

## Research and Policy Briefs

[00:05] My name is Anne Rodgers Poliakoff and I'm a Senior Technical Specialist with the Appalachia Regional Comprehensive Center. A lot of my work has been, you know, throughout my life, has been in research and in managing editorial work, trying to ensure that it's of high quality.

[00:25] What that has led to is me being often involved in some of the background research assignments that we have done for some of the state education agencies that we worked with. What typically happens is that a state may have a new area of policy or a new area where they want to develop programs and they feel like it would be advantageous to learn more than they already have.

[00:46] What we will usually do at the ARCC then is go out and do first a standard literature search. What is the good research on this topic, whatever it might be? And then after that, the thing that I think is really helpful is that we will interview people who work in states that have already done significant work on whatever that topic is.

[01:06] Among the things that come to mind that we've done reasonably recently are some background work on kindergarten entry inventories and several states that have done significant work there to help inform a state that was really just getting started. We've also done a look at how instructional coaching can further literacy education in schools and how do you how you set that up. And again, the literature research is important. Do we need to have evidence-based research to inform what we do?

[01:39] But it's also really good to know how have other states dealt with the logistics of trying to get instructional coaches into all different kinds of communities across the state, some of which will already have a sophisticated system of instructional coaching

[01:53] And then what we do is we try to compose from all of this research a brief and to-the-point briefing document and often we will present that in person to the people at the state agency to say, "here are the things we've learned and here are the recommendations that we would like to offer in terms of things for you to look closely at in terms of how you may want to implement this work in this state."