Who We Are, What We Do and How We Can Assist Districts in the Areas of Race, Gender, and National Origin Equity

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What is an Equity Assistance Center (EAC)?

- 10 regional EACs funded by the U.S. Department of Education
- Funded under Title IV of the 1964 Civil Rights Act
- Provide assistance to public school districts in the areas of race, gender, and national origin equity
Our Mission

At the request of school boards and local or state education agency leaders, we collaborate to...

Ensure equity in student access to and participation in high quality, research-based education

Expand states’ and school systems’ capacities to provide robust, effective opportunities to learn for ALL students

Reduce disparities among and between groups in educational outcomes

Serve as a resource for the Office for Civil Rights and Department of Justice
Region V Equity Assistance Center

States Served

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Ohio
- Wisconsin
Great Lakes Equity Center Goals

On-Demand, Context-Driven TA & PD

Networks Engaged in Systemic Equity Work

Practice-Informed Collaborative Inquiry & Continuous Improvement

Virtual Equity Library

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MULTI-TIERED MODEL OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Systemic Equity Partnerships
- Professional Learning Network Development
- Connecting Stakeholders
- Targeted Support for Agencies in Region V requiring short-term consultations in addressing equity-related issues
- Virtual Equity Library: Tools and assessments for building and improving culturally responsive policy and practice
- Resource Dissemination
- Topic-Specific Technical Assistance

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Resource Dissemination

- Monthly Newsletters
- eBlast
- Virtual Equity Library
- Case Studies
- Equity Assistance Tools
Topic Specific TA

- Short Term Onsite Consultation
- Short Term Distance Consultation
- Customization of Tools
- Referrals to Other Organizations
- Collaborations with Other Organizations
- EquiLearn Webinars
Network Development

Facilitation and Support: Existing Equity Teams

Facilitation and Support: Strategic Planning, Development
and Implementation of Equity Goals

Facilitation and Support: Conference Planning
Equity Partnerships

- Long Term Onsite Consultation
- Long Term Distance Consultation
- Assistance with Developing and Implementing Equity Audits
- Assistance with the Development and Implementation of Long Term Strategic Plans
Tier IV Technical Assistance Model for
SYSTEMIC EQUITY PARTNERSHIPS

1. Analyze Current Data
2. Map System Resources
3. State Needs and Desired Outcomes
4. Detail Activities and Evaluation
5. Conduct Evaluation

Systemic Equity Partnerships
Session Activity: Name Your TA

Brainstorm ideas for TA needs that you currently have

Share and discuss your ideas with your small group

Designate a recorder and timekeeper

Share with large group the TA needs identified

Great Lakes Equity Center will provide feedback on each identified need
Questions & Comments
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Welcome to the Great Lakes Equity Center, one of ten regional Equity Assistance Centers (EACs) funded by the U.S. Department of Education. We provide technical assistance resources and professional learning opportunities related to equity, civil rights, and systemic school reform throughout our six-state region of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Please explore our website to learn more about what we do and how we may serve as a resource for you. We look forward to hearing from you!

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