IDRA EAC-South

Intercultural Development Research Association

The Intercultural Development Research Association is the only organization in the country to have continuously operated an equity assistance center since the program was created over four decades ago to protect students' civil rights in schools. Our expert staff and consultants have effectively assisted several hundred school districts across the South to help desegregate the schools and programs and engender a more equitable learning environment for all students.

The IDRA EAC-South provides technical assistance and training to build capacity of local educators. Samples of our work include...

- Reducing disproportionate school discipline for school districts cited by the Office for Civil Rights;
- Addressing English learner needs, including train-the-trainer models on professional development;
- Helping schools address bullying and harassment and building safer, healthier climates;
- Assisting districts under school desegregation orders in creating unitary school systems;
- Increasing minority student representation in higher-level courses;

- Designing low socioeconomic student integration plans with communities;
- Helping schools reduce religious discrimination;
- Expanding access to integrated school learning environments;
- Creating access to more rigorous courses and gifted programs for all students:
- Increasing parent involvement and engagement for underserved families; and
- Improving the capacity and distribution of teaching quality across schools.

Because this important work is subsidized by the federal government, these services come at no-cost to school districts or low, reasonable cost-sharing agreements.

With roots in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the federally-funded equity assistance centers help school districts build capacity to confront educational problems occasioned by race, national origin, sex and gender, and



religion. The IDRA EAC-South is one of four regional centers. Our Region II center covers Washington, D.C., and 11 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

IDRA is partnering with the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium and the Southern Education Foundation to develop local capacity in the region among the 2,341 school districts and 29,632 schools with over 1 million educators and 16 million students.

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