSH) Program is a nationally recognized center in Southern California for Spanish and English worker training, educational materials development, technical assistance and policy information in the area of workplace health and safety.
- LOSH is part of the UCLA Center for Occupational and Environmental Health and the Institute of Industrial Relations.