What is the Education EnCounter?

TAF’s Education EnCounter program supports advanced career educators and BIPOC leaders in school, district, education nonprofit, or higher education leadership positions. The program is designed to provide a safe place for BIPOC educators to discuss challenges specific to our identities, set boundaries, and chart a course for impact.

As a component of TAF’s Network for EdWork which also houses our program for early career educators, Education EnCounter provides leaders with five bi-monthly EnCounters grounded in Liberation Pedagogy. Through these convenings, leaders explore a decolonized approach to teaching and leadership.

Education EnCounter members enjoy:

- Networking Opportunities
  Connect with other BIPOC education leaders

- Like-Minded Community
  Be empowered by individuals who affirm your identity

- Access to Resources
  Receive resources developed specifically for BIPOC leaders

- A Framework for Leading
  Operationalize antiracist leadership and teaching

Want to learn more? Contact Dr. Raedell Cannie, Director of Network for EdWork at raedellc@techaccess.org or visit techaccess.org/leaders.

Our program mission

We relentlessly support the development and sustainability of leaders of color in education to dismantle unjust practices and structures in educational settings, in partnership with school, university, and community organizations and entities.

It's all in the name

Throughout history, our "countertop" conversations and various encounters in a white-dominant world have naturally prompted us to create our own powerful counternarratives about who we are. Our EnCounters are opportunities for us to learn, explore, and connect as educators, leaders, and beyond.

Sample seminar topics:

- How to lead liberated
- Tools to assess liberatory practice
- Organizing your community
- Navigating white spaces
- Pathways to leadership

TAF’s mission

We build collaborative relationships with public education to create access to transformative systems of learning for students and teachers of color to eliminate race-based disparities in an increasingly diverse society.