



Spotlight

*Highlighting the programs and services of the
Southeastern Regional Education Service Center*

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The “Who and Where” of SERESC

Our guests often ask what “SERESC” (pronounced ser-esk) stands for and why a non-profit education services organization is headquartered in a conference center. In response to these frequently asked questions, we developed a brochure entitled “Who is SERESC?” that gives the reader an overview of our education and conference center services. While highlighting many aspects of SERESC, the brochure alone is not enough to explain all that SERESC encompasses.

OUR CONFERENCE CENTER

SERESC’s headquarters and conference center building is located at 29 Commerce Drive, Bedford, NH. We recently completed a large addition to our facility, nearly doubling its size from 16,500 sq. ft. to 32,700 sq. ft. of state-of-the-art office space and conference rooms. Our conference center alone can now accommodate over 700 people per day.



Prior to visiting us for a meeting or other special event, many guests had never heard of SERESC and, in many ways, our conference center has become a representation of SERESC itself. However, beyond the brick and mortar, SERESC is a place where educators, administrators, business personnel, community members and parents come together to exchange ideas, solve problems or gain new skills. It’s a place where the business world partners with education, and where teachers learn how to integrate technology into their instruction to enhance learning.



Yes, these magical exchanges—and more—happen in Bedford, but the heart and soul of our organization is found in the day to day work of SERESC’s education consultants, who quietly go about the business of engaging, supporting and inspiring learners. Some days you will find them in Bedford, but more often than not you will find SERESC’s consultants providing much-needed services out in the communities where you live and work.

SERESC’s mission is to engage, support and inspire learning.

Examples of SERESC's Work in NH Communities

Educational Settings

- SERESC's Member School Districts – Our member school districts include: Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Hampstead, Hooksett, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Pelham, Timberlane, and Windham.
- Non-member schools throughout NH
- The Brentwood School, Merrimack
- Preschools and Childcare Centers
- "Virtual schools" throughout the world via the internet and videoconferencing



Community Settings

- Direct service consultation to kids and their families
- Homes of our staff and consultants, who are given the trust, tools and freedom to work anywhere, anytime that best suits their lifestyles
- Videoconferencing equipment in the home of an ailing child, so she could participate in school and visit with her classmates
- Hospitals
- A feeding and swallowing program in support of medically fragile children
- Consultation and direct service to students with multiple handicaps
- Partnerships with mental health centers to provide comprehensive behavioral and mental health support to students and families

Global

- Historical, educational and tourist sites throughout the world via virtual field trips
- SERESC facilitated the acquisition of videoconferencing equipment that allowed a rural NH student to have her father "attend" her graduation—live from Iraq!



Investing in Our Teachers

SERESC was founded in 1974 to establish programs and services to assist school districts in implementing the new Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Since that time, SERESC has expanded its core focus areas to include: Education, Professional Development and Technology.

With a long history clearly focused in providing services to school districts, you may wonder "Why did SERESC recently invest so much time, energy and money into building and expanding the SERESC Conference Center? If we truly care about kids, wouldn't it have been better to live a little "leaner" and, instead, invest the time and financial resources into enhanced education programs and services?"

One of our main goals in building and expanding the SERESC Professional Development Center was to give professional educators a place where they could come and refresh themselves—mentally and emotionally—where they would be treated with the respect and high quality services afforded other professionals.

Simply put, we give more to teachers so they'll have more to offer their students.

During 2007, SERESC was honored to serve more than 30,000 educators, parents and members of the business community at our Professional Development Center. In addition, our consultants supported countless educators, parents and students in new Hampshire schools and other community settings.

We are grateful for the privilege of serving your educational and professional development needs, and look forward to another year of fulfilling our mission to engage, support and inspire learning.

Copies of the original "Who is SERESC?" brochure are available at our reception desk or by request to Abby Collins (abby@seresc.net or 206-6806).