Equitable Access Consortium

Ensuring Equitable Access to Excellent Educators through High-Quality Technical Assistance to States & Regions

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Education’s (ED) Office of State Support (OSS) and School Support and Rural Programs (SSRP), the Equitable Access Consortium includes the Center on Great Teachers & Leaders (GTL Center), Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), the Equitable Access Support Network (EASN), and other ED-funded centers: Regional Educational Laboratories, Regional Comprehensive Centers, and Equity Assistance Centers.

Together, these partners support State education agencies (SEAs) and technical assistance providers with high-quality, responsive, and customized technical assistance as SEAs implement their State Plans to Ensure Equitable Access to Excellent Educators.

EASN Consortium Partners meet regularly to coordinate technical assistance services, and you can reach out by emailing any of the EASN partners to receive support. (See Connecting with the Consortium.)

Consortium Services

Supporting State Education Agencies

- **The Center on Great Teachers & Leaders** (GTL Center) offers direct, in-person support to SEAs in implementing their Equity Plans. Our team can assist you with strategic planning, meeting facilitation, document review and thought partnership as you move from planning to implementation. In addition, we offer a suite of resources to support your equity work, including our recently released Equitable Access Implementation Playbook.

- **Council of Chief State School Officers** (CCSSO) offers a consultancy model to States to assist them with implementing their Equity Plans and working with LEAs on implementation of strategies to provide equitable access to excellent teachers. CCSSO collaborates with the GTL Center to share the tools they have developed with States. CCSSO receives updates on work being conducted in NSCEE States, and is focusing on equity supports on seven States: Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, South Carolina, and Wyoming.

- **EASN Communities of Practice** (CoPs) offer SEAs ongoing opportunities to collaborate with peers and experts through online discussion boards and webinars focused on key topics related to ensuring equitable access to excellent educators, including: Data Use & Analysis, Policy & Programs, and Rural Access Issues & Support. Request subscription via email: EASN@aemcorp.com with CoP name in the subject line.

- **EASN Work Groups** offer select States short-term opportunities to engage with peers to achieve a shared set of objectives to address a common challenge they are collectively facing related to implementation of Equity Plans. Work groups are developed based on emerging technical assistance needs. Current work groups include:
  - Supporting LEA Equity Planning
  - Developing Strong Metrics & Systems to Manage for Results

Interested States are encouraged to send suggestions for future workgroups to EASN@aemcorp.com.

- **EASN Webinars** provide States access to relevant research and current tools developed and shared by EASN Consortium partners to support implementation of Equity Plans. Find out more on the EASN Calendar of Events: https://easn.grads360.org/#program/events.

- **EASN Open Forum** connects members of the EASN GRADS360® website and provides a dedicated online space to post questions and share resources. Request access to the EASN GRADS360® website by sending an email to EASN@aemcorp.com with “EASN Website Access” in the subject line.
• **EASN Individualized Support** provides SEAs support from EASN Consortium partners on an as-needed basis. Requests may include targeted coaching, strategic thought-partnership, or connections to peer States. Email EASN Consortium partners to request support. *(See Connecting with the Consortium.)*

• **EASN Email Help Desk** responds to requests for information related to equitable access submitted by SEAs and local education agencies. Send your questions to EASN@aemcorp.com. *(NOTE: Relevant requests received using the EdFacts Partner Support Center and the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) State Support Team are also routed to EASN for responses.)*

**Engaging Technical Assistance Support Providers**

• **The Center on Great Teachers & Leaders (GTL Center)** offers direct technical assistance to technical assistance support providers, including Regional Comprehensive Centers and Equity Assistance Centers. Our team of experts can assist providers through training and guidance on adapting our Equitable Access Implementation Playbook with SEAs and districts to support strategic planning and implementation. We offer a range of services including meeting facilitation, document review, and thought partnership.

• **Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO)** collaborates with the Northeast REL and Comprehensive Center to plan and conduct face to face meetings and provide assistance to Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

• **EASN Regional Information Exchanges** offer ED-funded and other technical assistance providers bi-monthly opportunities to engage with peers in interactive webinars specially-designed to bring to the forefront current issues related to ensuring equitable access to excellent educators. Request an invitation by sending an email to EASN@aemcorp.com with “Regional Information Exchange” in the subject line.

• **EASN Center Listserv** offers technical assistance providers opportunities to get the latest updates from EASN and the U.S. Department of Education about current news and events related to equitable access to excellent educators. Request subscription by sending an email to EASN@aemcorp.com with “EASN Centers Listserv” in the subject line.

• **Regional Convenings** offer interested regional technical assistance providers and SEAs who are convening with their peers structured support from EASN Consortium partners to work on common problems of practice related to implementation of Equity Plans. Email EASN Consortium partners to request support. *(See Connecting with the Consortium.)*

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### Connecting with the Consortium

**Center on Great Teachers & Leaders**

Direct technical assistance and tools and resources [http://www.gtlcenter.org/](http://www.gtlcenter.org/)

CONTACT: Ellen Sheratt ([esherratt@air.org](mailto:esherratt@air.org)) & Judy Ennis ([jennis@air.org](mailto:jennis@air.org))

**Council of Chief State School Officers**

Direct technical assistance and tools and resources [http://www.ccsso.org/scee](http://www.ccsso.org/scee)

CONTACT: Janice Poda ([janice.poda@consultant.ccsso.org](mailto:janice.poda@consultant.ccsso.org))

**Equitable Access Support Network**

Direct technical assistance and tools and resources [https://easn.grads360.org](https://easn.grads360.org)

CONTACT: easn@aemcorp.com

**ED-funded Centers**

Information and support to assigned states [https://easn.grads360.org/#program/network-partners](https://easn.grads360.org/#program/network-partners)

CONTACT: [http://www2.ed.gov/programs/newccp/contacts.html](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/newccp/contacts.html)

**ED Office of State Support**

State-specific questions regarding Equity Plans OSS.Statename@ed.gov

CONTACT: [equitableaccess@ed.gov](mailto:equitableaccess@ed.gov)

**ED Office of School Support & Rural Programs**

Support for Comprehensive Centers, Equity Assistance Centers, and Outlying Areas

CONTACT: Britt Jung (202-205-4513, [britt.jung@ed.gov](mailto:britt.jung@ed.gov))

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For help & additional resources, please contact EASN@aemcorp.com. For State-specific questions regarding Equity Plans, please contact your OSS State mailbox or EquitableAccess@ed.gov.