

Celebrating 2019 and looking ahead

We hope 2020 is off to a great start for you! As we embark on a new year of work, we want to pause to celebrate some of REL Southwest's 2019 accomplishments. Read on for highlights, including our most popular resources of 2019, plus a preview of some of our new work underway.

Thank you for your continued support. We're excited to see what we can accomplish together in 2020!

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Infographic

How can trusting relationships with adults boost student success?

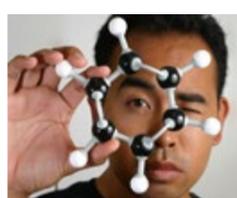


Research suggests that students who connect with at least one trusted adult in school are more resilient and have a stronger sense of well-being. Our latest infographic looks at the benefits associated with building trusting relationships in school settings.

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Roundup blog series

Individual learning plans: Students creating their pathways to postsecondary success



Individual learning plans (ILPs) have gained widespread use. We explore the research base on ILPs in this series from our Southwest College and Career Readiness Research Partnership and the Arkansas Department of Education.

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REL Southwest's region dashboard



Interested in learning more about the education characteristics of our region and the five states we serve? Check out our region dashboard, recently updated with the most current data available.

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Roundup blog series

New video supports formative assessment in early childhood classrooms: Every child shines



Formative assessment provides a way to learn about and support each child's knowledge and skills in early childhood settings. To launch this series on early childhood formative assessment, we describe how our new video can help you get started.

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Resource

Career and technical education research



In honor of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month in February, we're featuring CTE research resources.

- This [REL Midwest blog post](#) rounds up CTE-focused resources from across the REL program.
- The [CTE Research Network](#)—funded by the Institute of Education Sciences, which funds the REL Program—is expanding the evidence base on CTE. [Learn more and sign up for their newsletter.](#)



Ask A REL

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

- What research is available on the [benefits of participating in professional learning communities](#)?
- What research is available on the [use of interim assessments as a way to improve student outcomes on end-of-year summative assessments](#)?
- What research is available on [strategies for recruiting and retaining students in teacher preparation programs](#), particularly in high-need subject areas?



Upcoming Events

April 18, 2020: Research-Based Trauma Responsive Practices, American Educational Research Association 2020 Annual Meeting, Virtual Meeting (8:15–9:45 a.m. Pacific Time). This REL Southwest session explores the effects of childhood trauma on student learning and real-world interventions. [Learn more](#)

Miss one of our webinars?

View the archived recordings on our website. The following archives are available:

- [How School Climate and Social-Emotional Learning Can Support Education Transitions and Student Outcomes](#)
- [Strategies for Success: Supporting English Learner Student Achievement](#)

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