



About Us

The Region 9 Comprehensive Center (R9CC) provides intensive capacity-building services to state education agencies and other education stakeholders in Illinois and Iowa. The center has been operated by the American Institutes for Research through a U.S. Department of Education grant since October 2019. We help state, district, and school leaders in our region identify, implement, and sustain evidence-based programs and practices, with the goal of improving outcomes for educators and students.

Our Approach

R9CC has a three-pronged approach to supporting our region:

1 Support key priorities.

R9CC focuses on enhancing the capacity of state agencies, districts, and schools to make measurable progress in areas that are important to Illinois and Iowa. We have strong relationships in both states, allowing us to align our work with existing initiatives.

2 Connect partners with expertise.

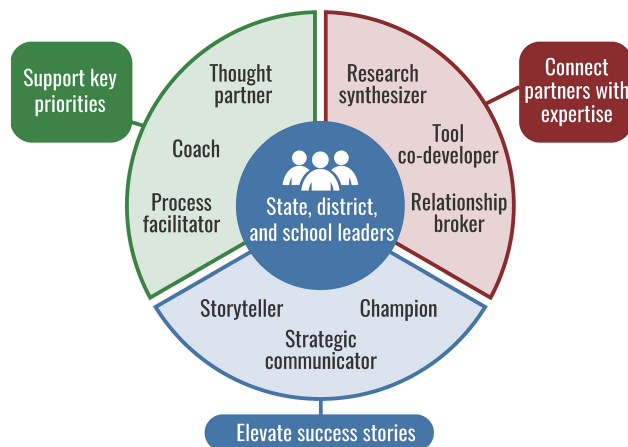
We connect state, district, and school leaders across Illinois and Iowa to leading experts and resources in the field of education. The R9CC team also can identify opportunities for cross-state and cross-district collaboration within the region.

3 Elevate success stories.

R9CC provides a national platform to elevate success stories about districts and schools in Illinois and Iowa that are using evidence-based practices to enhance educational experiences and produce positive results in student achievement.

Our Services

What can we do for you? R9CC can serve in the following roles to assist stakeholders with education projects:



Our Work

What does this look like in practice? Here are examples of some recent R9CC projects:

- [Continuous Improvement of an Illinois State Plan for Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Recognition](#)
- [Improving Teacher Leadership to Support Teacher Retention in Chicago Public Schools](#)
- [Continuous Improvement of the Iowa Teacher Leadership and Compensation System](#)
- [Equitable Access to Quality Instruction in Iowa](#)

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