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Welcome Back!



We hope the start of your 2022-23 school year is going well and that you have a fantastic year with your staff and students! The CREC has been very busy during the summer months; we've moved the Genesis groups forward and applied for additional funding to support our work. If you have any questions about the Genesis groups and/or your current involvement in them, please contact Kirk Banghart.

Ready to help with EASI

When you receive your SPF and DPF reports, the CREC and Generation Schools Network (GSN) can support you in writing **EASI grants**, to help your schools or district access resources, and be a partner in providing implementation. GSN has again been approved as a District Strategic Planning, School Holistic Review and Planning, District Improvement Implementation, School Improvement Implementation, District Management, School Management Provider, and general STLD provider with CDE. *Please contact Alison Lauge to learn more*.

To review the years of success the CREC has had in improving rural districts through EASI and other initiatives, view our updated Impact Report.

CREC August Updates



Welcome Woodlin!



The CREC welcomes <u>Woodlin School District</u> as our 79th member district! Located in Washington County, CO, Woodlin School District serves approximately 70 students in grades PK-12. Their vision is *dedicated to educating today's youth for lifelong success through an ethical, mutually responsive partnership with families and the community.* We look forward to working with Woodlin on many CREC initiatives.

Redefining Rural Podcast



New Episode Out!

Meet two more *Redefining Rural* Scholarship recipients in part 2 of Season 3, Episode 5!! These recent graduates took the initiative to improve their rural Colorado communities and plan to continue their efforts as they move forward in their next adventures. Listen to and follow *Redefining Rural* on social media here.

2nd Annual Redefining Rural Student Scholarship Golf Tournament a Success!



At this year's *Redefining Rural* golf tournament (before the annual CASE convention) **144 golfers** raised more than **\$30,000** for rural student scholarships! Big thank you to our sponsors, participants, and all who remain committed to rural education!

2021 winners receive their trophy at this year's tournament!

Genesis Group Updates

College and Career Readiness

Congratulations to Wiggins and the I-76 Collaborative for Securing a Rural CO Action Grant

This grant will support the <u>I-76 College and Career Readiness pathway</u> work which helps rural districts plan and develop programs to expand learning opportunities to strengthen student engagement in learning–both during the traditional school and beyond. *To learn more, contact Elliot Zettas.*



Social Capital Trainings

Dates: September 7; 3:00-5:00MT & September 9; 9:00-11:00MT

The CREC and GSN will be training representatives from the Santa Fe Trail, I-76, and Front Range Equity Network (FREN) Collaboratives. *To learn more, contact Elliot Zettas.*

Social Emotional Learning & Students At-Risk



Upcoming SEL Forum

Topic: Social Media and SEL

Date: September 8, 2022; 4:00-5:30MT

For better or worse, social media isn't going anywhere. Instead of discouraging social media use altogether, educators can encourage mindful online connections. During this 90-minute workshop, participants will learn SEL skills that teens can apply to social media use.

REGISTER

All SEL Units available in Spanish At No Cost!

Generation Schools Network (GSN) has undergone a large effort to improve their service offerings by translating all SEL units into Spanish, further advancing their focus on equity. The materials, which feature teacher scripts as well as student activities (such as worksheets), are now available in GSN's <u>online store</u> at NO COST to educators! *If you'd like more information about implementing SEL in your classroom, sign up for our SEL specific newsletter <u>here</u>.*



Project Heal - 15 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE for educators serving students in the Denver area!



Project Heal is a program for K-12 school administrators, staff, teachers, and mental health professionals that responds to magnified student and staff mental health needs that have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Full scholarships are available to staff serving students in Denver.

Dates: 10/3-7/2022 from 9 am-3 pm
Location: 455 Sherman St, Denver, CO
Certification: You will receive a Certificate of

Completion, which can be submitted to the Colorado

Department of Education (CDE) for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and applied to your license renewal. (e.g., The RIM Program is vetted by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for 27 CEUs and the International Coaching Federation (ICF) for 32 CEUs.)

Interested? Register soon as spaces are limited.

Student-Centered Accountability and Reporting

Student-Centered Reporting Solution Website Launched - New Districts Needed!



The Student-Centered Reporting Solution is a homegrown technology solution that currently serves districts across Colorado and beyond, bringing together education leaders, researchers, policymakers, technology funders, and programmers to remove persistent barriers to addressing equity in education. This grassroots effort leverages the national community of over 11,900 districts in 32 states using the Ed-Fi data standard, creating insightful and timely reports that can be used to engage the local community and achieve equitable, student-centered teaching and learning. Learn more at studentcenteredreporting.org

The CREC is seeking additional districts to pilot new reporting functionalities, contact <u>Kirk</u> <u>Banghart</u> to learn more.

Teacher Leader Efficacy

2022-23 Principal PLC!

Do you have a new principal starting in the fall? They should join our guided monthly professional learning community (PLC) to collaborate with other principals across the state!

<u>Sign-up here</u> to receive more information in the fall!



Teacher Recruitment & Retention

Colorado Center for Rural Education Accepting Stipend Applications

- Rural Inservice Educator Stipend (\$6,000) Due 8/31
- Special Services Provider Stipend (\$6,000) Due 8/31
- Colorado Rural (Student) Teacher Stipend for Spring 2023 (\$4,000) Due 10/31

LEARN MORE

Post your job openings for 2021-22!

The CREC advertises job openings on the CREC website and through a monthly job openings e-blast that goes out to more than 100 agencies and higher education institutions, giving your postings a wider audience! This is a great opportunity for our members to bring future educators into the amazing rural communities of Colorado!



To view our job board, click here.

To submit an open position to our job board, click <u>here</u>. To take off a job posting that has been filled, email <u>sbommer@generationschools.org</u>.

Contact Us!



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