

**NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR STATE LITERACY PLAN AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT TO
ADDRESS NEEDS OF LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES AND THE STUDENTS THEY SERVE****COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY STATE DEVELOPMENT (CLSD)**

The CLSD program is authorized under sections 2221–2225 and 2301 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA) and provides discretionary grants to state education agencies (SEAs), including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, to improve literacy for children from birth through grade 12, with an emphasis on disadvantaged children, including children living in poverty, English learners, and children with disabilities. A cornerstone of the CLSD program is the development of state literacy plans (SLPs) to define states’ approaches to comprehensive literacy instruction.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO ALL STATES: A TWO-PHASE APPROACH

To bolster literacy among underserved students of all ages, the CLSD Literacy Center (the Center) supports CLSD grantees as they implement SLPs. Beginning in November 2023, the CLSD Literacy Center will expand its support to help non-CLSD SEAs revise, enhance, and, if applicable, create their SLPs to improve their effectiveness in meeting current and long-term needs of local education agencies (LEAs) and the students they serve. Additionally, the Center will support SEAs in their self-assessments of state literacy infrastructures -- including state legislatures, state boards of education, state literacy teams, etc. -- to further enhance and support LEAs.

Starting in Spring 2024, after SEAs have completed their self-assessments, SEAs can receive ongoing, individualized technical assistance (TA) support to create or improve their SLPs and infrastructure. Opportunities for SEAs to collaborate with other SEAs will be an integral part of this process. Non-CLSD SEAs will have access to these high-quality resources, including best practices and interactive toolkits developed by national literacy experts and opportunities to engage with other SEAs.

The following is a list of non-CLSD SEAs eligible to receive TA to create or enhance their SLPs and infrastructure:

Non-CLSD SEAs Eligible for Technical Assistance to Create or Enhance SLPs and Infrastructure					
Alabama	Indiana	Mississippi	New York	Puerto Rico	Virginia
Connecticut	Iowa	Nebraska	North Carolina	South Carolina	Washington
Delaware	Kansas	Nevada	Oklahoma	South Dakota	West Virginia
Idaho	Maine	New Hampshire	Oregon	Utah	Wisconsin
Illinois	Maryland	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Vermont	

INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

Two informational webinars have been scheduled for SEAs who would like to learn more.

- **Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 4 p.m. EST:**
https://seiservices.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AEijzVgXTQaQITb_VpdiSw
- **Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 1 p.m. EST:**
https://seiservices.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zHr-CqVzRhqh3Cl8UzAEkA

Note: Advance registration is required. Please direct any inquiries to the U.S. Department of Education’s contractor, Synergy Enterprises Inc., at literacy@seiservices.com or (240) 485-3621.