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# About the ARCC

The ARCC serves the state education agencies of **Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia**, helping them improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, and enhance instructional quality. The ARCC supports statewide reforms in seven areas:

- ◆ **Is your state considering how to align college- and career-ready standards with high-quality assessments?** The ARCC can help your team learn how other states use assessment data, provide opportunities to confer with leading experts, and collaborate with you to develop a state strategy.
- ◆ **Is your state exploring strategies to increase the supply of highly effective teachers and leaders?** The ARCC is helping one state ensure a pipeline of teachers for hard-to-staff subjects, in collaboration with the Center on Great Teachers and Leaders. Our team identified compensation approaches and early findings about their use and continues to facilitate the state's deliberations about a new compensation policy.
- ◆ **Is your state looking for assistance to assess and refine its system of support for the lowest performing schools?** The ARCC staff can help your team develop or revise the theory of action undergirding your state's system of support; review the current system for strengths and gaps; align department-wide policies and processes with strategies; and plan system improvements.

- ◆ **Has your state decided to make early childhood education a priority?** From planning through implementation to evaluation and refinement, the ARCC helped one state launch a comprehensive, multi-agency early childhood education program.
- ◆ **How is your state preparing instructional pathways that will enable students to transition successfully into careers and postsecondary education?** We can help you investigate promising practices (apprenticeships, workplace simulations, or integrated academic and technical instructional approaches), observe these strategies in action, and pilot their use in your state.
- ◆ **Are you interested in innovative approaches to teaching and learning?** Our team is facilitating hands-on work sessions to help state agency staff become familiar with the functionalities of digital tools and to support state teams as they integrate these tools to enhance online teacher professional development.
- ◆ **Would you like to know more about applying data-based decision making to instructional policy and practice?** The ARCC is assisting one state agency to pilot research-based formative assessment modules in districts by training state staff; assisting with pilot site selection; identifying strategies to support teachers; and advising about the application of monitoring and evaluation information to scale-up decisions.

## How the ARCC Serves State Education Agencies

We welcome opportunities to collaborate with our state education agency colleagues to implement initiatives that will strengthen education across the Appalachian region. Each state education agency is supported by two ARCC state coordinators, who take the lead in understanding your state's needs, customizing and delivering collaborative technical assistance that addresses your needs, and benchmarking progress toward key objectives—with the ultimate goal of improving student outcomes. Our specific services include:

- ◆ Workshops, webinars, and conferences
- ◆ Coaching, in-person advisories, and communities of practice
- ◆ Collaborative planning and benchmarking
- ◆ Customized tools and resources
- ◆ Referrals to other technical assistance providers
- ◆ Opportunities to learn from experts and colleagues in the region and across the U.S.

ARCC technical assistance weaves together opportunities to enhance substantive knowledge and skills with opportunities to build sustainable organizational strength. We call on the best available research, practitioner experience, and emerging promising practices to inform and support educators and policymakers across the region.