



Safe and Supportive Schools

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Safe and Supportive Schools Technical Assistance Center

The Safe and Supportive Schools Technical Assistance Center (Center) is funded by the Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools to realize the vision for Safe and Supportive Schools (OSDFS) ***through the promotion of the efficient and actionable measurement of conditions for learning (CFL) in schools nationwide, and the productive use of those data to create safe, supportive, and successful schools that have strong conditions for learning.***

To help advance knowledge and practice of measurement systems for CFL, the Center is working with the 11 state grantees and participating and nonparticipating states, districts and schools to achieve five goals:

- (1) *demonstrate that measurement of CFL can be done efficiently, be actionable, and produce results;*
- (2) *improve the quality of measurement and data use practice;*
- (3) *develop a knowledge base concerning CFL in schools;*
- (4) *create awareness and demand for measures and tools to apply CFL to school improvement planning; and*
- (5) *inform policy.*

These goals will be achieved through training and technical assistance, knowledge development and dissemination, and survey development and support of the survey measurement cycle.

Training and Technical Assistance

To best serve the grantees, districts and schools, the Center delivers technical assistance through a team of TA Specialists on

- survey development, administration, analyses, and reporting
- program implementation and evaluation designed to improve conditions for learning
- providing technical assistance

State grantees are paired up with technical assistance specialists to provide customized TA. Partner districts and schools and nonparticipating state grantees, districts and schools can contact the Center via email (sssta@air.org), a toll-free number (1-800-258-8413), or the Center website (<http://safesupportiveschools.ed.gov>) and be referred for assistance that will meet their needs.

The Center also provides training to the State grantees, partner LEAs, participating schools, and nonparticipating states, LEAs and schools via the use of meetings, webinars, and online training modules. Training will cover each stage of the survey process (e.g., development, administration, reporting) and strategies for implementing interventions to address identified issues, including experts as needed.

Knowledge Development and Dissemination

The Center will develop specific tools, training materials, and resources to assist grantees and other school districts and SEAs across the country in preventing disruptive behaviors such as bullying, harassment, violence, and substance abuse and to effectively disseminate those materials. The center's website serves as a hub for resources, training materials and peer to peer connections.

For more information: Contact the center at sssta@air.org or through our toll-free phone line 1-800-258-8413.