Creating Caring School Communities: Decolonizing Harmful Practices, Disrupting Push Out, & Advancing Liberation in Our Schools

The Equity Leaders Institute provides an opportunity for district and state-level educators and administrators to engage in two full days of intensive, collegial study, discussion, and planning related to targeted issues of educational equity. This annual event will welcome educators and community members who lead equity-focused work within their school systems across the MAP Center’s region of coverage.

This year, we will engage you in shared learning experiences related to re-establishing schools as caring communities by dismantling institutionalized practices that interrupt successful schooling experiences for historically marginalized populations, supporting the development of a framework to promote success for all students. At this Institute, you will have the unique opportunity to network with others in similar roles and responsibilities across our 13-state region of coverage.

Following this two-day intensive learning event, you will be able to:

- **Expand and examine** their understandings of policies, practices, and structures that disenfranchise students from their school community.
- **Critique** improvement initiatives that localize school “problems” within students and educators; thus ignoring the structural oppressions that continue to marginalize non-dominant communities (i.e. people of Color, individuals with dis/abilities, LBGTQ+ people, women, and people living in disinvested neighborhoods, etc.).
- **State** practices and characteristics of caring school communities.
- **Initiate** planning towards implementation of practices to increase capacity of school leaders in the creation of liberating and caring school communities

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Because the Institute is designed for intermediate to expert practitioners, there is an application and acceptance process. Space is limited and it is important to us to have representation from across our 13-state region. Apply early to assist us in ensuring fair and equitable representation across the Midwest and Plains states. For full details, visit the **WEBPAGE**.

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