

Communities for Public Education Reform (CPER) is a partnership of local and national foundations working to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for students in low-income communities.

Communities for Public Education Reform: A FUND FOR EDUCATION ORGANIZING

Communities for Public Education Reform (CPER) supports the growing field of education organizing through grants and technical assistance to community organizations working to ensure that parents and students have a strong voice in shaping the policies that affect their public schools. By bringing new resources to at least four sites for a minimum of three years, CPER promotes innovation and supports systemic reforms that address educational inequities.

CPER links a wide range of funders to:

- Increase the visibility of and support for effective education-organizing strategies at the local, state and national levels
- Leverage local dollars with national funds
- Engage in mutual learning and strategizing
- Facilitate collaboration among the grant partners to form a more strategically connected group with a related set of messages and stories; and
- Encourage the emergence of new voices in the public discourse around public-education reform

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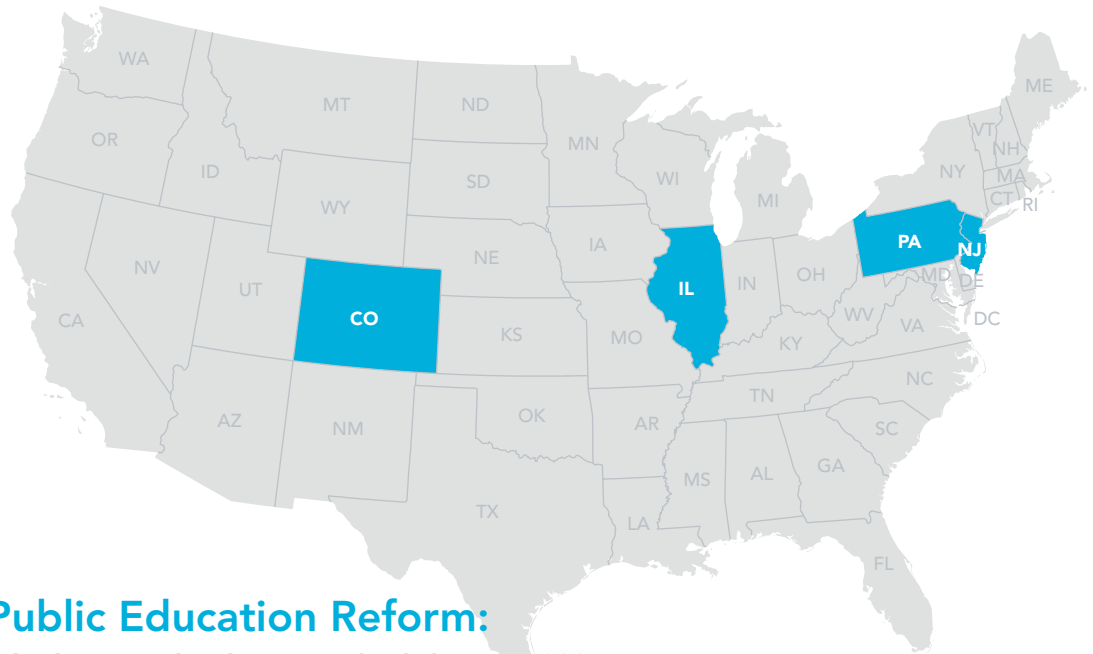
As of May 2007, CPER has invested \$2.3 million in grants and technical assistance to 32 education-organizing and allied organizations in Chicago, Denver, New Jersey and Philadelphia. (See reverse). In each site, local CPER funders leverage national funding through a match ratio of at least one local dollar to each national dollar, with a \$500,000 cap.

KEY DONORS

CPER receives support from the Ford Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Marguerite Casey Foundation, Carnegie Corporation of New York, Edward W. Hazen Foundation, Prudential Foundation, Surdna Foundation and over 30 local funders.

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CHICAGO, IL

Voices of Youth in Chicago Education (VOYCE)
—a coalition involving the following organizations:
Albany Park Neighborhood Council
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council
Kenwood Oakland Community Organization
Logan Square Neighborhood Association
Organization of the Northeast
Southwest Organizing Project

Grow Your Own Illinois
—a coalition involving the following organizations:
Illinois ACORN
Kenwood Oakland Community Organization
Logan Square Neighborhood Association
Southwest Organizing Project
Target Area Development Corporation
Little Village Community Development Corporation

DENVER, CO

Metro Organizations for People (MOP)
Padres Unidos
Northeast Parents for Quality Education (NepQue)
Northwest Parents for Excellent Schools
Project VOYCE

NEW JERSEY

(Newark, Paterson and Jersey City)

Abbott Leadership Institute
Education Law Center
Jersey City Education Organizing Committee (JCEOC)
One Newark Education Coalition (ONEC)
Paterson ACORN
Paterson Education Fund

PHILADELPHIA, PA

Eastern Pennsylvania Organizing Project (EPOP)
Education Law Center
Good Schools Pennsylvania
Philadelphia ACORN
Philadelphia Public School Notebook
Philadelphia Student Union
Research for Action
Youth United for Change (YUC)



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