

Revitalizing public education while reinventing professional education.

Who We Are

CPRL expands access to high-quality education for all students—particularly those of color, from low-income households, or otherwise traditionally underserved by:



Preparing students

Prepare a diverse pool of students with the knowledge, skills, and mindsets to enact organizational learning and change.



Providing services

Provide affordable, high quality research and consulting services to organizations committed to improving public education



Empowering educators

Empower educators with ideas, tools, and practices to accelerate improvement and spread experiential learning.

What Makes Us Special



CPRL is the **only university-based trans-disciplinary, experiential training program** for PK-12 education leaders.



Our high-impact consulting support **costs less than 10% of market rates for the same projects.**

Impact to Date



In addition to the high-quality services we received, the work CPRL is doing to create a pipeline for a new generation of leaders in education is important and something I was excited to support.

—Angelica Infante-Green, Commissioner, Rhode Island Department of Education



Student Experience

CPRL's immersive full-semester program combines a comprehensive seminar, skills training, and intensive consulting and research engagements.

- **Connect with PK-12 employers nationwide** who rely on CPRL to help them fill exciting job opportunities
- **Demonstrate success** exercising problem-solving skills required by all modern, high-leverage organizations
- **Join a network** of clients, alumni, funders, and sector leaders
- **Observe firsthand education innovation** occurring nationwide

Our Leadership

Jim Liebman, CPRL's Founder and Simon H. Rifkind Professor at Columbia Law School, is a leading public education improvement theorist and strategist. From 2006 to 2009, he was Chief Accountability Officer at the New York City Department of Education. Jim previously served as law clerk to Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens and Associate Counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Dr. Elizabeth Chu is CPRL's Executive Director. Liz has held a series of distinguished roles in higher education, research, and leadership focused on PK-12 education. Most recently Liz was CPRL's Deputy Director, and prior to that, she was an Engagement Manager at CPRL. Before joining CPRL in 2014, Liz was an Assistant Professor of Practice at Relay Graduate School of Education. Liz began her career as a classroom teacher, has a PhD in Education Policy from Columbia University, and was a member of CPRL's founding class.

Client Services



Planning and Evaluation for Improvement

Constant, rapid improvement driven by highly diagnostic evaluation systems.



Strategic and Management Support

Strategic planning, management, governance and implementation support



Research and Program Evaluation

Quantitative and qualitative applied research for formative and evaluative purposes.



Stakeholder Engagement

Deeply participatory engagement of families and others in improvement steps.



Qualitative Assessment

Tools and processes for qualitative appraisal of educators, schools and education-sector organizations



Legal and Policy Analysis

Legal, policy and advocacy strategies and research for meaningful change.

Representative Clients

Departments of Education

Louisiana
New Mexico
New York
Tennessee
Wisconsin

School Districts

Camden
Cleveland
New York City
Tulsa
Washington, D.C.

CMOs/Nonprofits

Community Roots Charter School
Military Child Education Coalition
Southern Poverty Law Center
TeachingWorks

Philanthropies

Centerbridge Foundation
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Lemann Foundation of Brazil
Stuart Foundation