



New York State Community Schools Technical Assistance Centers 2023 Impact Report

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

- 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 of Community Schools; and

Century Collaborative for Children and Youth, Inc. (E-CSTAC) serves the Eastern Region of the State from the North Country to Long Island, excluding New York City. E-CSTAC was identified to serve the Eastern Region as of October 1, 2018.

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Services

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

- A [website](#) providing contact information and event listings for each CSTAC and curated resources including evidence-based and promising practices, and recorded webinars.
- A monthly newsletter highlighting the work of the CSTACs, highlighting resources, and providing spotlight features on New York Community Schools doing promising work.
- Technical assistance via phone and email with school staff and community partners.
- 368 on-site or remote technical assistance visits to school districts.
- 177 in-person or remote sessions focused on developing smaller communities of practice within each region. These events have collectively served 16,216 attendees and
- 42 webinars providing professional learning on topics of interest have served 7,297 participants.

Impact Highlights

Over the past several years, we have heightened awareness of the impact of the education system on the lives of students and families. The CSTACs have been instrumental in this effort, and we are proud of the work they have done. In 2023, they provided the following highlights:

- The CSTACs have had over 6,000 individual meetings in 2023, with 77% of those meetings focused on the needs of students and families.
- The CSTACs have provided technical assistance to over 200 schools and districts, helping them improve their practices and outcomes.
- A total of 2,380 individuals have been trained by the CSTACs in various areas of practice.
- The NYC-CSTAC's CSD has trained over 200 City School District (CSD) staff in various areas of practice, including data analysis and instructional strategies.
- The C/W-CSTAC co-edited the City Practice Series, a collection of resources for educators and administrators, which is currently being used by the U-Power Center and the City School Technical Assistance Center to support their work.
- The NYC-CSTAC created the Practice Hat, a tool for educators to use to identify and address their own practice needs.
- The NYC-CSTAC provided a series of webinars on various topics, including data analysis and instructional strategies, which were attended by over 1,000 educators.
- The E-CSTAC's Red Map (g) JTT (d) Arc Practice and Cachig.

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