



GEOGRAPHIC LEAD AGENCIES

Geographic Lead Agencies play a vital role within California's Statewide System of Support. Seven Geographic Lead Agencies, housed within nine county offices of education, build the capacity of COEs to support local educational agencies (LEAs) and strengthen continuous improvement for students across California.

Findings show the share of COE staff who agreed or strongly agreed, unless the statement says otherwise.

2026 SURVEY AT A GLANCE

204

COE staff
responded

72%

response rate

56

of 58 counties
represented

FACILITATING PARTNERSHIPS

87%

Their Geographic Lead helped facilitate trusting relationships among COEs.

82%

Felt safe and comfortable going to their Geographic Lead for assistance and brainstorming on difficult challenges.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

76%

Their Geographic Lead provides ongoing support for implementation after professional learning or technical assistance.

61%

Said their Geographic Lead helps monitor progress in supporting LEAs, schools, and students.

BUILDING CAPACITY

83%

Their Geographic Lead provides access to high-quality professional learning that enables effective support for LEAs.

79%

Their Geographic Lead provides technical assistance to support LEAs.

83%

Their Geographic Lead provides high-quality tools and resources to support LEAs.

UNIVERSAL & TARGETED SUPPORT

84%

Their COE's work with its Geographic Lead is helpful in building capacity to work more effectively with LEAs.

76%

Their Geographic Lead builds capacity for targeted and supplemental support for LEAs, schools, and students.

71%

Their Geographic Lead builds capacity for universal support for LEAs, schools, and students.

85%

Their Geographic Lead provides resources and training to help use data to identify gaps in student-group performance.



WHAT THE WORK LOOKS LIKE



Communities of practice & huddles



Co-planning, data analysis & aligned supports



Improvement science, implementation science & systems transformation



Ongoing follow-through, check-ins & access to expertise