

RMC Research Corporation

Comprehensive Assistance Centers – Improving Teacher Knowledge

RMC Research Corporation currently works as a subcontractor providing technical assistance for 4 of the 15 CACs, funded by the U.S. Department of Education. While RMC's experience with technical assistance crosses a number of programmatic topics such as Head Start, compensatory education, school recognition, bilingual education, rural education, Even Start, Goals 2000, and other areas, the content focus remains reasonably consistent. It includes technical expertise in needs assessment/strategic planning; integration and collaboration of programs, policies, agencies; measurement, evaluation and data utilization, professional/organizational development, instructional strategies and content knowledge for teachers and administrators in mathematics, science, and literacy, processes for promoting the acquisition of information, the transfer of information to knowledge, the application of knowledge in context, the assessment of that application, and the reflection on outcomes.

The Denver office of RMC Research Corporation is a partner in The STAR Center, which focuses energy, expertise and commitment to prepare our children for the 21st century by providing support and technical assistance services to the Texas Education Agency, Education Service Centers, and local Texas school districts. The STAR Center offers support to low-performing or at-risk Texas campuses in the following areas:

- school-wide and systemic reform through the establishment of ongoing professional development for school support teams;
- parental and community involvement efforts through focused assistance to selected local school/family contacts, and assistance in the creation or refinement of policies and products that develop and sustain increased parental participation in schools;
- dissemination of information on effective practices in high poverty, high achieving schools, including the production of videos and other vehicles for information exchange, and training designed to support schools in learning from research;
- support for local districts in identifying or replicating successful models that schools can use to improve student achievement through the coordination of funds and programs;
- regional training and technical assistance to federal and state ESL and bilingual program staff for the purpose of promoting successful strategies for educating limited English-proficient students, including the integration of services across programs including Title I, migrant etc.; and
- technical assistance to selected local education agencies related to state performance standards and student assessment to ensure compliance with federal IASA legislative requirements and the attainment of state achievement standards.

The STAR Center offers a variety of publications and products that support high student achievement. Many of our resources are available online, while others can be ordered. These products and tools are organized in the following ways: Articles, Reports, Guides and Tools, On-line resources, and Presentations. Some resources appear in more than one category to ensure that clients can easily find what they need.

RMC fully expects to continue to provide services through its CAC work over the next 12 months.