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The New York State 2017-18 Enacted Budget first allocated funds to support three regional technical assistance centers to support its investment in community schools funding to districts. The TACs disseminate information on effective and promising practices in the establishment and management of Community School strategies through professional development and technical assistance designed to:

- Familiarize school personnel across New York State with Community School strategies;
- Increase the knowledge and skills of school personnel and community partners to aid in the implementation, management, and sustainability of Community Schools;
- Promote establishment and development of Community Schools that incorporate a rigorous academic program with strong supports, a full range of school-based and school-linked programs and services, and partnerships that demonstrate collaboration with the local community;
- Provide technical assistance and professional development.

The **New York City Community Schools TAC at Fordham University** serves the five boroughs of New York City. The **Eastern New York TAC at Rockland 21st Century Collaborative for Children and Youth, Inc.** serves the eastern portion of New York State from the North Country to Long Island, excluding New York City. The **Central/Western New York TAC at the Research Foundation for the State University of New York at Binghamton University** serves the central and western regions of the State. The TACs are overseen by the **New York State Education Department's Office of Student Support Services**.

### Services

Since their commencement in late 2018/early 2019, the three TACs have collectively offered the following resources and services to schools across the state:

- A website providing contact information for each of the TACs, a library of curated resources including evidence-based and promising practices, recorded webinars, and event listings for each of the TACs

## **Impact Highlights**

The events of this year have shone a spotlight on the many issues impacting students, educators, administrators, and families. From escalating economic stress, a national uprising around social justice and enduring systemic racism, and a continuing, devastating pandemic, the ripple effects felt in the classr