



## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Education’s Comprehensive Centers program provides capacity-building services to State educational agencies (SEAs), regional educational agencies (REAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), and schools that improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, and improve the quality of instruction.

The 2019–2024 cohort of Comprehensive Centers includes 19 Regional Centers and 1 National Center. An additional content center, funded in 2016 focuses on students at risk of not attaining full literacy skills due to a disability. To learn more about the work of the Comprehensive Centers, visit: <https://compcenternetwork.org/>.

**REGION 1** Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont  
American Institutes for Research

**REGION 2** Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island  
WestEd

**REGION 3** Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands  
Educational Testing Services

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Policy Study Associates, Inc

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**REGION 6** Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina  
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**REGION 7** Alabama, Florida, Mississippi  
RMC Research Corporation

**REGION 8** Indiana, Michigan, Ohio  
ICF Incorporated LLC

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American Institutes for Research

**REGION 10** Minnesota, Wisconsin  
The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System

**REGION 11** Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming  
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**REGION 12** Colorado, Kansas, Missouri  
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**REGION 13** Bureau of Indian Education, New Mexico, Oklahoma  
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**REGION 14** Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas  
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**REGION 15** Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah  
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**REGION 16** Alaska, Oregon, Washington  
SERRC Southeast Regional Resource Center

**REGION 17** Idaho, Montana  
Education Northwest

**REGION 18** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau  
Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL)

**REGION 19** American Samoa, Hawaii, Republic of the Marshall Islands  
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**NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CENTER**  
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## DESCRIPTION OF THE REGION 18 COMPREHENSIVE CENTER

### WHO WE ARE

R18CC is led by Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL), a not-for-profit, nonpartisan organization based in Honolulu, HI, and with offices across the Pacific region. Together with Academic Development Institute and Pacific Policy Research Center, we offer a team of education subject-matter experts; practitioners; learning scientists; and media, communications, and dissemination specialists skilled in collaborating to deliver high-quality capacity-building support services and products.

The work of R18CC is guided by an Advisory Board with representation from state educational agencies, institutions of higher education, parents, educators, business, policymakers, expert practitioners, and researchers. Mrs. Lynette Villagomez and Mrs. Corrin Barros serve as R18CC Co-Directors.

### WHAT WE DO

The Region 18 Comprehensive Center (R18CC) serves Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia (comprised of the four states of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae). The Center provides high-quality intensive capacity-building services to State clients and recipients to identify, implement, and sustain effective evidence-based practices that support improved educator and student outcomes.

We are here to support you.

### HOW WE DO THE WORK

R18CC employs innovative strategies to provide responsive and effective technical assistance that builds SEA capacity to:

- Implement approved ESEA consolidated state plans
- Implement and scale evidence-based programs, practices, and interventions
- Address corrective actions from audit findings and monitoring
- Identify trends, best practices, and cost-effective strategies



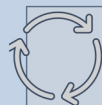
#### STRATEGY 1

- Ensure Commitment of Chief State School Officers & Regional Stakeholders



#### STRATEGY 2

- Deliver Relevant Research & Capacity Building Expertise



#### STRATEGY 3

- Build Capacity for Needs Assessment, Evaluation & Continuous Improvement



#### STRATEGY 4

- Promote Partnerships & Collaboration

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