

2011 ANNUAL REPORT



**EDUCATION
CONNECTION**



Our Mission

EDUCATION CONNECTION provides quality programs and services for people of all ages to effectively support our schools and their communities.

About Us

EDUCATION CONNECTION is the Regional Educational Service Center (RESC) in western Connecticut, providing programs and services to 30 member school districts and their communities.

Established under Connecticut General Statutes 10-66, a-m, the six RESCs in Connecticut are governed by a Board of Directors whose members are elected by their local Boards of Education.

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A Message from the Executive Director



This past year has been an exciting and busy one at EDUCATION CONNECTION. We focused on providing quality services to our districts, planning for the future, and building partnerships. The content, photos, and graphics in our Annual Report capture highlights of agency goals for 2010-2011.

Our fundamental goal was, and continues to be, providing exceptional and innovative programs and services to our school districts and their communities. This demanded attention to our program delivery system. Every EDUCATION CONNECTION program focused its energy on providing timely, professional services to our districts and on exploring new educational opportunities. Student programs, professional development activities, and support systems were enhanced and expanded. We are particularly proud to have significantly increased student programming and to continue to be a leader in educational transformation initiatives.

As the regional educational service center serving districts in western Connecticut, we will continue to provide quality broad-based services to our districts and communities. We also recognize that our success and ability to deliver these programs and services is dependent on broad, effective collaboration with local, state, and national educational organizations and community agencies.

We are privileged to work in partnership with outstanding individuals and organizations. On behalf of EDUCATION CONNECTION's Board of Directors and staff, we are grateful to all whose collaboration helped us fulfill our mission to our districts and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danuta Thibodeau".

Danuta Thibodeau, Ph.D.
Executive Director



Student Programs

Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences

This 5-year U.S. Department of Education funded educational opportunity provides for the creation and implementation of an academy “school-within-a-school,” technology-based science and arts model that will help underrepresented students develop workforce and college readiness skills. This project provides an educational continuum of blended learning articulated courses and experiential learning activities.

ACCESS/Gertrude Fielding Learning Center

The ACCESS Program is designed to meet the needs of middle and high school students with emotional and behavioral challenges who have difficulty in the mainstream school setting. The Gertrude Fielding Learning Center is designed to meet the needs of elementary students requiring therapy services in a therapeutic educational setting.

Access to Success for Future Health Care Professionals

Access to Success is an intensive summer educational program for 20 middle and high school students who are disadvantaged or will be first generation college students. Students meet with health care professionals to explore opportunities in health care careers. This new program is funded by the State of Connecticut African-American Affairs Commission.

Brookfield Summer School

This program offers remedial and credit recovery courses at the high school level to students in Brookfield and the greater Danbury area. Programs were also provided to middle school students in grades 6-8 from Brookfield.

Connecticut Pathways to Innovation

This 3-year National Science Foundation funded educational opportunity was created to help underrepresented students develop workforce skills in the area of information technology. This project provides an educational continuum of articulated courses and experiential learning activities. The program provides schools with programs in Information Technology Research and Development, E-Commerce Entrepreneurship, Bio21, and Energy and Earth Essentials.

Healthy Tobacco-Free Schools Program

This project is a comprehensive K-12 initiative that focuses on prevention and cessation efforts among middle and high school students. This 18-month project serves Torrington, Winchester, and Waterbury and incorporates professional development for educators. It is funded by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.



“ACCESS has proven to be a perfect place for [my son]. I can't tell you how much this has positively affected our entire family.” — parent



“I'm incredibly excited about this particular project because I think it speaks to the future of the American economy. What this program endeavors to do is not just find new ways of connecting with students...but also challenge students to essentially be part of what we hope is a rebirth of American innovation.” — Congressman Chris Murphy



Project Periphyton

Provided 100 high school students with a field-based educational experience in watershed and climate change. The program also provided professional development to 8 participating teachers. Students conducted both periphyton field research in regional rivers and the Long Island Sound and in their science classrooms. This new grant was funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Project Safe Reporting

This project was specifically designed to teach students, parents, educators, and public safety officers about teen dating and digital teen dating violence. Activities included community outreach and peer-to-peer presentations to regional middle and high school students. The program was funded by the Office of Policy Management (OPM).

KidsCAN Avoid Tobacco

This project is a comprehensive initiative that focuses on innovative strategies for the prevention of the initiation of tobacco use among students ages 5-14 in Danbury and New Britain and includes an outreach to the community component, such as this year's "Quassy Goes Tobacco Free Art in the Park Day." The project is funded by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Perkins/Career & Technical Education

Perkins is a consortium of 6 schools (Litchfield, Region 6, Region 12, Oxford, Region 9, and Region 16) that funds career and technical education courses that provide a coherent and rigorous content aligned with the challenging, standard-relevant technical knowledge and skills necessary for further education and/or a career in current or emerging professions.



School Age Programs

School Age Programs provides enriching before and after school programs in elementary and middle schools at 11 sites, serving 21 schools in 6 districts. School Age Programs also implements Summer Adventure Programs for students ages 5-13, and Middle School Adventure Programs for older students. In addition, the School Age Programs offer training and technical assistance to districts and other agencies that provide after school programming.

- Enhanced enrichment offerings in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to all after school sites, with new curriculum
- Expanded literacy enrichment component at each after school site and linked curriculum between literacy and STEM components
- Facilitated the Northwest CT Regional After School Network, offering workshops and opportunities for after school providers in the region to stay connected
- Offered training/consultation services to other organizations/districts, serving 73 additional program providers
- Re-awarded contract by the State Department of Education to serve as fiduciary for the evaluation, training, and technical assistance component of the State's after school grants

INTERDISTRICT STUDENT PROGRAMS

Creating Career Pathways in Health Care

This program focused on increasing student proficiency in language arts, math, science, technology, and resource learning. Students engaged in rigorous inquiry-based and experiential classes, career field trips, and internships designed to demonstrate the relationship between education and the "real world" of work.

“just want to say “thank you” for the wonderful experience my son had during the April vacation camp. He looked forward to all the new experiences and achievements he had [each] day. Thank you for offering a wholesome, nurturing, and adventurous program for kids.” — parent

Earl Mosley's Institute of the Arts

Provided students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to learn dance techniques in ballet, modern, African, hip hop, jazz, and tap, as well as theater, percussion, yoga, composition, repertory, and dance history as part of a statewide, summer residential dance project.

Flanders Academy for Outdoor Science

Engaged 200 fourth grade students from Region 12, Torrington, New Britain, and Waterbury in a series of full-day experiential field trips focused on environmental science at Flanders Nature Center.

Folktale Fiesta

Provided 100 students in grades 2-5 the opportunity to enhance their reading and writing skills through the exploration of multicultural literature. Students interacted with multicultural guest presenters and storytellers.





Great Getaways

Encouraged 100 students in grades 2-5 to explore literature, music, art, costumes, and foods from around the world through the study of different countries and cultures during spring vacation week.

Healthy Beginnings for Active, Healthy Lifestyles

Engaged 60 students in grades 1-2 from districts in northwestern Connecticut in a spring vacation week program at Camp Jewell designed to teach good nutrition, healthy eating, and physical fitness.

Healthy Children, Healthy Minds

Provided 130 students in grades 5-8 with a model of education that links academic success in core academic areas to mental health, physical fitness, and nutrition.

Healthy Choices, Successful Kids

Engaged 60 students in grades 3-4 from districts in northwestern Connecticut in a spring vacation week program at Camp Jewell designed to teach good nutrition, healthy eating, and physical fitness.

LEGO League

Challenged 100 students in grades 4-6 to construct and program fully autonomous robots using LEGO® bricks, sensors, motors, and gears. The program, which met on Saturdays, encouraged inquiry-based, hands-on experimentation and problem-solving to inspire an interest in science and engineering.

Middle School Writing Project

Provided 100 middle school students with an intensive, non-competitive writing program focused on strengthening writing skills, encouraging the creative thought process, gaining confidence in personal expression and presentation skills, and exploring career opportunities in writing. Students worked with a series of professional, published writers throughout the year.

Preserving Our Histories of World War II

Offered 100 high school students the opportunity to interview World War II veterans and learn first-hand about this historic event. Students researched WWII, met with military and history experts and created documentaries that were included in this year's Connecticut Student Film Festival at the Palace Theater in Waterbury.

Project CLEAR (Candlewood Lake Environmental Awareness & Responsibility)

Provided 150 middle and 125 high school students with the opportunity to learn basic limnology, lake ecology, and environmental science. High school students participated in 4 days of scientific fieldwork on and around Candlewood Lake, and presented their findings to an audience from the science community and local political arena.

Science Opportunities in Health Care Environments

Encouraged 100 middle school students to explore career opportunities in health care using hands-on participation in relevant activities at UCONN Health Center, Waterbury Hospital, Woodbury/Southbury Emergency Services, Connecticut Science Center, and BODIES: The Exhibit.

Science Saturdays

Engaged 160 students in grades 4-6 in exciting curriculum-based science experiments and activities based on this year's "Bodies in Motion" theme. Students attended presentations with professional scientists each Saturday.

Western Connecticut Regional Internship Program

Offered high school students the opportunity to participate in medical and health care internships designed to explore medical career choices and develop the skills necessary to succeed in the health care industry of the 21st century workplace.

Early Childhood Programs and Services

Birth to Three

Delivers early intervention services and full developmental evaluations to infants and toddlers (0-3 years old) with developmental delays. The program's goal is to support parents as their children grow and develop. Birth to Three works closely with families and school districts to ensure a smooth transition to pre-kindergarten services at age 3.

Services for Early Education and Development (S.E.E.D.)

- Provided services to 362 children and their families in 34 towns

T.L.C. (Teach, Learn, Communicate) Autism Program

Provides comprehensive early intervention services and assessment to children who have characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

- 33 children received services, including Autism evaluations and direct Autism services
- 13 children received Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) Assessments

Danbury School Readiness

Offers accessible, affordable, and quality early childhood programs at 11 sites in the greater Danbury area. Activities are designed to meet the needs of the children and their families. All programs are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

- Provided services to over 345 Danbury preschool children each month in 21 classrooms throughout the greater Danbury area
- Sponsored 10 free trainings for early childhood teachers

Early Childhood Consultation

Provides consultation, monitoring, evaluation, and training to school districts and early childhood providers. Consultation is focused on curriculum, assessment, and the preschool environment. Assessments and care coordination are provided to at-risk children experiencing foster care and homelessness.

- Oversaw coordination, promotion, and organization of the competency-based endorsement process for infant/toddler professionals in Connecticut
- Provided training on *Connecticut's Guidelines for the Development of Infant & Toddler Early Learning* to infant-toddler caregivers statewide
- Awarded a grant from the Administration of Children and Families to provide mentor coach services to 40 teachers in four Head Start communities in Connecticut
- Provided support to seven communities to foster collaboration between community-based early childhood programs and public schools

Early Childhood Training

Provides high quality training to early care and education staff throughout our region, including workshops, nationally-recognized speakers, college courses, and training in leadership and administration.

- Co-sponsored a conference for more than 200 early education professionals on *The Ideal Learning Experience: What Does It Look Like?*
- Provided customized on-site trainings to childcare centers on topics, including: Developmental Red Flags, Guiding Behavior, The Art of Observation, Math for the Preschool Classroom, and Making Learning Standards Come Alive



"We appreciate all the support and guidance that [your Birth to Three staff] has given to our family... You all make a 'real' difference!" — S.E.E.D. parent



like the enthusiastic way the teachers teach the children. I love the learning skills and the ideas you come up with!" — Head Start parent

Family Resource Centers

Provides school-based family support programs in Plymouth and Torrington to strengthen the bond between the family and school, nurture the healthy development of the family, and prepare children for school.

Plymouth

- Provided 60 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)-accredited inclusive school readiness preschool slots to the community
- Served more than 188 participants in the "Families in Training" program
- Provided "Parents As Teachers" (PAT) personal visits to 15 families
- Served as a pilot site for the State Department of Education's new data collection system

Torrington

- Served more than 70 families in the "Parents As Teachers" (PAT) program
- Collaborated with Foothills Adult Education to offer *Linking Literacy: A Family Literacy Project*
- Implemented a new grant that helped train 10 family childcare providers in the *Early Learning Guidelines*

Head Start/Early Head Start

Head Start provides an array of comprehensive, quality services, including health, nutrition, parent support, education, and mental health, to children ages three to five and their families. The program's vision is "each child and family leaves Head Start, healthy, eager to learn, and ready for success." Program staff work closely with families to ensure that each child has the skills and knowledge necessary to be successful in kindergarten. Early Head Start offers the same comprehensive services through a home-based model for expectant mothers and families of children ages birth to three.

- Head Start/Early Head Start successfully completed a tri-annual federal program review
- Early Head Start Home Visitors were nationally certified in the use of the OAE hearing screening tool

- Head Start/Early Head Start contributed to the development of a national model for Child Protection Services and Head Start collaboration
- Head Start/Early Head Start collaborated with a local homeless shelter to enhance their capacity to shelter families with children ages 0-5

Northwest Accreditation Facilitation Project

Provides training and technical assistance to early childhood programs seeking accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This program is funded through a grant from the Department of Social Services, and is part of a statewide initiative administered by Connecticut Charts-A-Course.

- Supported 19 early care and education programs to achieve NAEYC accreditation
- Provided 37 workshops, study groups, and support meetings to 310 participants
- Provided targeted consultation services to four early care and education programs

3Rs (Ready Children and Families, Ready Communities, Ready Schools)

Engages the Danbury community in an early childhood plan for children ages 0-8 years, with the goal of ensuring that all children are healthy and ready for school and lifelong learning. The 3Rs is funded by the State Department of Education and the William C. Graustein Memorial Fund.

- More than 60 individuals from various sectors of the community are involved in ongoing work
- The plan has 3 strategic areas: Health Awareness, Parenting, and Readiness for School and Early School Success

Western Connecticut State University (WCSU) Child Care Center

Provides high quality and developmentally appropriate learning experiences for children ages 3-5. In collaboration with WCSU, this program offers economical child care services for children of faculty, students, and community members.

- Served 34 families from the greater Danbury community

Direct Services to Districts

Events Planning and Conference Services

Provides a variety of events and conference planning services for our districts, their communities, and local businesses. Services include: rental of meeting space, on- and off-site catering, management of conference registration, securing hotel accommodations and transportation, presenter and vendor procurement, and design and production of conference materials.

Food Services

Works collaboratively with the Connecticut State Department of Education's Office of Child Nutrition to improve the health and education of children by creating innovative public and private partnerships that promote nutritious food choices.

- Expanded the 2010 Summer Feeding Program by 25%
- Expanded the Breakfast Program for Torrington Public Schools from 2 to 5 school sites
- Provided 23,634 nutritious lunches and 31,590 nutritious snacks to children enrolled in EDUCATION CONNECTION's Head Start program
- Provided 5,733 free nutritional lunches to low-income children participating in the summer food service program in Torrington

Marketing and Communications

Provides a variety of communication services for our districts, their communities, and local businesses. Services include: publication design, graphic design consultation and training, document review, social networking page development, and publicity.

- Secured television coverage from 3 major Connecticut news channels for the 2011 Connecticut Student Film Festival and 2011 Connecticut Student Innovation Exposition (CT Expo)

- 4 EDUCATION CONNECTION publications (Annual Report, *Making Connections* Newsletter, Member District Calendar, and Foothills Adult and Continuing Education's Fall and Spring Course Catalogs) earned "Honorable Mention" in *CABE's 2010 Awards of Excellence for Educational Communications* program. This was the 4th time the Member District Calendar received "Honorable Mention" and the 2nd time the agency newsletter received "Honorable Mention"
- Continues to draw "fans" and "followers" to our social networking sites on Facebook and Twitter. School staff, legislators, and members of the community receive daily updates on agency and program services and events
- Used electronic newsletters (e-blasts) to promote events, programs, and new endeavors. E-blasts are distributed to more than 1600 subscribers, on a variety of topics. This additional method of communication has increased awareness of our agency, programs and services, and resources available to the community
- Staff was contracted to coordinate exhibitors for the Connecticut Reading Association's 2011 conference
- Sold more than 2,800 copies of *Kindergarten: Helping Your Child Make the Move*, to more than 15 school districts and educational agencies





“I have found the Transportation Department to be efficient, courteous, completely professional and totally reliable...Always ensuring students' safety...You always go the extra mile to provide safe and reliable transportation.” — school district staff



Minority Teacher Recruitment (MTR)

As a result of the RESC MTR Alliance's research and program expansion, the following program components have been implemented to assist Connecticut's school districts to develop, recruit, hire, and retain a diverse teaching and administrative staff:

- Academic, financial, and emotional support to increase the number of minority teacher graduates from all alternate route to certification programs in Connecticut
- Pathways to Teaching: Grow your own career development programs that focus on the recruitment and training of minority high school students interested in becoming teachers in Connecticut
- Academic and financial support provided to minority candidates studying to take the Praxis I and Praxis II examinations
- Development of an MTR page on the RESC Alliance Web site: www.rescalliance.org. The site provides information on statewide efforts to eliminate the educational achievement gap between minority students and their non-minority peers

Operations

Fingerprinting Services

- Served 1,098 educators from 32 districts and organizations

Personnel Services

Provided a variety of professional and related services staff to five school districts

Program Development

Online Initiative

Provides Internet-based, on-demand tutorials for OSHA, human resources, and professional development training.

- Added 21 new tutorials
- Served 14 school districts and/or organizations
- Developed a partnership with GCN and TANGO to offer online tutorials at discounted prices for non-profit organizations

Transportation

Specializes in transporting special needs students utilizing a fleet of vehicles equipped to provide safe, reliable, and cost-effective services.

- Provided transportation for 169 students to 44 schools in 25 school districts
- Added 13 new routes
- Used Navtrak GPS tracking devices to provide safe and reliable student transportation and to more accurately track driver usage, billing, and payroll hours



Professional Development and Training

Center for Collaborative Evaluation and Strategic Change

Provides comprehensive evaluation services to school districts and community and state agencies throughout Connecticut. Services include: technical assistance, professional development, evaluation plan design and implementation, survey development and administration, qualitative and quantitative data collection, and analysis and technical assistance in evaluation and planning. Evaluation services are provided in the areas of K-12 science, information technology, literacy and health, parent involvement, healthcare reform, and community education.

- Successfully completed evaluations on programs funded by the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Connecticut State Department of Education, the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Connecticut Health Foundation
- Completed the 1st year of evaluation activities for Connecticut United for Research Excellence (CURE) and the Connecticut State Department of Education (funded by the National Association of State Boards of Education)
- Completed the 2nd year of evaluation activities for the Connecticut School Leadership Program, a program of the Connecticut State Departments of Education and Public Health
- Finished a 3-year evaluation project for the Massachusetts Audubon Society

Parent Leadership Training

Provided parents in Torrington and Watertown with a robust series of classes designed to increase parent participation in school districts. The program is designed to increase parents' confidence and provide the background knowledge necessary to accept leadership roles within their districts and in the broader community.

RESC Transition Resource Counselor Initiative

Develops effective working partnerships between The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) and local education agencies (LEAs). By coordinating effective and efficient services regarding transition to employment, our Transition Resource Counselor helps students with disabilities connect with the resources they need to access competitive employment opportunities.

School Services

- Offered technical assistance and consultation on strategic planning, evaluation, and implementation to school districts and their communities
- Participated in the State Department of Education's Connecticut Accountability for Learning Initiative (CALI) by providing over 175 days of training and support:
 - Provided focused, on-site instructional coaching and assistance
 - Provided/offered professional development, technical assistance, and informational sessions to districts on over 50 topics of interest
 - Implemented statewide training for the CALI Common Formative Assessment module
- Provided a series of training modules that addressed district needs in the implementation of Scientific Research-Based Interventions (SRBI)

"Our staff continues to be a vital asset to the success of the school health programs at the State Department of Education. Her knowledge and practical approach to program evaluation are invaluable on both the state and local levels." — CSDE Consultant





- Conducted council meetings for area educators in SRBI, math, technology, English language acquisition, reading and language arts, and curriculum
- Presented and provided technical assistance to districts that are developing strategies for identifying, teaching, and assessing performance of 21st century schools
- Participated in the select teams identified to create new state standards in language arts and mathematics based on the new Common Core State Standards
- Initiated a planning effort that will assist districts in moving to one-to-one, all digital learning models
- Coordinated the development of a shared, open-source, and regional United States History curriculum
- Provided exclusive access to innovative online credit recovery and enrichment curricula

TEAM (Teacher Education and Mentoring)

Works with districts to create plans for implementation of the new TEAM program and the statewide Development Committee to provide professional growth and support to beginning teachers. The design includes a 4-step process applied to 5 modules aligned with the new Common Core of Teaching. Districts received support with the creation of their TEAM coordinating committees and 3-year plans, offering training for both current and new mentors, and on-going communication with district facilitators. Additional training and follow-up support was provided to districts with teachers and mentors piloting the first 2 modules of the TEAM program.



Technology Training

- Provided 5 opportunities for instructional technology professionals to meet and share their expertise and strategies for success
- Provided workshops on a variety of instructional technology topics, including: open-source resources, one-to-one models, Bring Your Own Technology, technology/curriculum integration, creating data tools for use in the decision making process, online course creation, and the use of interactive whiteboard technologies
 - Offered 4 days of TIPP21 training which was designed to support district technology leaders in their efforts to improve technology integration at their school sites
- Delivered more than 35 days of technical assistance and technology training on a variety of technology-focused topics through the statewide Enhancing Education through Technology (EETT) program

RESC Alliance Collaborations

EDUCATION CONNECTION collaborates with the other five Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs) to provide quality services that result in cost-efficiencies to districts throughout the state.

- Early Childhood Initiative
- Internet-Based On-Demand Tutorials
- Microsoft Licensing Agreement
- Paraprofessional Training
- School Improvement Services
- Technology Initiatives
- Virtual High School Consortium
- K-2 Assessment Consortium

Adult and Community Programs and Services

Foothills Adult & Continuing Education

Foothills Adult & Continuing Education serves 17 school districts. Mandated classes are free to all members of the Foothills consortium, and include English as a Second Language (ESL), Citizenship, and Adult Basic Education (ABE), as well as GED (General Education Development), High School Diploma, and the National External Diploma Program (NEDP). Enrichment classes are fee-based and are offered in a wide variety of subject areas.

- Awarded 7 federally funded grants in the areas of: Family Literacy, Workplace Education, Workforce Training, Career Awareness, Civics Education, National External Diploma Expansion, and Transition-to-College
- Registered and managed registrations for 775 teachers for the 2010 CT Reading Conference
- Administered the online ParaPro exam to 7 paraprofessionals
- Graduated 5 students from the Region 1 Adult Ed High School Diploma Program and 20 students from the EDUCATION CONNECTION High School Diploma Program
- Tested 112 GED examinees at the Torrington site and 38 students at the Winsted site
- Graduated 8 students from the Torrington National External Diploma Program and 10 students from the EDUCATION CONNECTION National External Diploma Program
- Selected as 1 of only 6 NEDP programs in the U.S. to participate in a pilot study to implement the Workforce Skills Certification System (WSCS) for NEDP students
- In collaboration with Head Start, the TECC, and the Torrington Family Resource Center, Foothills offered a health literacy program to ESL students at Vogel-Wetmore in Torrington
- Graduated 67 students from the Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) program
- Provided the Food Handler's Certification program to 14 staff in Region 6 and Region 10

Community-Based Programs

Community-based programs are structured to help individuals with disabilities live, grow, and become more independent and productive members of their community.

- Provided services to 14 additional consumers

Group Homes

Residential homes in New Fairfield, Torrington, and New Hartford provide 24-hour supervised residences for individuals with disabilities in western Connecticut.

- Renewed licenses for 3 group homes

Supported Employment Services

A community-based competitive employment program which uses a personal approach to provide continual support and services to individuals with disabilities.

- Individual Supported Employment gained 4 new clients
- Individual Day Supports gained 1 new client
- The Mobile Work Crew served 3 new lawn accounts

Supported Living Services

Supports consumers in an independent living environment within their community through flexible, creative planning, and community integration.

Title V

A Senior Community Service Employment Program for income eligible individuals, age 55 and older, who receive employment training and placement at host non-profit work sites.

- Underwent a successful review by the Department of Social Services
- Provided services to 10 additional participants
- Gained 3 new host sites

TRED (Transportation Reaching Every Direction)

Provides free transportation services to eligible Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) clients in northwestern Connecticut.

- Received an award from the Western CT Mental Health Network for "Outstanding Assistance and Flexibility" in providing support and transportation to students in the Recovery and Wellness Program for the 2nd consecutive year



"This program has changed my life. I am already enrolled at Northwestern Connecticut Community College." — Foothills student

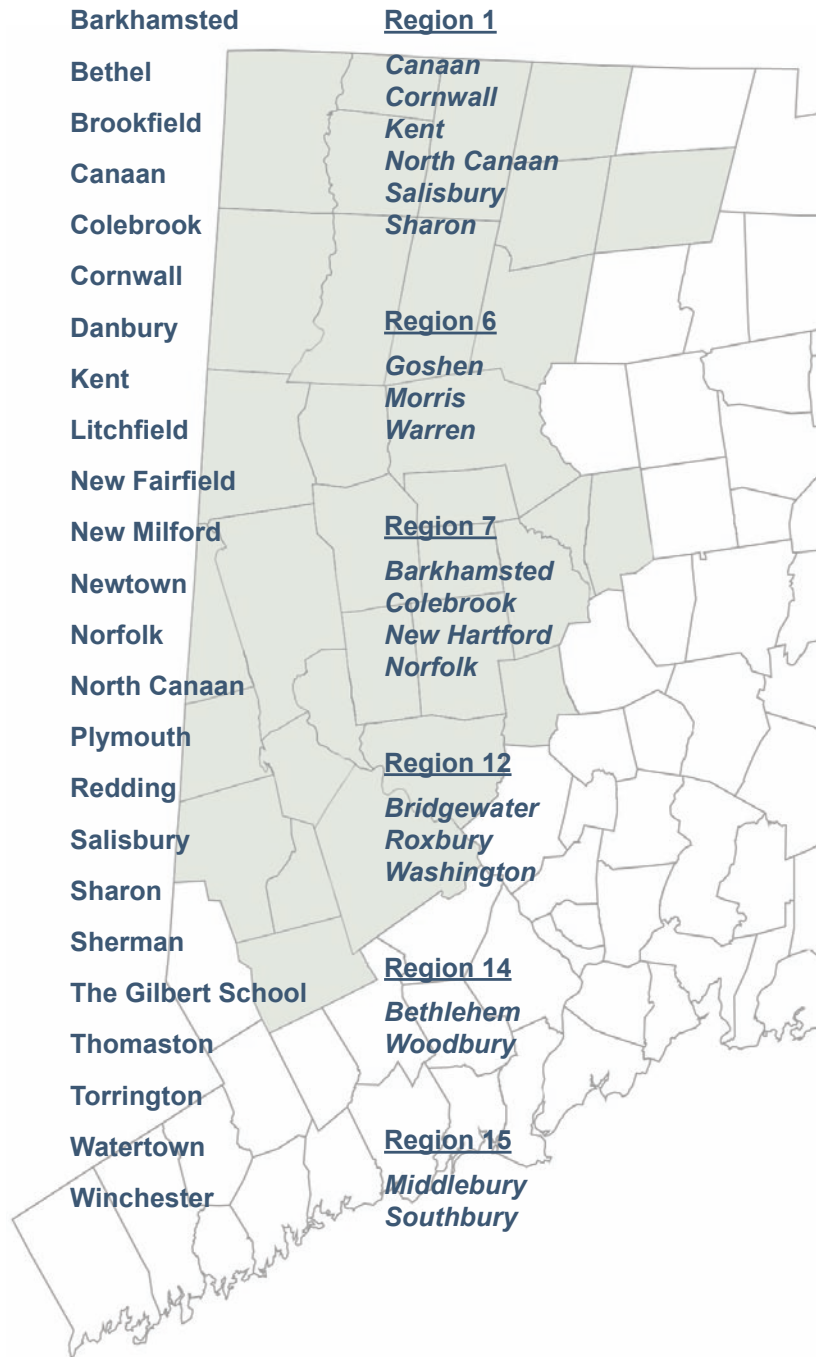
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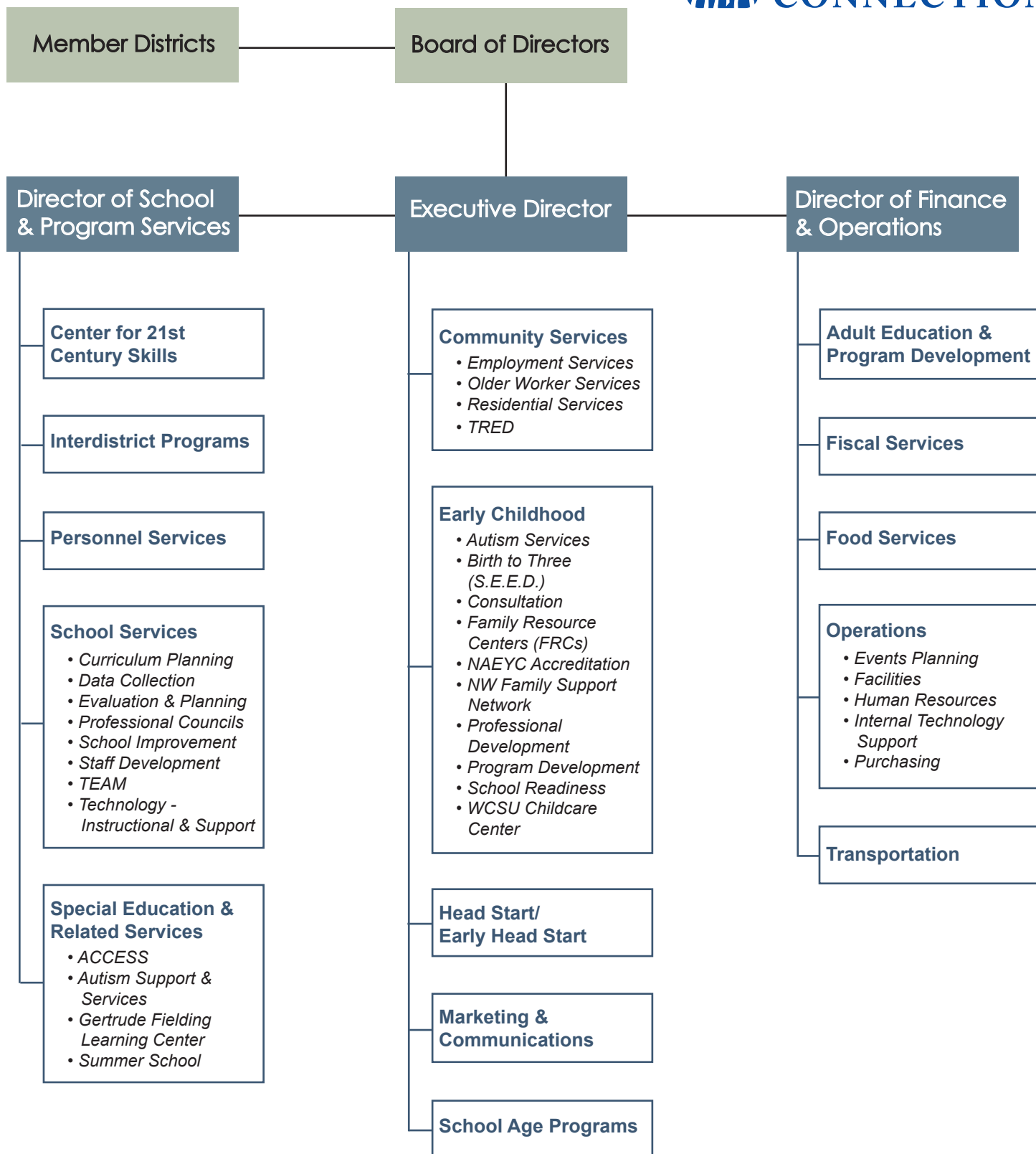
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Region 12	Valerie Andersen
Region 14	Charles Cosgriff
Torrington	Kenneth Traub/ A. Lyon Bates*
Winchester	Susan B. Hoffnagle

* Served partial terms

EDUCATION CONNECTION Member Districts



2010-2011 Organizational Structure



Collaborations

EDUCATION CONNECTION wishes to thank the following for their active role in helping our agency meet its goals for 2010-2011.

- CT General Assembly
- 30 school districts in western Connecticut

The Other Connecticut Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs)

- ACES (Area Cooperative Educational Services)
- CES (Cooperative Educational Services)
- CREC (Capitol Region Education Council)
- EASTCONN
- LEARN

State Agencies

- Bureau of Rehabilitation Services
- CT Commission on Children
- CT Community Colleges' COT Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing
- CT Early Childhood Education Cabinet
- CT Family Support Council
- CT Head Start Collaboration Office
- CT Office for Workforce Competitiveness (OWC)
- CT State Department of:
 - Children and Families
 - Developmental Services
 - Education
 - Environmental Protection
 - Labor
 - Mental Health & Addiction
 - Public Health
 - Social Services
- CT Women's Education and Legal Fund
- NW Regional Workforce Investment Board–Waterbury
- State Education Resource Center (SERC)

Local Agencies

- All Our Kin
- Alternative Incarceration Center (AIC)
- Beardsley & Memorial Library–Winsted
- Brooker Memorial–Torrington
- Candlewood Lake Authority (CLA)
- Center Congregational Church–Torrington
- CT Film Festival
- CT Infoline
- Connecticut Junior Republic (CJR)
- CT Pre-Engineering Program (CPEP)
- Cradle to Classroom
- Danbury Chamber of Commerce
- Danbury Children First
- Danbury Department of Housing
- End Hunger Connecticut, Inc.
- ESL Reception Center–Danbury Public Schools
- Families Network of Western CT
- Family and Children's Aid–Danbury
- Family Focused Partnership–Danbury
- Family Strides–Torrington
- Greater Danbury Mental Health Authority
- Housatonic Youth Services Bureau
- In-Lands Comm. New Fairfield, New Milford, & Danbury
- Kid Care Advisory Council
- LARC of Torrington
- Litchfield County Autism Spectrum Association
- Litchfield County Directors of Special Education Assoc.
- Litchfield County Superintendents Association (LCSA)
- Literacy Volunteers of America of NW CT
- Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)
- McCall Foundation–Torrington
- Mid-Western CT Council on Alcoholism (M.C.C.A.)
- Naugatuck Valley Community College
- Northwest Caring Connection–Torrington
- NW Child and Family Health Council
- NW Collaborative for Young Children & Families
- NW Community Collaborative
- NW CT After School Network
- NW CT Chamber of Commerce
- NW CT Community College
- NW Continuum of Care
- NW Mental Health Board
- Northwest YMCA
- Oliver Wolcott Library–Litchfield
- Pediatric Associates
- St. Joseph's College–Hartford
- Seifort Ford Community Health Center
- Southern CT State University

- Susan B. Anthony Project–Torrington
- Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation
- Torrington Area Health District
- Torrington Child Care Center
- Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative (TECC)
- Torrington Library
- Trinity Glen
- Tunxis Community College
- UCONN Medical Center
- UCONN NEAG School of Education
- United Way of NW Connecticut
- United Way of Western Connecticut
- United Way of West Central Connecticut
- University of Hartford
- Waterbury Youth Services
- Western CT Assoc. for Human Rights (WeCAHR)
- Western CT Area Agency on Aging
- Western CT Mental Health Network
- Western Connecticut State University
- Western CT Superintendents Association (WCSA)
- Winsted Area Child Care Center
- Woodbury Library
- Woodland Hills–Torrington
- Yale University

Local Businesses

- Archana Karanki, DMD
- Aspetuck Animal Hospital–New Preston
- Battelle Technology Partnership Practice
- Bethel Village Square Animal Hospital–Bethel
- BNB Manufacturing–Winsted
- Boehringer Ingelheim–Ridgefield
- Brookfield Animal Hospital
- Carlson Therapy Network–Brookfield
- Center for Pain Rehabilitation–Danbury
- Charlotte Hungerford Hospital–Torrington
- Childcare Associates–Danbury
- CISCO
- City Center Danbury
- Community Health Center–Danbury
- Computer Associates
- Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Inc.
- Connecticut Children's Medical Center
- Connecticut Family Orthopedics
- Connecticut Public Television (CPTV)
- Connecticut United for Research Excellence, Inc.
- Connecticut Women's Education & Legal Fund
- Constellation Energy
- Curtis House–Woodbury
- Danbury Hospital
- Danbury News Times
- Dental Associates–New Milford
- Digital BackOffice
- Dos Amigos Restaurant–Torrington
- Dow Chemical Foundation–Danbury
- Education Development Center–Thomaston
- Ethan Allen
- Family Dental Care–Fairfield
- Family Medical Center–Ridgefield
- Fielding Properties–Danbury
- Geer Village–Canaan
- Goodfellow–Ashmore Real Estate–Danbury
- Global Compliance Network (GCN)
- Hand Therapy Center–Danbury
- Hartford Hospital
- Howmet Castings–Winsted
- IBM–Southbury
- IEP Direct
- Main Street Rehabilitation Center–Danbury
- Meeker's Hardware–Danbury
- Microsoft
- Navtrak
- New Milford Hospital
- Newtown Pediatrics
- Northeast Generation Co.
- Northeast Utilities/CL&P
- Oriental Gourmet–Southbury
- Our Piece of the Pie, Inc.
- Ovation Benefits
- Palace Theater–Waterbury
- Photography Design Studio–Thomaston

- Prometric
- Proton Energy–Wallingford
- Rebecca C. Parilla, Ph.D.
- Scholastic
- Tanglewood Research
- Torrington Health and Rehabilitation Center
- Union Savings Bank–Litchfield
- Volunteer Center–Danbury
- Washington Senior Center–Washington Depot
- Waterbury Hospital
- Web Design Studio–Farmington
- Wheeler Clinic

Foundations

- Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation
- Children's Trust Fund
- Community Foundation of Northwest CT
- CBIA Education Foundation & the Academy of Engineering and Green Technology
- Connecticut Community Foundation
- Connecticut Health Foundation
- Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation–New Milford
- Fairfield County Community Foundation
- Kellogg Foundation
- Union Savings Bank Foundation–Danbury
- William Caspar Graustein Memorial Foundation

State & National Professional Assoc./Organizations

- American Assoc. of Adult & Continuing Education
- American Association of School Administrators
- American Evaluation Association
- Association of Educational Service Agencies
- Assoc. of Supervision and Curriculum Development
- Child Day Care Council
- Child Health and Development Institute of CT
- Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems
- CT Academy for Educ. in Math, Science, and Tech.
- CT Academy of Educational Leaders
- CT After School Network
- CT Association for Education of Young Children
- CT Association for Human Services
- CT Association for Infant Mental Health
- CT Association of Adult & Continuing Education
- CT Association of Boards of Education (CABE)
- CT Association of Community Providers
- CT Association of Curriculum Development
- CT Association of Independent Schools
- CT Association of Non-Profits
- CT Association of Public School Superintendents
- CT Association of School Business Officials
- CT Association of Special Education
- CT Center for School Change
- CT Charts-a-Course
- CT Community Providers
- CT Distance Learning Association
- CT Early Childhood Alliance
- CT Educators Computer Association
- CT Family Resource Alliance
- CT Head Start Association
- CT Institute for Communities
- CT Reading Association (CRA)
- CT School Readiness Network
- CT Science Fair Association
- CT Technology Council
- CT Voices for Children
- Council for Exceptional Children
- Eastern Evaluation Research Society
- Healthy Child Care CT
- Literacy Volunteers of America
- National After School Association (NAA)
- National Assoc. for the Education of Young Children
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Head Start Association
- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- New England Head Start Association
- NW CT Human Resource Association
- U.S. Department of Education
- The Alliance for Non-Profit Growth & Opportunity (TANGO)
- U.S. League of States for Infant Mental Health
- Youth Development Training Resource Center

Federal Grants or Contracts

PROGRAM	AMOUNT	% of BUDGET	TOTAL
Head Start	\$ 2,491,637		
National Science Foundation	905,368		
Child Nutrition Program	101,226		
NOAA	36,327		
REAP School Achievement	8,746		
Total	\$ 3,543,303	15.0%	\$ 3,543,303

Grants or Contracts

PROGRAM	AMOUNT	% of BUDGET	TOTAL
DDS/DSS/DMHAS - Community Services	\$ 1,746,980		
Early Childhood/Birth to Three/S.E.E.D.	1,560,744		
Interdistrict Programs	1,011,287		
CT Career Choices	600,157		
Foothills Adult Education	593,806		
School Age After School Programs	564,587		
Head Start/Early Head Start	317,139		
School Services	161,569		
RESC Grant	144,408		
Healthy and Tobacco Free	138,510		
Autism	133,764		
Food Services	57,817		
School Services - 1066 Grant	9,627		
Total	\$ 7,040,395	29.9%	\$ 7,040,395

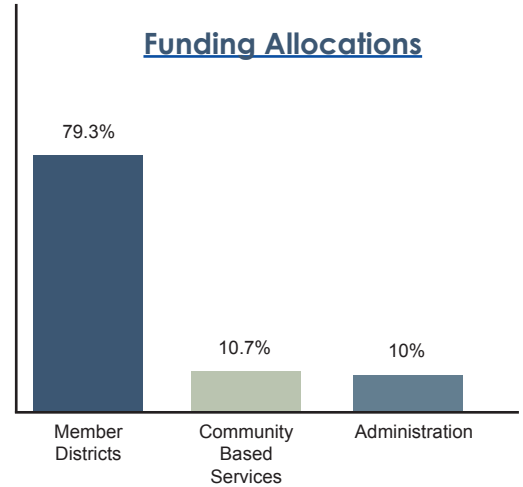
Federal via State Program

PROGRAM	AMOUNT	% of BUDGET	TOTAL
Title V	\$ 369,664		
Adult Education - Comprehensive Program	231,000		
ARRA Technology	121,470		
Perkins/Career & Technical Education	68,877		
Title III - English as a Second Language	39,124		
Adult Education - Civics	29,400		
Food Services	18,618		
Total	\$ 878,153	3.6%	\$ 878,153

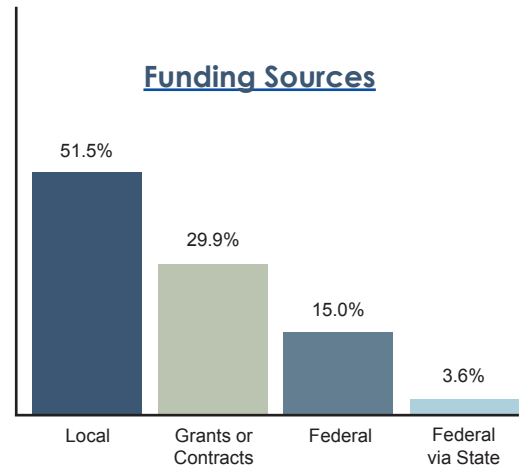
Local

PROGRAM	AMOUNT	% of BUDGET	TOTAL
Transportation	\$ 2,506,039		
Fee-for-Service	2,389,627		
Tuition	1,624,785		
School Services	1,382,923		
School Age Programs	1,029,755		
Early Childhood	898,956		
Personnel Services	794,444		
Food Services	786,397		
Community Services	437,479		
Foothills Adult Education	258,365		
Dues	34,992		
Summer School	30,245		
Total	\$ 12,174,007	51.5%	\$12,174,007
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 23,635,858	100%	\$23,635,858

Funding Allocations



Funding Sources

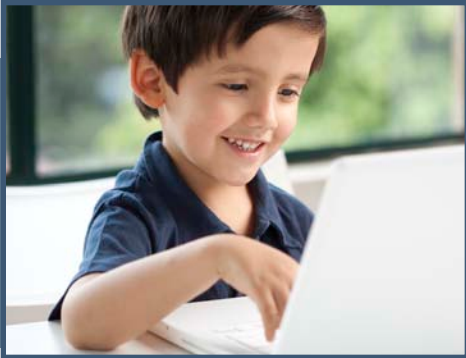


Budget Summary

Local	\$	12,174,007
State Grants		7,040,395
Federal Grants		3,543,303
Federal via State		878,153
Total	\$	23,635,858

2010-2011 User Services Matrix

PROGRAMS & SERVICES	Barkhamsted	Bethel	Brookfield	Canaan	Colebrook	Cornwall	Danbury	Kent	Litchfield	New Fairfield	New Milford	Newtown	Norfolk	North Canaan	Plymouth	Redding	Region 1	Region 6	Region 7	Region 12	Region 14	Region 15	Salisbury	Sharon	Sherman	The Gilbert School	Thomaston	Torrington	Watertown	Winchester	Other
21st Century Skills																															
ACCESS/Gertrude Fielding																															
Adult & Continuing Education																															
Birth to Three (S.E.E.D.)/TLC																															
Community Adult Services																															
Conferences																															
Early Childhood Training/Consultation																															
Evaluation/Strategic Change																															
FRCs/School Readiness																															
Fingerprinting Services																															
Food Services/Events Planning																															
Head Start/Early Head Start																															
Interdistrict Student Programs																															
Instructional Technology																															
Minority Recruitment																															
Perkins/Career & Tech Education																															
Personnel Services																															
Professional Councils																															
School Age Programs																															
School Services/PD																															
Summer School																															
TEAM Assessment/Support																															
Transportation																															



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