National Education Research and Development Centers

Since 2004, National Center for Education Research (NCER) within the Institute of Education Sciences has funded nineteen National Education Research and Development Centers. The mission of the R&D Centers is to contribute to the production and dissemination of rigorous evidence and products that provide practical solutions to important education problems in the United States. The R&D Centers achieve this mission by developing, testing, and disseminating new approaches to improve teaching and learning, and ultimately, student achievement. Each of the Centers conducts a focused program of education research in its topic area and works cooperatively with NCER to conduct supplemental research and national direction in that area.

**Currently Operating with NCER Funding**
(by original grant year)

- **Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER)**
  - American Institutes for Research
  - $10.0 million (2012) and $12.0 million (2006)

- **Center for the Study of Adult Literacy (CSAL): Developing Instructional Approaches Suited to the Cognitive and Motivational Needs for Struggling Adults**
  - Georgia State University
  - $10.0 million (2012)

- **Center for Analysis of Postsecondary Education and Employment (CAPSEE)**
  - Columbia University, Teachers College
  - $10.0 million (2011)

- **Center on Cognition and Mathematics Instruction**
  - WestEd (Redwood City, CA)
  - $10.0 million (2010)

- **Center on Scaling Up Effective Schools**
  - Vanderbilt University
  - $13.6 million (2010)

- **Center for Research on Rural Education**
  - University of Nebraska-Lincoln
  - $10.0 million (2009)

- **Center for Teacher Effectiveness: Validating Measures of Effective Math Teaching**
  - President and Fellows of Harvard College GSE
  - $10.0 million (2009)

- **Center on Cognition and Science Instruction**
  - 21st Century Partnership for STEM Education (Philadelphia, PA)
  - $10.0 million (2008)

- **Center on Instructional Technology: Center for Advanced Technology in Schools**
  - UCLA
  - $9.8 million (2008)

**Center on Instructional Technology: Possible Worlds**
- Education Development Center, Inc. (Newton, MA)
- $9.2 million (2008)

**Center for Research on Early Childhood Education**
- University of Virginia
- $11.0 million (2006)

**Center on the Gifted and Talented**
- University of Connecticut
- $8.7 million (2006)

**Originally Funded under NCER, Now Operating Under External Funding**

- **Center for Postsecondary Research**
  - Columbia University, Teachers College
  - $9.8 million (2006)

- **Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing (CRESST)**
  - UCLA
  - $12.5 million (2005)

- **Center for Data-Driven Reform in Education**
  - Johns Hopkins University

- **Center on School Choice**
  - Vanderbilt University

**No Longer Operating**

- **Center for Performance Incentives (NCPI)**
  - Vanderbilt University
  - $10.8 million (2006)

- **Center for Research on the Educational Achievement and Teaching of English Language Learners (CREATE)**
  - University of Houston
  - $9.9 million (2005)

- **Center on Rural Education Support**
  - University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
  - $17.2 million (2004)

*R&D Center Awards are rounded to the nearest $100,000. All R&D Center awards are for five years. However, several centers received additional time to complete their activities through no-cost extensions. The Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research received two consecutive five-year awards. Centers no longer receiving IES funding may still be conducting research with other funding sources. Source: NCER Research and Development Centers, http://ies.ed.gov/ncer/randd/*
The Special Education Research and Development Centers are funded through IES’s National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER)*. The mission of the R&D Centers is to contribute to the production and dissemination of rigorous evidence and products that provide practical solutions to important education problems in the United States. The R&D Centers achieve this mission by developing, testing, and disseminating new approaches to improve teaching and learning, and ultimately, student achievement. Each of the Centers conducts a focused program of education research in its topic area and works cooperatively with NCER to conduct supplemental research and national direction in that area.

### Center on Reading Instruction for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students
Georgia State University Research Foundation, Inc.
$10.0 million (2012)

### Center on Improving Mathematics Instruction for Students with Mathematics Difficulties
University of Delaware
$9.9 million (2010)

### Center on Secondary Education for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (CSESA)
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
$10.0 million (2012)

### Center for Response to Intervention in Early Childhood
University of Kansas
$10.0 million (2008)

### Center on Assessment and Accountability for Special Education
University of Oregon
$11.7 million (2011)

### Center on Serious Behavior Disorders at the Secondary Level
Lehigh University (Bethlehem, PA)
$10.4 million (2008)

### National Research Center for Career and Technical Education
In 2006, Perkins IV legislation authorized the creation of a National Research Center for Career and Technical Education (NRCCTE) that included the functions of research, technical assistance, professional development, and dissemination. Between 2007 and 2012, the NRCCTE had been led by the University of Louisville in partnership with a consortium of institutions and organizations involved in CTE today. The grant was converted to a contract in 2012 and opened to for-profit competitors. RTI International now has a three-year contract to open a similarly missioned center while NRCCTE continues to operate largely from state technical assistance funding.

#### National Research Center for Career and Technical Education (NRCCTE)
University of Louisville
$19.9 million (2007-2012)

#### National Center for Innovation in Career and Technical Education (NCICTE)
RTI International
$9.2 million (2012-2015)

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