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National Center for Teacher Residencies Launches New Name and Renews Commitment to Transforming Teacher Preparation

Chicago – Urban Teacher Residency United, the nation’s leader in the scale, development, and support of effective teacher residency programs, has changed its name to the National Center for Teacher Residencies, or NCTR. With the new name comes a renewed commitment to transforming teacher preparation through the launch and sustainability of residencies, the sharing of best practices and research, and an expanded policy and advocacy effort.

The transition reflects the increased demand and interest in the effectiveness of the teacher residency model. NCTR has taken an increasing role in leading the national conversation about clinically-based teacher preparation and sharing effective practices from teacher residencies. “This new name represents an evolution in the nation’s focus to prepare highly effective, day-one ready teachers. Teacher residencies – and NCTR – are leading the charge to integrate real-world, school-based learning experiences as part of a teacher’s preparation. The foundation is proud to support their work,” said Micah Sagebiel, program officer, U.S. Education at the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation.

As it has since its inception in 2007, NCTR will continue to support its growing network of 20 teacher residencies that are preparing excellent new teachers for high-need partner school districts across the country. NCTR will also continue to partner with school districts, charter management organizations, institutions of higher education, not-for-profits, and states to develop new teacher residency programs as quality pipelines of effective and diverse new teachers. “The Seattle Teacher Residency has grown immensely from its partnership with NCTR,” said Sara Morris, CEO of the Alliance for Education. “NCTR supported the launch of our program and continues to be instrumental thought partners as we expand to serve the students of the Seattle region.”

NCTR also launches a new website today, outlining its core services, impact, and partners. To learn more about the National Center for Teacher Residencies, please visit www.nctresidencies.org.

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About NCTR:

The National Center for Teacher Residencies (NCTR) is a not-for-profit organization created to improve student achievement through the preparation of excellent new teachers for high need school districts. Based in Chicago, NCTR's two-fold mission is to build and support high performing teacher residency programs and to impact and inform the transformation of teacher preparation writ large through the dissemination of research and best practices. NCTR was formerly Urban Teacher Residency United.