What’s a Comprehensive Center?

The Comprehensive Center Network includes 22 centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education. There are 2 types: Regional and Content. Regional Centers serve one or more states. Content Centers are national, but focus on a single priority area.

What do they do?

The Comprehensive Centers provide technical assistance to state departments of education to help them implement the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and better support districts and schools.

What’s “technical assistance”?

Technical assistance can include a wide range of evidence-based support, provided directly by the Center or brokered from another source.

What’s the purpose?

Comprehensive Centers will build states’ capacity to help them improve educational outcomes and provide a well-rounded education for every student.

What does “build capacity” mean?

Building capacity means an improvement in one or more of the areas below that allows an organization to do more than it could before—or do it better.

What’s an Advisory Board?

Each Regional Center has an Advisory Board that includes the Chief State School Officer from each state served plus up to 15 other educational stakeholders.

Members for each state are appointed by the Chief in consultation with the Governor.

Boards meet annually to advise Centers on issues and needs in each region.

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