MAP CENTER
INTRODUCTORY WEBINAR

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WELCOME TO EQUILEARN WEBINARS

This webinar is interactive - join the discussion live via the chat feature

To reduce noise distractions, participants’ microphones will be disabled

A recording of this webinar and materials will be posted to greatlakesequity.org
WEBINAR’S PURPOSE...

• To introduce stakeholders to Region III Midwest & Plains Equity Assistance Center; and

• To provide an overview of the supports, resources and services offered from the Center to regional clients and beyond.
DURING THIS WEBINAR WE WILL:

• View a brief video about the Midwest & Plains Equity Assistance Center

• Discuss the structures, goals and service delivery framework of the Center

• Address questions about accessing Center supports and technical assistance resources
INTRODUCING...
MAP CENTER INTRODUCTION VIDEO
WHAT ARE EQUITY ASSISTANCE CENTERS?
EQUITY ASSISTANCE CENTERS (EACS)

...funded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide technical assistance and training, upon request, in the areas of race, sex, national origin and religion to public school districts and other responsible governmental agencies to promote equitable education opportunities.

...work in the areas of civil rights, equity, and school reform. This assistance helps schools and communities ensure that equitable education opportunities are available and accessible for all children.

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## EAC Regions

| Region I: Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium | Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virgin Islands, West Virginia |
| Region II: Intercultural Development Research | Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia |
| Region III: Indiana University | Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin |
| Region IV: Metropolitan State University | Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming |
WHO WE ARE
WE ARE THE EQUITY ASSISTANCE CENTER FOR REGION III, SERVING 13 STATES.
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WHAT WE DO
WE PROVIDE EQUITY-FOCUSED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC PREK-12 EDUCATION. OUR TA IS:

Grounded in theory and practice

Focused on capacity building

Use tools to mediate learning and knowledge generation

Framed within Critical Praxis
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

- A Request for Assistance (RFA) is any appeal to the Center for support, assistance, and/or resources.

- RFAs may be submitted via email, phone, in person, or the online.

- RFAs originate from many sources, including referrals by the Department of Justice (DoJ) or Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Center outreach efforts, and by partners conducting research and finding the Center on their own.
To ensure students’ equitable educational access, participation, and outcomes by expanding states’ and systems’ capacities to provide robust, effective opportunities to learn for all students, regardless of and responsive to race, sex, national origin, religion, as well as income, and to eliminate inequities among and between groups.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK

Post-Session Questionnaire

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