Success for every learner is WestEd’s prime focus and has been for more than four decades. The depth, diversity, and history of our work, coupled with our on-the-ground experience and research-based knowledge, give WestEd staff unique expertise in helping all learners—infants to adults—succeed in school and career.

Across the nation, WestEd staff meet the needs of our clients and customers through consulting and technical assistance, evaluation, policy analysis, professional development, and research.

Since its inception in 1966, WestEd has been tackling real-world challenges, often in partnerships with others, to make a positive difference in the lives of millions of children and adults. Our work is far from over as we continue to identify and develop ways to ensure success for every learner.

“WestEd is committed to the belief that all students should succeed in our schools and that all learners—from infants to adults—should thrive in our communities, despite the circumstances they were born into.”

—Glen Harvey, WestEd CEO

SERVICES
At the heart of our work are the services we provide that bring learning opportunities, consulting, and technical assistance to our clients. We provide services to policymakers and educators and other direct service providers—professional developers and technical assistance providers; school, district, and state administrators; and community agencies.

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RESEARCH AND EVALUATION STUDIES
Through rigorous, high-quality research, WestEd contributes to practitioners' and policymakers' understanding of what works in education and human development. Our research takes many forms, including policy studies, evaluations of local and national initiatives, and "gold standard" research using randomized controlled trials.

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RESOURCES
Capturing the knowledge and expertise from our research and service work, WestEd resources range from books, reports, newsletters, and research and policy briefs to videos, DVDs, and online tools. Our resources translate WestEd staff findings into the language of both practitioners and policymakers.

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OUR MISSION
WestEd, a research, development, and service agency, works with education and other communities to promote excellence, achieve equity, and improve learning for children, youth, and adults.

HIGHLIGHTS

College & Career
With the Tennessee Department of Education, created and implemented a statewide work-based learning program. Integrated adult education and community college basic skills programs in collaboration with numerous regional consortia of community colleges.

Early Childhood Development & Learning
Launched PD2GO, an online professional development system that offers engaging learning experiences on major concepts in early education. Helped implement the Illinois Kindergarten Individual Development Survey in all Illinois public schools offering kindergarten.

English Language Learners
Helped develop the English Language Arts/English Language Development Curriculum Framework, adopted by the California Board of Education. Began a longitudinal study of the outcomes of immigrant English language learners in Fort Worth, Texas.

Health, Safety, & Well-Being
Awarded three grants from the U.S. Department of Justice to evaluate school-safety programs. Joined a new national technical assistance center that assists federal grantees in promoting student mental health.

Literacy
Offered professional learning to support academic literacy in the content areas to over 2,500 secondary and college educators across the country. Evaluated the impact of a New England–based literacy program on children’s interest in reading and writing.

Schools, Districts, & State Education Systems
Provided school and district turnaround support to numerous low-performing schools and districts across the country. Supported state-level implementation of a major new education finance law in California.

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)
Won an Investing in Innovation (i3) grant to build teacher capacity in high-needs communities to increase students’ science achievement. Began an evaluation of Khan Academy’s effectiveness for helping community college students learn algebra.

Special Education
Launched two national centers: the Center for Systemic Improvement, which helps states improve outcomes for infants and youth with disabilities, and the Center for IDEA Fiscal Reporting, which helps states manage their federal special education fiscal data.

Standards, Assessment, & Accountability
Developed State of the States, a first-of-its-kind online tool providing data about each state’s progress in implementing rigorous standards and associated assessments. Worked with several states to develop early childhood assessment systems.

Teachers & Leaders
Began a five-year evaluation of the impact of a national principals academy on student achievement, attendance, and graduation rates. Helped states design and implement educator evaluation systems.

ONLINE
To reach a broader audience and to use less paper, we launched R&D Alert Online, a web version of WestEd’s award-winning newsletter. The new section of WestEd.org offers a new article each month—complemented by a range of related tools, resources, and guidance—along with an extensive archive of past articles on pressing issues affecting schools and communities nationwide.

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