



Photo by Allison Shelley for American Education: Images of Teachers and Students in Action.

New study findings: Examining participation in a Wisconsin professional development program on culturally responsive practices designed to improve outcomes for Black students

See the results of our study examining participation in a Wisconsin culturally responsive professional development program designed to improve education outcomes among Black students. The findings provide guidance for programmatic decision making.

[Read the report](#) → [View the infographic](#) →

Creating inclusive workplaces for Black teachers

Our latest video explores why Black teachers leave the teaching profession and shares best practices for creating and sustaining inclusive work environments to help retain Black teachers. The video features experts in the field as well as educators and district leaders in Illinois.

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Gear up for college: Expanding Black and Latino students' postsecondary opportunities and readiness

REL Midwest provided trainings to the Chicago GEAR UP Alliance on effective and practical strategies for supporting Black and Latino students along their pathways to higher education.

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Emerging challenges and creative solutions for early childhood play-based learning in remote settings

Illinois district leaders discuss the challenges of providing play-based learning in remote settings and creative solutions that educators are using to engage young learners at home.

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Resource roundup: Continuous improvement cycles

Continuous improvement cycles enable practitioners to test and refine practices in real time. We compiled resources from around the REL network to support continuous improvement and the use of improvement science.

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REL COVID-19 resources to support teachers

Support educators during the pandemic with the following resources from the REL Program's [COVID-19 resources](#) page. This page, which covers a range of topics related to teaching and learning, is updated regularly.

- REL Northeast & Islands FAQ: [What Procedures Do Districts or States Have in Place for Teachers That May Be at High Risk for COVID-19?](#)
- REL Northeast & Islands FAQ: [What Strategies Are States Considering to Address a Possible Increase in Demand for Substitute Teachers?](#)
- REL Pacific blog post: [Reflecting on Teacher Wellbeing During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- REL Pacific webinar: [Adapting Educator Professional Learning to a Virtual Environment](#)

Ask A REL

Browse the responses to some recent questions submitted to our Ask A REL reference desk, and then [submit a question](#) of your own!

- What research resources are available on [developing teacher leaders and their effectiveness?](#)
- What research resources are available on [professional learning and school improvement?](#)
- What research resources are available on [aligned systems of curriculum, instruction, and assessment?](#)
- What research resources are available on [ambitious instruction and school improvement/effectiveness?](#)
- What research resources are available on [collaborative teachers and school improvement/effectiveness?](#)

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