

Advance State and Local Education Goals Through a Research-Practice Partnership With WestEd

Your Goals. Our Partnership. Real Results.

State and local education agencies invest significant resources to meet ambitious goals within education systems. Turning strategic vision into measurable progress for every learner requires actionable data, ongoing learning, and the ability to adapt along the way.

A research practice partnership with WestEd gives you the power to monitor progress, make evidence-informed adjustments, and answer critical questions to improve systems and outcomes.

Together, we help you align efforts with your goals while building your capacity to use research and data for future decisions about funding, policy, and practice.

How We Help

We will do the following in tailoring our partnership to your specific needs and priorities:

- **Codevelop Research Agendas** aligned with your goals and needs—from targeted topics like improving middle school math achievement to broad priorities like reducing chronic absenteeism
- **Design Flexible Projects** of various scopes and timelines, including logic models, data analysis plans, and strategies for sharing findings with interest holders
- **Interpret Data Together** through collaborative analysis of research findings to support timely decision-making and inform next steps
- **Adapt to Emerging Needs** with flexibility to pivot as new ideas and priorities emerge
- **Establish a Structured Partnership** with regular communication, shared accountability, and productive relationships; we will collaborate to seek funding for research agendas



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What is a Research Practice Partnership?

Research Practice Partnerships are intentional, mutually beneficial collaborations between educational institutions and research organizations like WestEd. Our partnerships focus on your problems of practice and produce relevant, actionable research and evidence to inform practice, policies, and decisions.

Connecting Research With Practice

Improving Outcomes for Students in the Foster Care System: Our Partnership in Action

WestEd partnered with a large county office of education in California to address the pressing needs of youths in foster care. Our Research Practice Partnership assessed existing data systems, worked with districts and schools to better understand their data needs, and developed indicators to improve data quality.

Results: Together with our partner, we increased the county's routine use of data to monitor school mobility and attendance, built staff capacity to communicate to member school districts, and strengthened cross-departmental collaborations across the county to better address the needs of youths in foster care.

Partner With Us to Advance Your State and Local Education Goals

Whether you're looking to launch a focused project or build a long-term partnership, WestEd is ready to help. Our partnerships are flexible, grounded in your priorities, and built to drive real impact.



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