

# LEAGUE OF INNOVATORS DESIGN TEAM

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Anushka Shirali, a Sr. Research Associate with RMC Research, works to bring technology and education together in meaningful ways. She has always focused on identifying strategies that meet the needs of various stakeholder groups whether they are early learners or adult practitioners. She is the Regional Innovations in Learning Team Lead as part of The Northeast Comprehensive Center (NCC) and works with state and local education agencies in the Northeast.



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Shirali and her team, and the Center on Innovations lead the development of a Tri-State Virtual Program rubric to enhance the capacity of state education agencies (SEAs) and local education agencies (LEAs) in the Northeast employing virtual learning programs. Currently the rubric has been posted to the websites of the Massachusetts Office of Digital Learning (MA ESE ODL), the Rhode Island Department of Education and New York State Education Department. She has also worked on the design and facilitated the content development of several web pages on MA ESE's ODL website: Student Technology Support, SketchUp Pro, Credit Recovery and Blended Learning. Currently, she is facilitating a statewide conversation around Cultural Responsiveness in New York and working to support the New York State Education Department (NYSED)'s commitment to advance and accelerate student learning by honoring and supporting students' cultural, linguistic, and racial experiences.

Some of her other projects include the development of e-learning modules for statewide teacher professional development and recently the design and development of online modules for families and caregivers to increase access to, and use of, evidence-based approaches to screen, identify and teach students with literacy-related disabilities including dyslexia as part of a federally funded center - the National Center on Improving Literacy.

Shirali is a graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Education with an ED.M in Technology and Innovation in Education. She has also previously worked on the ScratchEd project at the MIT Media Lab. She completed her undergraduate studies in India and has several years of work experience in the area of project management, evaluation and content development for educational products.