



STATE EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER

EQUITY | EXCELLENCE | EDUCATION

*Servicing Connecticut's  
Education Community*



**ONLY WITH  
SERC**

For over 45 years, SERC has served as Connecticut's statewide entity with the mission to advance educational equity and excellence. With many partners supporting our mission, SERC is the leader in advancing social justice and racial equity at the heart of school improvement in Connecticut.

## OUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE INCLUDE:

### Special Education

Supporting educators and families on everything from IEPs to assistive technology

### School Improvement

Coordinating and cultivating the statewide implementation of multi-tiered systems of support, literacy interventions, and other critical areas

### Equity

Fostering constructive mindsets on race and culturally relevant approaches to teaching and learning

### Early Childhood

Partnering with other Connecticut agencies to provide comprehensive training to early childhood providers and schools serving young children

### Family & Community Engagement

Coordinating programming and partnerships among schools and other education stakeholders





## WHO ARE WE?

**The State Education Resource Center (SERC)** is a quasi public agency established to assist the State Board of Education in providing programs and activities that promote educational equity and excellence. Through its programs and library service, SERC offers professional development and information for all Connecticut educators, service providers, and families, as well as technical assistance and training within schools and districts.

In 2015, the SERC Foundation was created to advance the organization's equity and social justice work through public and private partnerships. Together, SERC and the SERC Foundation address the opportunity gaps that impact our children, our families, and our communities of color.

## RACIAL EQUITY IN EDUCATION

*SERC focuses on five critical elements:*

- 1. LEADERSHIP:** Building the capacity of school and district leaders to ensure attitudes and beliefs, including their own, that reflect high expectations of all students.
- 2. PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY:** Equipping educators with a culturally relevant approach to teaching.
- 3. SCHOOL CLIMATE:** Creating and maintaining a safe, welcoming culture of learning that respects and celebrates a diverse learning community.
- 4. SCHOOL-FAMILY-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:** Fostering mutual trust, respect, and shared learning.
- 5. TEACHING & LEARNING:** Developing an equitable curriculum, strong pedagogical skills, and effective assessment.

## SERC IS THE STATEWIDE RESOURCE FOR:



Professional learning opportunities



Resource borrowing & dissemination



Technical assistance & support



Family programming & services

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