

# PRESENTER SPOTLIGHT

## Valerie Brea

Valerie Brea has been in education for over 22 years. She spent the first eight years of her career as a special education teacher in a self-contained K-5 class and then as a reading coach in an elementary school in Silver City, New Mexico. During these years, she obtained two master's degrees—one in special education and one in educational leadership in addition to her BA in elementary education. Providence led her to a ten-year position, during which she was simultaneously the principal and special education director, and she taught as many as three classes a day in history and English to middle and high school students. Valerie has spent the last four and a half years working with Southwest Regional Education Cooperative (SWREC) as a program director and associate director, designing and implementing professional development for teachers covering a wide range of topics. She also mentors principals in the Principals Pursuing Excellence program and serves as the onsite team leader with the Teachers Pursuing Excellence Program.



**NWREC-2 WINTER SPECIAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY  
SESSION 2: DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION AND SPECIAL  
EDUCATION/SPECIALLY DESIGNED INSTRUCTION**

**Presenters: Valerie Brea & Rochelle Cherrin**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022  
3:00 PM TO 4:30 PM**

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