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Dear Colleagues,

In the fall of 2017, the US Department of Education requested the assistance of the BSCP Center to develop a Comprehensive Center Network website for the 23 regional and content centers. The Westat team assisted in the technical development with the BSCP Center securing content from each of the centers. This website went live in July 2018. Currently we continue to keep the website updated and of value to the users. Go to [www.compcenternetwork.org](http://www.compcenternetwork.org) and see if you can identify each bullet under the “Did you know”? section of my letter.

## Did you know this about the **CCNETWORK** (CCN)?

Comprehensive Center Network

- The CCN represents the resources and projects of 23 regional comprehensive centers and national content centers.
- Over 840 resources, developed and maintained by the centers, are posted on the CCN. Resources can be sorted by the 23 centers, 11 topics, resource type, or file format. The resources are updated by individual centers as they are produced, or by periodic crawls of the center’s websites.
- The center projects are all approved by the US Department of Education and updated yearly. A project description or web link can be viewed by an individual state or by the 15 Regional and eight Content Centers.
- The CCN has a monthly Center Spotlight which highlights 4 current resources and 2 state projects from the featured center.
- The home page has a collection section featuring resources posted on the CCN. This provides users with a preview of available resources on a topic. The collections are updated every two months.
- You can follow the CCN on Twitter, with weekly tweets and retweets from all centers.
- The private section of the CCN is accessible to all centers through a login. Features of the public site are also available on the private section. In addition, centers may post new resources, calendar events, add news and announcements items, and access the contact list for all center staff.
- The Contact Us button allows users to request technical assistance for a state or district or ask questions about the CC Network. When users provide information on the provided form, a Help Desk directs the request to the correct Center or person.

## How are centers and states using the CCN?

The monthly review of the use of the CCN site is encouraging. Recent analytics shows 175 visits to the site with 72% of viewers returning. Top pages viewed include, meet the centers with 160



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views, 110 views for the state pages, and 75 views of the resources. The private section, for center access, had 113 views. The CCN has been operational for the past nine months and within that short time centers and states appear to be finding it to be valuable resource.

### **You still have time to register for the BSCP Center’s webinar: “Taking stock in ESSA’s school-by-school financial requirement as SEAs begin releasing data”**

Join the BSCP Center on April 4, 2019 at 2:00pm ET for an interactive webinar hosted by BSCP Center partner Edunomics Lab on ESSA’s financial reporting requirement. We’ll examine early state releases of school-by-school expenditures in those states where data are now available. During this webinar, participants will see how leading states are incorporating financial transparency data in school and district report cards. Edunomics will assess what can be learned from these early adopters and applied to states that plan to publish in late 2019 or early 2020. Please register [here](#)

In closing, I would like to encourage you to continue to use the Comprehensive Center Network website. With approximately 840 resources, generated by the 23 centers from this current grant cycle, we have a rich collection of resources at our access. The BSCP Center manages the updates to the site for the US Department of Education, but it represents all 23 regional and content centers. I would appreciate any suggestions or comments regarding the CCN fellow state and center colleagues.

Sincerely,

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## Building State Capacity and Productivity Center

The Building State Capacity and Productivity Center (BSCP Center) focuses work on helping state education agencies (SEAs) throughout the country, as they adapt to constrained fiscal resources and increased demands for greater productivity. As State Departments of Education are facing a daunting challenge of improving student performance with diminishing financial resources, the BSCP Center provides technical assistance to SEAs that builds their capacity to support local educational agencies (LEAs or districts) and schools, and to the other 23 regional comprehensive centers and national content centers that serve them, by providing high quality information, tools, and implementation support. The partners in the BSCP Center are Westat, the Academic Development Institute, and the Edunomics Lab (Georgetown University).

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