



# Bank Street Education Center

Bank Street Education Center provides guidance and services to help develop strong teaching practices at scale so all students can thrive in school settings, the workplace, and as members of their communities. As part of Bank Street College, the Education Center has immediate access to its faculty, alumni, and institutional resources to help school systems and districts create positive change.

## Strengthening Teaching and Learning

Founded in 2014, the Education Center's approach blends Bank Street's deep understanding of how children and adults learn best with hard-won lessons garnered from large-scale instructional improvement work. Through deep collaboration and structured feedback loops, the Education Center partners with districts, states, and other school management organizations to build plans that establish a throughline of teaching and learning to connect every layer of the school system and support increased teacher and student success.



## Building Capacity Together



The Education Center works closely with leaders and educators to offer strategic guidance and implementation services ranging from in-depth collaborative district reviews and analysis of curricula, practices, and resources to professional development and ongoing coaching. To date, the center has worked with 10 school support organizations across the country, directly serving more than 4,400 educators and indirectly supporting more than 1,500 educators and 1.3 million students. The Education Center tailors its approach to meet the individual needs of every program partner.

## Examples of Education Center Partnerships

**New York Network:** Created a network of school systems in New York State committed to continuous and collective learning designed to strengthen teaching and student achievement. The Education Center partnered with each district to develop strategic plans addressing an area of challenge and will soon support implementation to strengthen instructional work at scale.

**Newark and New Haven Public Schools:** Engaged in strategic planning and professional development to strengthen early childhood programs. The Education Center conducted a collaborative early childhood review by visiting over 40 classrooms and interviewing stakeholders from across the district and community in New Haven, and implemented a pre-K coaching model and teacher leadership program in Newark. In the words of one teacher in Newark, "Now I can pretty much support the curriculum chosen for the upcoming school year with my own professional rationale."

**NYC Department of Education:** As the City scaled its universal pre-K program, the Education Center provided professional development and coaching for thousands of pre-K teachers and leaders in both social-emotional learning and the Building Blocks math curriculum. To date, the Education Center has reached 1,250 classrooms throughout New York City.

**Cleveland Metropolitan School District:** Led professional development and participated in learning walks with assistant superintendents and coaches to strengthen the instructional focus for the district. In the words of one staff member, "I feel more empowered to use the language around [the Common Core standards] and believe I can support principals more effectively."