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Serving Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

Working primarily through alliances, we collaborate with educators, policymakers, and others to conduct research and support the use of evidence and data to address high-priority education needs.

This year, we look forward to sharing with you the results of more than 15 research studies, culminating from our work over the past four years. As always, we appreciate your interest and support as we strive to improve education outcomes for all children.

Michael Vaden-Kiernan, Ph.D., REL Southwest Director



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Our Work

Opportunities to Improve Early Learning Under ESSA: Q&A With Janice Keizer

Janice Keizer, liaison for our prekindergarten research alliances, discusses ways that states can promote early learning under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). [See more](#)

Webinar Recap and Archive: Strengthening School Partnerships With Native Families and Communities

Did you miss our webinar on high-quality resources for engaging Native families and communities? Read the recap of the event and view the recorded webinar. [See more](#)

Resource Roundup: Engaging Native Families and Communities

Learn more about our resources, events, and projects to support Native students, families, and communities in New Mexico and Oklahoma. [See more](#)

REL Southwest and the Texas Comprehensive Center Showcase Their Work at the 2017 TASA Midwinter Conference

We joined with the Texas Comprehensive Center to showcase our work at the 2017 Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) Midwinter Conference. [See more](#)



Our Research Alliances

- Arkansas Prekindergarten
- Educator Effectiveness
- English Learners
- Louisiana Charter Schools
- New Mexico Achievement Gap
- New Mexico Prekindergarten
- Oklahoma Rural Schools
- Texas Hispanic STEM

Upcoming Events



- **Mar. 21:** Webinar: Leading the Way: How States Are Addressing Early Learning Under ESSA (free) [Register](#)
- **Jul. 9–11:** 2017 National Principals Conference, Philadelphia, PA (two REL Southwest presentations) [Save the Date!](#)

[View all upcoming and archived events](#)

Featured Resources

- ESSA and early learning resources from the Center on Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes (CEELO)
- NAEP 2015 National Indian Education Study (NIES) report on the achievement and experiences of American Indian/Alaska Native students in grades 4 and 8
- REL Program resources:
 - Early Childhood REL resources
 - American Indian REL resources



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If you live in **Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, or Texas**, we're here to answer your research-based questions about education policies, programs, and practices.

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