



Other Collaborations

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Message from the collaboration and coordination lead

REL Midwest's [research alliances and networked improvement community](#) are focusing their efforts on early childhood, the Black-White achievement gap, career readiness, technology, and teacher preparation. Although their work is relevant to countless local, regional, and national conversations, many educators and policymakers in the Midwest have unique, pressing needs that do not necessarily align with the scope of our current partnerships' work.

Therefore, REL Midwest is forming other collaborations with districts, states, and other education stakeholders to respond to their immediate research and training needs. For example, we currently have collaborations with state education agency staff in Wisconsin and Ohio to build research capacity and foster sustainable strategic planning. In Indiana, we are working with the state's Management Performance Hub—a group formed by the legislature—to identify predictors of early college success at the K–12 level using the state longitudinal data system. With the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, we facilitated a research agenda-setting workshop focused on addressing the needs of English learner students. And many new collaborations are forming across the region as this newsletter goes to press.

REL Midwest's state liaisons are visiting education organizations across the region to identify opportunities for other collaborations. If you have an immediate research or training need, please contact your state liaison so she may determine how best to support your request.

We look forward to the many collaborations to come!—**Carrie Scholz, collaboration and coordination lead**

Collaborating for English learner student success in Cleveland

REL Midwest and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District are collaborating to study the district's Multilingual Multicultural Education Program and its quickly growing population of English learner students.

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Polymaking in Indiana benefits from cross-agency data collaboration

The Indiana Network of Knowledge (INK), part of the state's Management Performance Hub, develops structures, rules, and processes for the state's longitudinal data system. Using data from this system, REL Midwest partnered with INK to explore the relationship between financial aid and early college success for disadvantaged students.

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Research methods workshop series: Building Wisconsin educators' research capacity

Educators rely on data and research evidence to understand what works. Learn how the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is partnering with REL Midwest on a workshop series to build educators' capacity to conduct, understand, and apply research.

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State liaisons available to discuss new REL Midwest collaboration opportunities

REL Midwest's state liaisons work to make sure that stakeholders who are not currently involved in our collaborative research partnerships can take advantage of our free research, coaching, training, and technical support. If you are interested in pursuing a pressing research or training collaboration such as those outlined previously, our state liaisons can help.

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New video: What is REL Midwest?

Check out our new video to learn all about what we do. REL Midwest conducts applied research and provides technical assistance to help our partners meet their goals and improve education for all students.

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