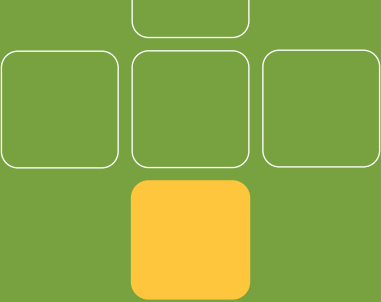




Massachusetts Organization  
of Educational Collaboratives



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**MOEC** represents the Commonwealth's 25 educational collaboratives. MOEC and its member collaboratives have a successful 40-year history of extending capacity in over 300 member and non-member school districts with programs and services.

MOEC's member collaboratives have long standing partnerships with their districts, that enhance districts' capacity to provide high quality programming to meet the complex needs of our most vulnerable students. From Provincetown to the Berkshires, MOEC members provide a wide array of services serving schools, educators, communities, and learners of all ages, from professional development and expert consultation to specialized student programs, wrap-around services, and more.

Collaboratives are organized in five regions – Central, Greater Boston, North, Southeast, and West, in a structure designed to identify regional needs and partner for solutions.

## *Partnerships for* **CHANGE**

**As an influential facilitator and highly visible proponent of regional thinking in service delivery, MOEC is the Commonwealth's primary advocate for collaboratives and the critical role they play in the Massachusetts educational system.**

Our organization is recognized as a leading convener in the state's educational community, and we are proud of our longstanding and valued relationships with:

- » The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS)
- » The Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC)
- » The Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

MOEC and our members work closely with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and its staff, hosting conversations with policy makers to provide collaborative and district perspective on initiatives and outreach efforts.

MOEC has also been instrumental in developing a regional network of Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESAs) members. MOEC:

- » Gives voice to regional needs and concerns
- » Partners with districts, schools, community organizations, higher education, and state leadership
- » Expands educational capacity statewide
- » Shares information and resources statewide
- » Provides consultation and planning
- » Conducts policy research and development

*“Our partnership gives us a chance to share new approaches and learn from each other.”*

*– ACCEPT Member District Special Education Director*





# Leading Statewide INITIATIVES

MOEC and its members have a history of working with districts, often in partnership with DESE, to support statewide initiatives. By design, collaboratives are nimble, efficient, effective conveners, able to lead, follow, and facilitate.

Statewide projects include:

#### **INCLUSIVE PRACTICE AMBASSADORS:**

Ambassadors facilitated training and use of DESE resources on equitable and inclusive practices to over 1,700 principals/district leaders statewide.

#### **MASSACHUSETTS COMPETENCY REVIEW GUIDELINES:**

Stakeholder Groups were convened by MOEC to produce recommendations for revised versions of DESE educator licensure requirements.

#### **LEADING EDUCATIONAL ACCESS PROJECT (LEAP):**

Collaboratives offered training and technical assistance statewide for this DESE initiative, to help deepen educator understanding and address the impact of poverty on identification, placement and student outcomes.

#### **DESE SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR REGIONAL MEETINGS:**

Convened by MOEC at five regional sites over two years, these meetings were attended by approximately 250 special education directors from across the Commonwealth.

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES:**

Led by collaboratives, these institutes have equipped over 500 new leaders to improve student outcomes by gaining skills, knowledge, and leadership.

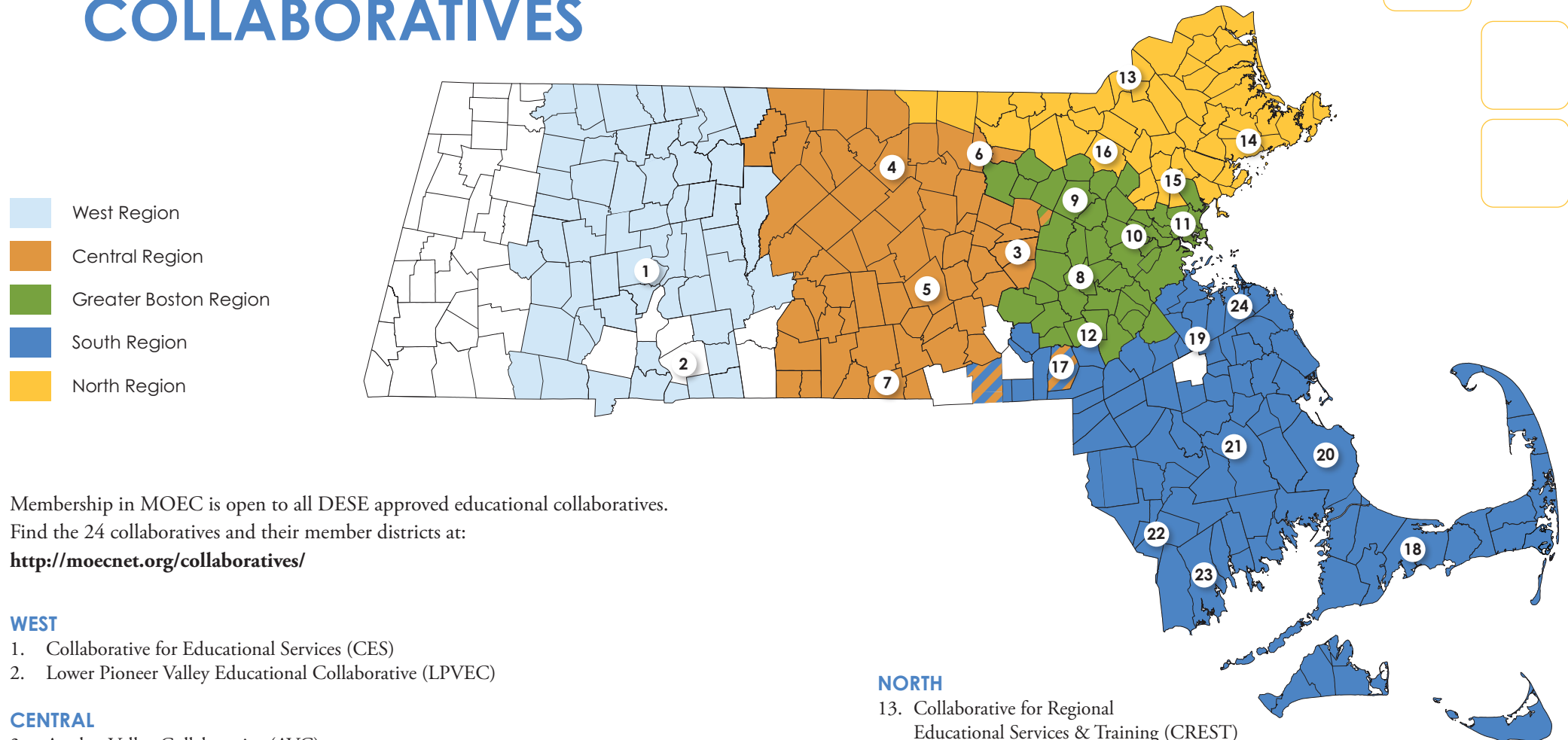


**85+**

Statewide and regional initiatives led by MOEC and participating Collaboratives over the past 5 years

# Massachusetts

## COLLABORATIVES



Membership in MOEC is open to all DESE approved educational collaboratives.  
Find the 24 collaboratives and their member districts at:  
<http://mocnet.org/collaboratives/>

### WEST

- 1. Collaborative for Educational Services (CES)
- 2. Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (LPVEC)

### CENTRAL

- 3. Assabet Valley Collaborative (AVC)
- 4. CAPS Collaborative
- 5. Central Massachusetts Collaborative (CMC)
- 6. Keystone Educational Collaborative
- 7. Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative (SWCEC)

### GREATER BOSTON

- 8. ACCEPT Education Collaborative
- 9. CASE Collaborative
- 10. LABBB Collaborative
- 11. Shore Educational Collaborative
- 12. The Education Cooperative (TEC)

### NORTH

- 13. Collaborative for Regional Educational Services & Training (CREST)
- 14. Northshore Education Consortium (NEC)
- 15. SEEM Collaborative
- 16. Valley Collaborative

### SOUTH

- 17. Bi-County Collaborative (BICO)
- 18. Cape Cod Collaborative
- 19. North River Collaborative (NRC)
- 20. Pilgrim Area Collaborative (PAC)
- 21. READS Collaborative
- 22. South Coast Educational Collaborative (SCEC)
- 23. Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC)
- 24. South Shore Educational Collaborative (SSEC)



# Serving Students with **SPECIALIZED NEEDS**

Collaborative programs help students with special needs, and are designed to provide high quality, personalized education. Most importantly, collaboratives help schools to offer inspiring and supportive learning programs to the students who most need it, ranging from in-district to outplacement and home-based settings.

Because they are locally based, collaborative student programs and services can be highly cost effective, while helping students stay closer to home.

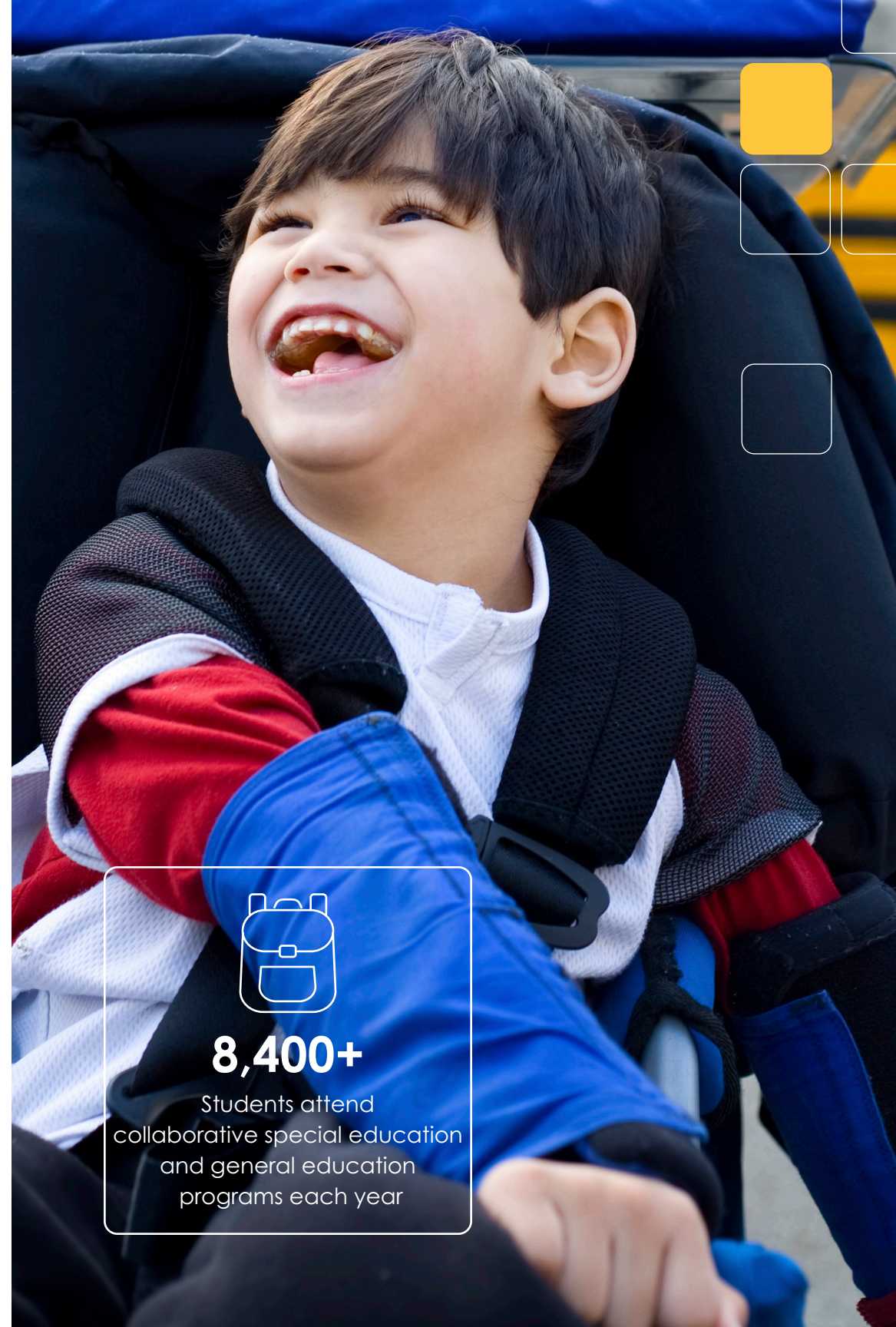
Collaboratives work to identify emerging issues and develop innovative and specialized programming to help.

Some of the collaborative programming that supports students:

- » Special education programs, both in-district and outplacement, particularly for students with multiple, complex learning and therapeutic needs
- » After school programs
- » Vocational and school-to-work programs
- » Early childhood services
- » Supplemental education and therapeutic services
- » Virtual learning and the Commonwealth Virtual School
- » Recovery High Schools
- » Health and safety initiatives (including mental health)
- » Adult programming

*“I never saw myself having a future and they showed me that I did, and a very bright one at that.”*

– BiCounty Collaborative student



**8,400+**

Students attend collaborative special education and general education programs each year



*Bringing Expertise to*

# EXPAND CAPACITY

Each year, collaboratives offer well over 300 training and network sessions and 50 different professional learning communities, sharing exemplary educational practices. They expand district capacity by supporting business needs and offering significant cost savings, and by bringing partnerships and expertise to districts to help address emerging issues.

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING:

- » Local and statewide institutes, workshops, graduate courses and conferences
- » Expert consulting and coaching services tailored for specific district and school needs
- » Professional learning communities
- » Educator licensing programs

## OPERATIONS AND COST SAVINGS:

- » Cooperative purchasing
- » Transportation services
- » Technology support
- » Medicaid reimbursement
- » Communications support
- » Research and evaluation

## BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER FOR:

- » Innovation
- » Emerging practices
- » Problem solving
- » Advocacy
- » Coalitions for wrap-around services



**16,000+**

Educators received professional development from Collaboratives annually



**\$22+ Million**

In Municipal Medicaid Reimbursement Claims has been reimbursed to districts and towns through Collaborative support each year



**\$11+ Million**

Saved through cooperative purchasing programs for food, supplies, energy and more annually



### **MOEC MISSION:**

MOEC provides a forum to enhance the ability of Massachusetts educational collaboratives to provide leadership and direction to their organizations through professional development, information exchange, statewide partnerships and advocacy for collaborative programming, so that Massachusetts collaboratives may better serve their constituents.

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