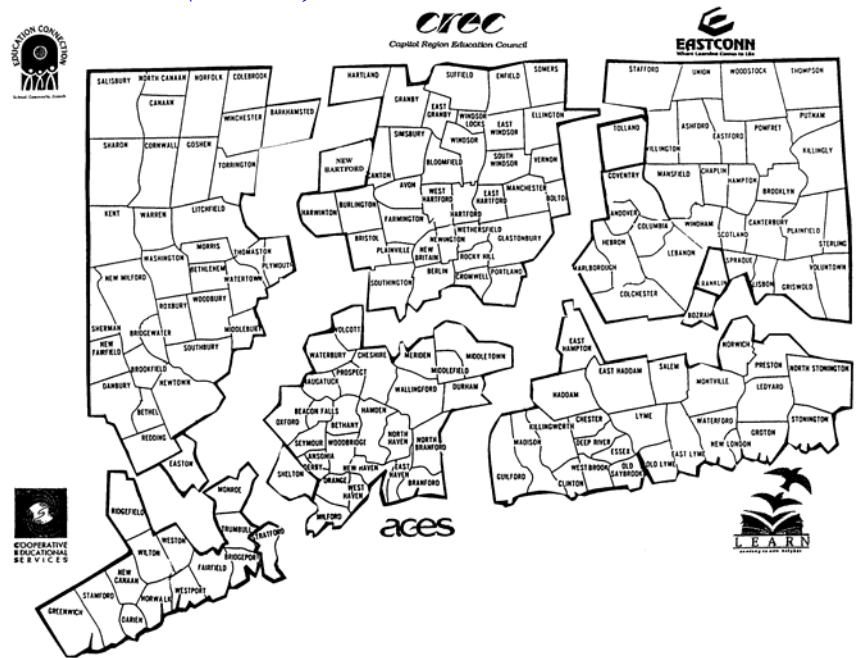


THE ALLIANCE OF REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTERS

➤ *What are Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs)?*

RESCs are public education agencies created under state statute for the main purpose of “cooperative action to furnish programs and services” to public school districts. RESCs’ *cost efficient, cooperative efforts have saved money for Connecticut school districts for the past 30 years* and have enabled schools to expand services beyond what they could have accomplished alone. Each RESC is:

- **Locally governed** by member boards of education
- **Cost effective** in delivering programs and services to school districts in their region
- **Committed** to helping local school districts improve teaching and learning
- **Responsive** to local needs and inter-district opportunities
- **Flexible** in creating, adapting or eliminating programs



Connecticut has six Regional Educational Service Centers: ACES, CREC, C.E.S., EASTCONN, EDUCATION CONNECTION and LEARN.

For more information, visit www.ctrescalliance.org.

➤ *How do School Districts and Communities Benefit from RESCs?*

Every school district in Connecticut benefits from services provided by a RESC. Membership gives districts access to cost saving collaborative programs and initiatives, and data analysis to effectively use limited resources. Member districts have the flexibility to participate in those services they require and may access any other service offered throughout the RESC Alliance. Here are some of the ways RESC programs benefit school districts and their local communities:

- **Cost savings through RESCs’ multi-district programs;** i.e., special education programs, cooperative purchasing and transportation coordination
- **New resources available because of multi-district cooperation;** i.e., teacher recruitment and cooperative grant development
- **Quality instructional and support services as needed;** i.e., customized training in using technology and special education services
- **Compliance with new mandates difficult for a single district to implement;** i.e., *No Child Left Behind* and special education legislation
- **Stronger programs through cooperative planning and execution;** i.e., alternative schools, adult education and workforce training programs

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➤ *How do Cooperative Efforts through RESCs Benefits Schools & Communities?*

The *RESC* Alliance works with the State Departments of: Children & Families, Corrections, Education, Mental Health & Addiction Services, Mental Retardation, Public Health, Social Services and other agencies and organizations on statewide issues and projects such as Technology Training, Beginning Educator Support Training, and Early Reading Success. *RESCs* are also instrumental in obtaining federal grants and funding. In the last three years, ***RESCs* generated \$55,574,300 in federal grant money to benefit Connecticut school systems.**

As Connecticut's "First Stop" in education, *RESCs* keep districts abreast of new mandates and best practices through:

- **Cost effective and competent management** in a public context
- **High value programs** for a reasonable public expenditure
- **Dependable delivery** system
- **Strong communication network** with local school systems and communities
- **Successful implementation** of legislatively assigned tasks

➤ *What Services do RESCs Offer?*

RESCs do what their school districts need them to do. All *RESCs* support both the instructional and the operational sides of school districts. They act as information conduits and district facilitators. *RESCs* also design and deliver other community-based education, training or human service programs which add to the economic well-being or the quality of life in their regions. The following are representative of programs offered or supported by the *RESCs*:

Special Education	Early Childhood Services	Priority School Assistance
Cooperative Purchasing	Program Assessment	Childcare
Technology Training	Magnet Schools	Statewide Data Collection
Transportation	Choice Programs	Media Centers
Curriculum Development	Professional Development	Therapy Services
Interdistrict Programs	Head Start/Even Start	Strategic Planning
Alternative Education	Minority Recruiting	Technology Support
Literacy: Adult & PreK-12	Job Training	Board Training

➤ *How You Can Help!*

RESCs, like school districts, are public education agencies. We receive limited state funding under CGS 10-66, but it is an important piece of financial support. **We ask the state to continue its financial support of the *RESCs*.**

Despite their public and not-for-profit status, *RESCs* do not have a tax base. Each center depends on revenues from delivery of services to districts or competition for public dollars. **We encourage the Connecticut General Assembly to provide incentives for school districts and other public agencies to participate in *RESCs*' cost effective, collaborative initiatives.** Thank you.

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