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Transform lives by improving education

At Foundations, we envision and strive for a world in which:

- Every child in America reads on-level by grade three...
- Afterschool and out-of-school time is rich with learning and educational advancement...
- High-school graduation rates soar-and dropout rates plummet...
- Communities, families and businesses work together to improve education...



This is the world that your support will make possible.

The generosity of donors helps us create the strong foundations our children need to succeed in school and life and to achieve their dreams. Our many initiatives build the capacity of individual adults, institutions, organizations and systems to better serve children and youth nationwide. Your donation will provide much-needed general operating support in three critical focus areas:

- Improving schools
- Transforming afterschool and out-of-school time
- Engaging families and communities in education

How can you make a measured difference in the lives of America's underserved children and youth? Join Foundations in helping them secure a great education and achieve the bright futures they deserve. To speak with Foundations about other giving opportunities, please call 888-977-5437 or email info@foundationsinc.org



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Professional Development

We all strive to improve learning experiences for children and youth. The equation for achieving this common goal is simple: more training for more educators equals greater potential for improvement.

Foundations' professional development offerings broaden the knowledge and skills of educators and leaders. Our customized approach lets you focus on areas of particular need as well as best practices in the education field.

We base all professional development on a set of core principles:

- Content is clearly relevant to participants' need
- Design and delivery are shaped by principles of adult education
- Participants see concepts and techniques in practice-and have time to process and practice themselves
- Training ties directly to application in the context of participants' own programs

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- Participants build on their experience and learn from one another

Moreover, we emphasize follow-up in all professional development engagements. We stay in contact with you to make sure you see the return on your investment.

Improving Teaching and Learning

Foundations offers customized professional development for schools and districts in several focus areas—from elementary school literacy to infusing technology into high school classrooms. We also feature a variety of professional development initiatives targeting afterschool educators and program administrators.

Available in many formats—from national meetings to on-site or online workshops—the trainings cover the "how-to" of education approaches as well as staff development, quality improvement, and customized technical assistance based on individual program needs.

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Technical Assistance

When you need help turning best practices into action, you won't find a better partner than Foundations.

For years, we've provided technical assistance to help schools and programs just like yours take their work to the next level. We partner with school districts, schools, community organizations, and afterschool networks to support:

▪ **Academics:**

Improving student performance with program assessments, instructional coaching and mentoring, afterschool programming, materials to support English Language Learners, school-based technology, curriculum enhancement, and other offerings

▪ **Student Services:**

Helping ensure children and youth have effective, safe, and healthy learning environments that prepare them to succeed in school and beyond

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- **Operations:**

Enhancing the performance of schools and organizations via leadership development, data analysis, school safety and security, financial and administrative guidance, and many other services

- **Parent and Community Involvement:**

Fostering and strengthening partnerships with those who significantly influence the lives of all children and youth through parent engagement workshops, “Lights On” events that bring families and community members together around educational games, community forums, as well as other innovative strategies to engage parents and communities in education

In addition, dozens of founding groups and charter schools have relied on our technical assistance to secure grant funding, complete charter applications, and embark on continuous quality improvement processes.

As always, our technical assistance is grounded in vast experience and practice. The knowledge we gain by operating educational initiatives and managing a select number of schools guides our work.

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Many schools – particularly charter and new schools – and school districts struggle to balance the goals of providing a quality education *and* running a central office smoothly. Foundations features a seasoned team of finance professionals who excel at improving the business of education.

In recent years, we have designed comprehensive business management packages to help schools and districts address their day-to-day financial operations efficiently and effectively, while keeping a sharp eye on the future.

Foundations offers a menu of cost-effective standard service packages, as well as customizable services tailored to the needs of each school or district:

- **Assistance** with accounts payable and receivable
- **Audit preparation** and compliance
- **Budget preparation** and monitoring
- **Employee benefit management** and payroll

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- State periodic **reporting**
- Vendor contract **review**
- Grant fiscal **management**

We can deliver services as interim or ongoing engagements.

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