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**by putting kids first**

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developed programs that work for **young learners**,  
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helped schools transform their discipline practices and establish **culturally responsive instruction**, and  
conducted **research** that informs policy and educational practice in such critical areas as school finance equalization, **bilingual education**, dropout prevention, **STEM access** and immigrant education.

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