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The Reach for the Numbers Program, a joint initiative of Saint Mary’s College and the South Bend (Indiana) School Corporation, is a pilot program for K-12 teachers of English as a Second Language (ESL) classrooms. The program, consisting of a two-week summer workshop, monthly meetings, and periodic classroom observations, is intended to address the mathematics performance of ESL students by deepening the content and pedagogical knowledge of their teachers.

Speaking as the primary organizers for the program, in our talk we will describe each of the following: the activities planned for the workshop and subsequent meetings; the yearly budget for this grant-funded initiative; the results of surveys given to participants before and after the summer workshop; the partnership between the School Corporation and Saint Mary’s College; and drawbacks and benefits of the program, from the viewpoint of its organizers. (Received September 28, 2004)