

# REGION 8 COMPREHENSIVE CENTER IMPACT STORIES



## Indiana

Building an Innovative  
Grow Your Own Program  
One District at a Time

*“The support from Region 8 CC has helped the Indiana Department of Education better serve our state’s 1.12 million students.”*

-Dana Hartzell  
STEM Specialist (Elementary)  
Indiana Department of Education



## Michigan

Innovative Michigan Model  
Builds Workforce of Educators  
and Youth Development Staff

*“Everyone from the Region 8 team has been wonderful. They help us think outside the box and bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise from their various backgrounds.”*

-Cathy Hengesbaugh  
CTE Teacher Liaison  
Michigan Department of Education



## Ohio

Ohio Leverages a Whole Child  
Framework to Create Dynamic  
Systems of Change



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The Region 8 CC connects state, regional, and local education leaders, teachers, and policymakers across the region to evidence-based research, practitioner insights, and promising new technologies and practices.



## WHO WE ARE:

The Region 8 Comprehensive Center (CC) is one of 19 Regional CCs in the CC Network that provides high-quality, intensive capacity-building technical assistance to clients from state, regional, and local educational agencies and schools in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. The Region 8 CC is operated by ICF and co-directed by Dr. Caitlin Howley and Dr. Kerry Hoffman.

ICF, a global consulting services company, was selected by the U.S. Department of Education to operate the Region 8 CC between 2019–2024. ICF is the lead organization supported by RMC Research Corporation and Applied Engineering Management (AEM) Corporation as major partners in delivering services through the Region 8 CC.



View the Region 8 Staff here:  
<https://region8cc.org/about-us>

## WHAT WE DO:

The Region 8 CC collaborates with state education agency (SEA) leaders and their regional and local colleagues to build and enhance SEA capacity to strengthen and implement education across the Region 8 CC service area.

## HOW WE WORK:

- Each SEA is supported by two state coordinators, who take the lead in:
  - › understanding each state’s needs
  - › customizing and delivering technical assistance that addresses each state’s needs
  - › benchmarking progress toward key objectives—with the ultimate goal of improving student outcomes.

Also working with the Region 8 CC state coordinators are technical assistance specialists and subject matter experts who are on call to assist teams serving our states.

All Region 8 CC support services are informed through needs-sensing and the identification of education priorities. Our services are evidence based and include:

- Coaching, co-facilitating in-person advisories, serving as a thought partner, and structuring communities of practice
- Opportunities to learn from experts in their region and colleagues from across the U.S.
- Identifying and communicating opportunities to learn from experts and colleagues in the region and across the U.S.
- Referrals to other technical assistance providers
- Developing customized tools and resources
- Professional learning, webinars, and conferences.

## OUR GOAL:

Region 8 CC staff focuses on enhancing SEA capacity to identify, implement, and sustain effective evidence-based programs, practices, and interventions that support improved educator and student outcomes, close learning opportunity gaps, and improve the quality of instruction.



## OUR SERVICES:

### How can we help you?

The Region 8 CC can help you achieve your education priorities through:



State, district, and school leaders

### Implementation support

Planning  
Pilot testing  
Continuous improvement

### Network building

Relationship brokering  
Expert consultations  
Peer-to-peer learning

### Customized services

Tool co-development  
Job-embedded learning  
Coaching