Education Research Center: Using high quality longitudinal state data to research educational policy.

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Abstract: Texas State University–San Marcos is partnering in a research collaborative at the Education Research Center at UT-Austin. The UT-Austin ERC is funded by a $1 million grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to establish a research center that will report findings on critical education issues in Texas. The mission is to lead the state in educational policy research and provide access to high quality longitudinal state data. The data spans from the Pre-K level through the pipeline into higher education, and the Texas workforce. In this talk, I will (a) provide an overview of the Center's structure, (b) describe the content, structure and access of the data, and (c) discuss the process for applying to access and use the data for publication and/or grant proposal submissions.

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