Driving Toward Equity Through School Improvement

Community of Practice Facilitators

Donna Elam
National Comprehensive Center, Project Co-Lead

Carol Keirstead
National Comprehensive Center, Project Co-Lead

Chris Dwyer
National Comprehensive Center, Senior Advisor

Purpose

- To build the capacity of State Education Agency (SEA) and local district (LEA) leaders to strengthen systems of support for low performing districts and schools through a research-based equity framework.

- To convene state and district leaders to discuss, and promulgate shared understanding of educational equity, specifically in the context of low performing districts and schools.

- To offer opportunities for states to learn from the successes and lessons learned of other states, districts and RC partners.

Members

SEA–LEA teams of 6–8 participants.

SEA offices representing:

- School improvement
- District and school assistance and monitoring
- DEI initiatives

LEAs with:

- CSI – TSI schools with equity goals
- RC staff

SEA Outcomes:

1. Increased team capacity to understand equity in the context of school improvement.

2. Increased team capacity to strengthen systems of support for low performing districts and schools using a research-based equity framework.

3. Jointly revised and shared school improvement planning templates and processes.

4. Share/develop resources on setting and measuring equity indicators to strengthen support and monitoring of CSI and TSI schools.

Expected Activities

January–October 2022

- 1 organizational meeting and 5–6 content-focused/peer sharing meetings
- Team coaching between sessions
- Learn about framework and education equity indicators
- Consider how this framework and indicators could be used by SEAs and LEAs to support equity focused school improvement

How Can a State Team Join?

Visit this page to provide your contact information and indicate which COP your interested in joining.