

# Who We Are, What We Do and How We Can Assist Districts in the Areas of Race, Gender, and National Origin Equity

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# What is an Equity Assistance Center (EAC)?

**10 regional EACs funded by the U.S. Department of Education**

**Funded under Title IV of the 1964 Civil Rights Act**

**Provide assistance to public school districts in the areas of race, gender, and national origin equity**



# Our Mission

**At the request of school boards and local or state education agency leaders, we collaborate to...**

*Ensure equity in student access to and participation in high quality, research-based education*

*Expand states' and school systems' capacities to provide robust, effective opportunities to learn for ALL students*

*Reduce disparities among and between groups in educational outcomes*

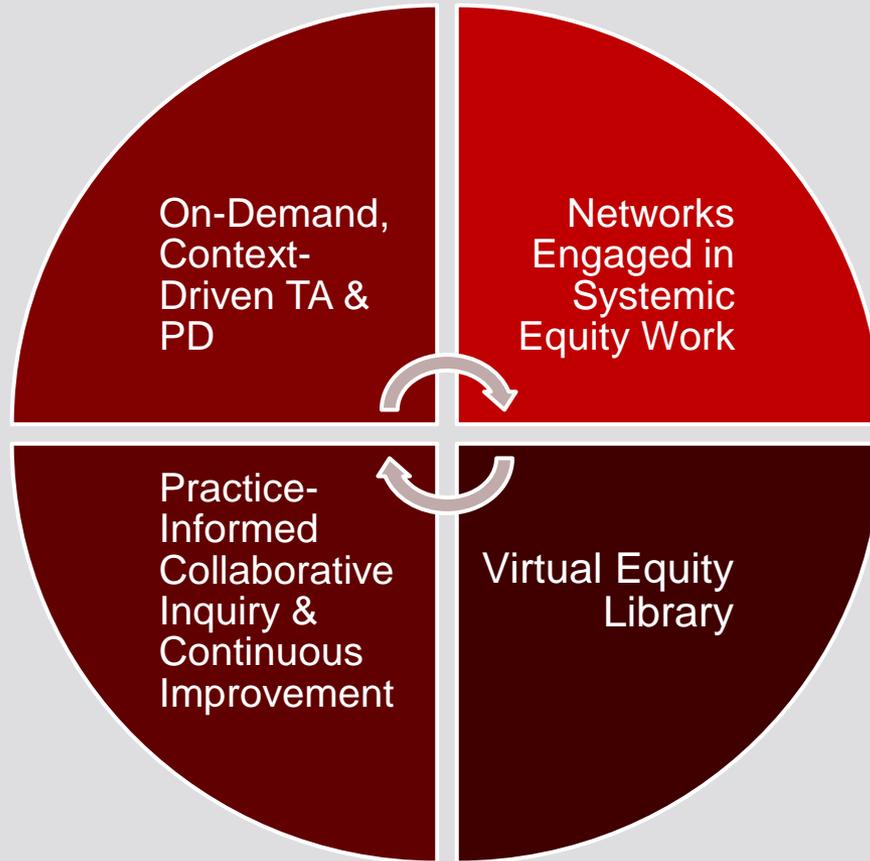
*Serve as a resource for the Office for Civil Rights and Department of Justice*

# Region V Equity Assistance Center

## States Served

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Ohio
- Wisconsin

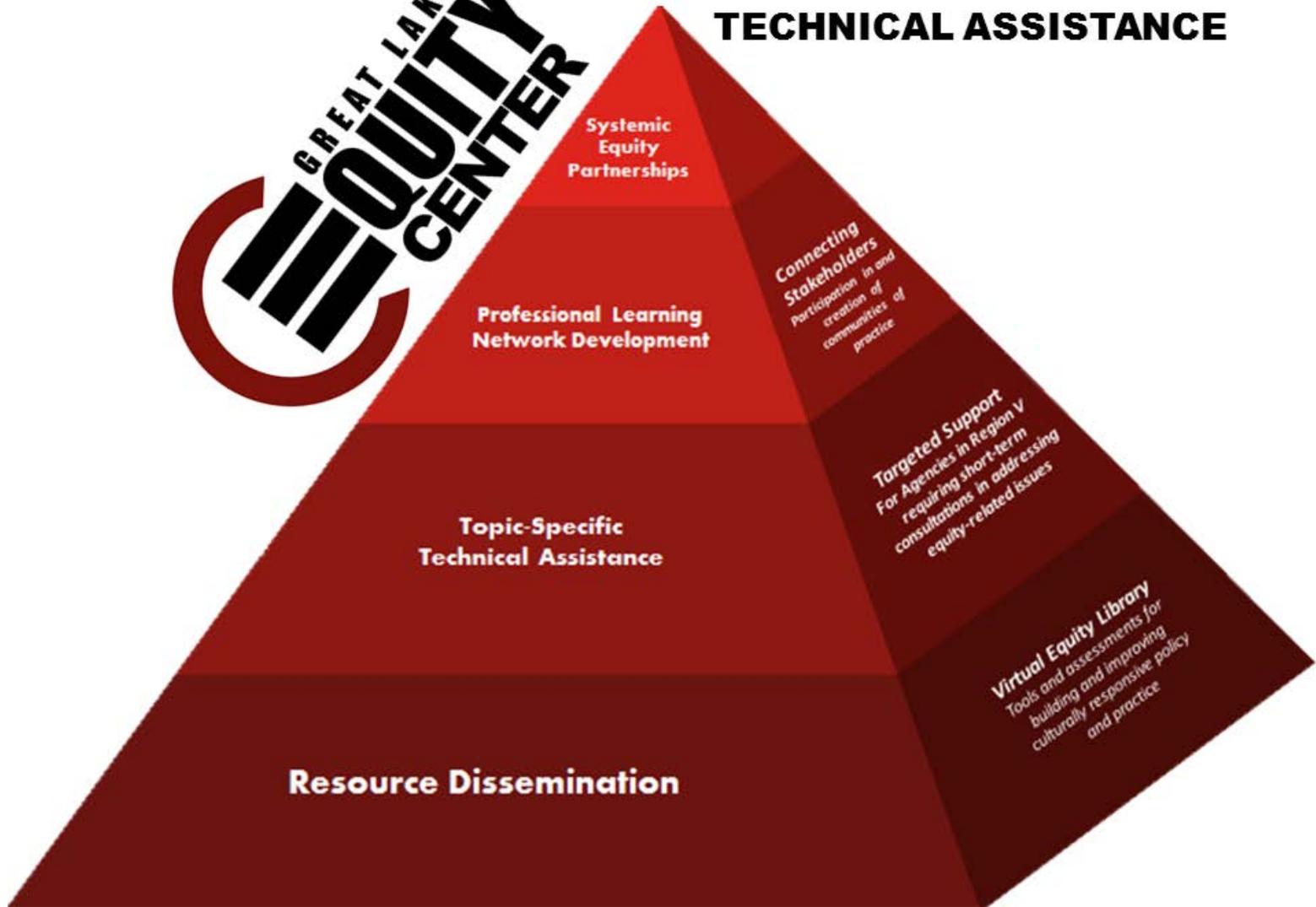




# Great Lakes Equity Center Goals



## MULTI-TIERED MODEL OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



# Resource Dissemination

-  Monthly Newsletters
-  eBlast
-  Virtual Equity Library
-  Case Studies
-  Equity Assistance Tools

# Topic Specific TA



# Network Development

Facilitation and Support: Existing Equity Teams

Facilitation and Support: Strategic Planning, Development  
and Implementation of Equity Goals

Facilitation and Support: Conference Planning

# Equity Partnerships



**Long Term Onsite Consultation**



**Long Term Distance Consultation**



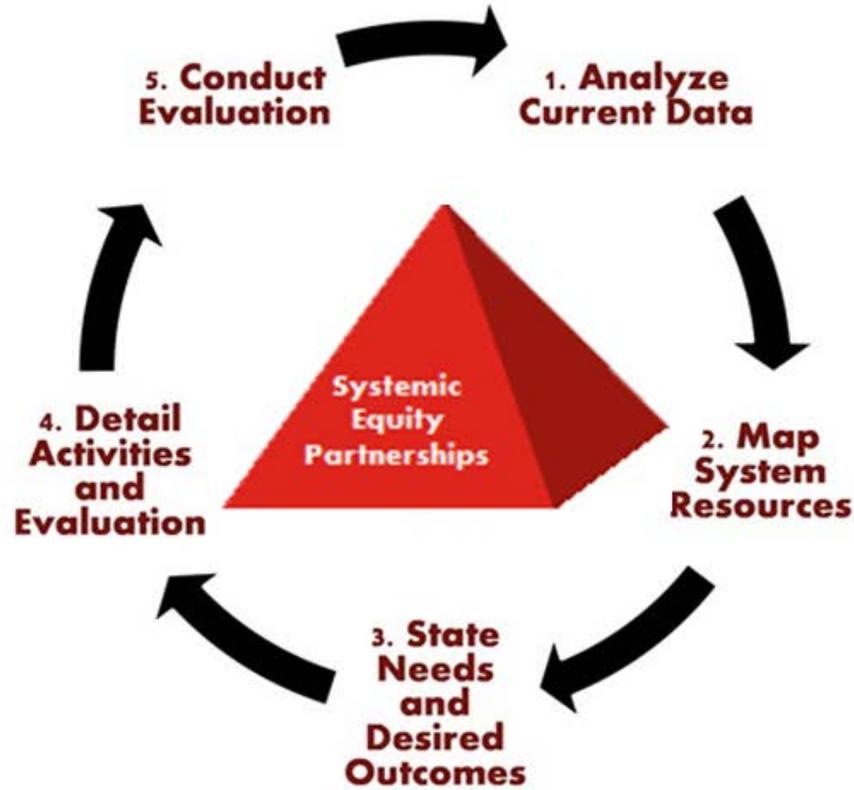
**Assistance with Developing and Implementing Equity Audits**



**Assistance with the Development and Implementation of Long Term Strategic Plans**



### Tier IV Technical Assistance Model for *SYSTEMIC EQUITY PARTNERSHIPS*



# Session Activity: Name Your TA

Brainstorm ideas for TA needs that you currently have

Share and discuss your ideas with your small group

Designate a recorder and timekeeper

Share with large group the TA needs identified

Great Lakes Equity Center will provide feedback on each identified need



# Questions & Comments

# Key Personnel



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