



Statement from Knowledge Alliance on the *Child Trends Inc. et al. v. United States Department of Education et al.* Ruling:

The Federal District Court's decision in *Child Trends Inc. et al. v. United States Department of Education et al.* marks important progress towards restoring essential, high-quality Federal education research, a victory for the millions of students, educators, families, and policymakers who rely on the vital insights and tools provided by the Regional Education Laboratories (RELs) and Comprehensive Centers (CCs). The Federal government has a critical and unique role to play in education research and development – generating evidence on what works, partnering with states and districts to address unique needs, collecting and analyzing vital national data, and creating a cross-country link to share valuable insights and best practices across different states and regions. This decision affirms the Federal government's statutory responsibility to carry out this important work. We are grateful to the plaintiffs who brought this case, the attorneys who argued before the Court, and the advocates who continue working to preserve and strengthen critical Federal education research and development.