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The National Center for Teacher Residencies receives funding to support California residency programs

CHICAGO – The National Center for Teacher Residencies has been awarded a \$267,571 grant from the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation to support California school districts, charter management organizations, and higher education institutions that are building or expanding teacher residency programs across the state.

The grant will allow NCTR to accelerate its work with states and state policymakers, which are increasingly turning to the residency model to stem teacher shortages and to develop better prepared, more diverse, committed teachers for underserved students and schools.

“We have been working with teacher residencies in California for more than a decade,” said Tabitha Grossman, NCTR’s Director of Development and Partnerships. “The state’s commitment to the residency model and to the clinical preparation of teachers is among the most ambitious in the country. We are excited to be a partner in the effort.”

NCTR’s work will be conducted via the California Teacher Residency Lab. The lab’s 18 participants are districts, charters, and universities that have received funding from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing as part of the state’s \$125-million effort to address teacher shortages through teacher residencies and other “grow your own” teacher recruitment and development efforts.

Since its founding in 2007, NCTR has helped launch more than 50 teacher residency programs, as well as the nation’s first state-run residency, in Mississippi. NCTR is also working with the Illinois State Board of Education in the development of three new teacher residency programs there.

For more information on NCTR and teacher residency programs, please visit www.nctresidencies.org.

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About NCTR: The National Center for Teacher Residencies is a not-for-profit organization created to improve student achievement through the preparation of excellent new teachers for high-need school districts. Headquartered in Chicago, NCTR's mission is to advance a network of high-performing residency programs dedicated to preparing highly effective teachers that will transform educational practices nationwide.

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