Overview

• Mission & Vision

• SERVE Center’s Current Work
  – Regional Educational Laboratory
  – National Center for Homeless Education
  – Evaluation
  – Research

• Funding
SERVE Center

Our mission is to foster empowered, information-rich educational systems by finding and translating the best current knowledge, generating new knowledge, and partnering with stakeholders to identify and apply best evidence to practice.
Current Year Funding Sources
$10,853,000

In Millions

- REL
- Homeless
- HS Reform
- Evaluation
- Tech Asst

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Regional Educational Laboratory for the Southeast (REL-SE)

- Four contracts – 1991 - Present
- Over $125 million
- Task 1
  - EBE Request Desk
  - Issues & Answers
  - Bridge Events
  - Building Capacity
- Task 2 – Randomized Control Trials
Evidence Based Education Request Desk

**EVIDENCE BASED EDUCATION REQUEST DESK**

**Our Goal...**
To assist educators and policymakers in their efforts to apply the evidence base to decisions about policies, programs, and practices they encounter.

**SERVE Center**
In the University of North Carolina at Greensboro

We provide research-based information on educational initiatives happening nationally and regionally. The EEE Request Desk is currently taking requests for:

- Annotated bibliographies
- Information on curriculum interventions
- Information on professional development programs
- Information on instruments
- Information on nationally funded research projects

**For more info or to make a request, contact:**

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Or see flip side for further contact options!

**REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL LABORATORY - SOUTHEAST**

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Issues & Answers

Preparing elementary school teachers

Levers for change: Southeast Region state initiatives to improve high schools

A review of methods and instruments

State policies and procedures and selected local implementation practices in Response to Intervention in the six Southeast Region states

Evidence-based decisionmaking: assessing reading across the curriculum interventions

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Technical Assistance & Bridge Events

• 246 Events
  – Featured researchers
  – REL representatives

• 10,923 Participants
  – Practitioners
  – Administrators
  – Policymakers
Randomized Control Trials

• K-PAVE
  – The effectiveness of a program to accelerate vocabulary development in kindergarten
  – 35 schools in the Mississippi Delta region

• AMSTI
  – The Effectiveness of the Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative
  – Evaluation of a state initiative
National Center for Homeless Education

- The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) provides research, resources, and information enabling communities to address the educational needs of children experiencing homelessness.
- Funded by the U.S. Department of Education; contract for 5-year continuation awarded September 2009
- Provides information, training, and technical assistance to states and school districts across the nation
National Center for Homeless Education

• Each year
  – Distribute 80,000 awareness posters
  – Provides training and webinars to 9,000 educators, administrators, and service providers
  – Responds to 3,600 Helpline calls
  – Hosts 180,000 visitors to its website
North Carolina Homeless Education Program (NCHEP)

SERVE contracts with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to operate the state homeless education program

- State coordinator for homeless education housed at SERVE
- Oversees the implementation of the McKinney-Vento Act in all NC LEAs
- Conducts subgrant process to award funds to school districts
- Provides training and technical assistance to LEAs
North Carolina Evaluations

- Mission Possible
- GEAR UP
- Magnet Schools
Other Evaluations

- Early Childhood
- Teaching American History
- Career & Technical Education
- Dropout Prevention Initiatives
Research on High School Reform

• SERVE is leading two studies looking at the Early College High School (ECHS) Model
  • Study 1: Impact of ECHS in North Carolina
    – $2.87 million competitive grant from IES
    – Large scale RCT involving 5000+ students and over 20 schools in North Carolina
    – First and only experimental study of ECHS in the U.S.
  • Study 2: Why students leave ECHS
    – $250k funded by Jobs for the Future with grant from Gates Foundation
    – Mixed methods
Research on High School Reform

- SERVE is co-leading another study looking at mathematics and science course-taking in NC
- Funded by NSF; SERVE funding is $170k
- Using quasi-experimental methods to examine impact of high school reform on students’ enrollment and progression in college prep. math and science
Funding Sources

SERVE seeks funding from multiple sources including federal, state and local education agencies, foundations, corporations, universities and other entities to conduct our work both regionally and nationally.
Derivation of Funding Sources Since Inception in 1990

- SERVE Center
  - Over $200 million in contracts and grants

- State Departments of Education

- US Department of Education, Other Federal Agencies or Third Party Flow-Throughs

- Foundations
  - Corporations
  - Universities

- Local Education Agencies

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Distribution of Funding Since Inception
(Over $200 Million)

- Federal: 90%
- State: 5%
- Local: 4%
- Foundation: 1%
Funding Sources

• 13 major awards
  – 4 Regional Educational Laboratory for the Southeast = over $125 million
  – 4 National Center for Homeless Education = over $8 million
  – 3 Eisenhower Consortium for Mathematics and Science Education = over $18.5 million
  – 2 Regional Technology in Education Consortium = $14.3 million
  – Technology Grant in Migrant Communities = $3.2 million
We envision an educational system that empowers and equips all people to realize their infinite possibilities and promise.

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