



Grants Oversight for Education



Making Monitoring Meaningful

Providing Meaningful Monitoring™ for programs serving children and families.

Founded in 2003 by the former Inspector General of Chicago Public Schools, the Vander Weele Group has been providing grants oversight to educational programs for more than 15 years. Our nationwide, multi-disciplinary team is comprised of seasoned practitioners, including individuals who have run government programs, published educational research, and worked in public education. The data and insight we provide enhances compliance, informs policy makers, and drives strategic change.

Services Offered

- Turn-Key Monitoring Programs
- Grants Program Assessment, Development, and Management
- Fiscal Oversight and Risk Management
- Programmatic Monitoring
- Construction Monitoring
- Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Solutions
- Technical Assistance and Reporting
- Grants Management

Our Story

- Founded by Maribeth Vander Weele in 2003 after she authored a then-renowned plan to turn around Chicago Public Schools. She served on the management team and subsequently as Inspector General.
- Provided broad oversight and fraud investigation services to corporate and public sector clients.
- In 2018, committed to a sole focus on oversight of Federally funded grant programs.

Sample Projects

- Created a comprehensive monitoring program for more than 30 Federal and state education grants at the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.
- Since 2018, the Illinois State Board of Education engaged our firm to create and execute a risk-based monitoring program to oversee \$6.9 billion in Federal grants for Chicago Public Schools, and since 2020, for nine other districts.
- Monitored \$600 million for services provided to students with disabilities in New Jersey.
- Monitored a \$50 million dollar grant providing high-impact tutoring interventions to students in New Jersey who were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Monitored effectiveness and spending of Federal grant monies at 183 schools in 23 states for the Bureau of Indian Education.
- Monitor quality and compliance for early childhood home visiting and daycare programs in Illinois and assess home visiting practices for the Early Head Start Program in the City of Phoenix.
- Monitor \$180 million in grant funds to improve air quality and energy performance in schools and businesses in New Jersey.
- Designed a grants monitoring program and mapped grant business processes for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to manage \$6.2 billion in American Rescue Plan grants to 28 state agencies for 103 programs.
- Our founder Maribeth Vander Weele wrote the book *Reclaiming Our Schools*, which became the roadmap for reform of the \$3.8 billion Chicago Public School system and, as a key member of the management team, spearheaded transformative initiatives.