

Regional Teacher Centers

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In Massachusetts, we are talking about **setting up either one state-wide teacher center, or several regional teacher centers**, which will pull together in partnership those who recruit, prepare, employ, and support educational personnel throughout the state. We think that we have been operating inefficiently without a centralized teacher center, with fragmented efforts that have inhibited successful dissemination and resulted in duplication of effort, missed opportunities, and more. We think the need for such a center is unequivocal, but we are now debating whether we should plan one state-wide center or many regional centers. Since we are a small state, the idea of one center is appealing, but there are some people who think everything regional is better than state-wide.

I would like to know if there are any states out there who have one or more such teaching centers operating. If so, I would really appreciate if you could send me the center's website and/or information about how the center(s) are doing.

I hope to hear from folks on both sides of the fence, and possibly get a conversation going weighing the pros and cons of both models.

From: Massachusetts

Responses:

North Dakota	Following is the link to our North Dakota Teacher Center Network: http://www2.edutech.nodak.edu/tcn/index.html
Kentucky	Kentucky does not.
Maryland	Maryland does not.