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ABSTRACT

Organizations and programs with a major emphasis in rural education and small schools are listed in this directory. The entries--derived from a survey conducted in late 1985 and early 1986--are listed alphabetically by state within national, regional, state, and university categories. A brief description of the activity's function is followed by the date it was established and if it sponsors an annual conference or publishes a newsletter or journal. A foreign category is included in recognition that some issues in rural education are universal. There are 82 entries listed, more than twice the number of the 1983 edition of the directory. Of the 82 activities in the directory, 60% (49) were initiated since 1980. Of the 10 state programs, only 2 existed prior to 1983. Only 10 of the 27 university-based programs existed before 1980. Only 15 activities (18%) represent national organizations or programs. Grassroots strength is shown in the state and university activities, which account for 57 (70%) of the entries. Completing the directory is a list of eight journals that are wholly or in part concerned with sharing information about rural and small schools, the populations they serve, and the settings in which they function. (JHZ)

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A DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS
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A DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS IN RURAL EDUCATION

The entries in this directory are based on responses received from a survey conducted in late 1985 and early 1986. Many responses provided further contacts and telephone follow-up elicited additional entries. Only those organizations and programs with a major emphasis in rural education and small schools are listed.

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The time since our last directory has seen increased activity in rural education and small schools--the number of entries in this directory is more than twice that of our 1983 edition.

Of the 82 activities in the directory, 60% (49) were initiated since 1980. Of the 10 state programs, only 2 existed prior to 1983. Only 10 of the 27 university-based programs existed before 1980. The oldest activity is the Rural Education Association, which was established in 1907. Three national organizations, three state organizations, five state programs, and two university-based programs were initiated in 1985.

While only 15 activities, or 18% of the entries, represent national organizations or programs, grassroots strength is shown in the state and university activities which account for 70% (57) of the entries.

In response to a commonly-asked question, a list of journals completes the directory. These are journals that are wholly or in part concerned with sharing information about rural and small schools, the populations they serve, and the settings in which they function.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rural Education Association

300 Education Building
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO 80523

CONTACT: Joe Newlin, Executive Director
Telephone: (303) 491-7022

Further improvement of educational opportunities for all children in rural areas with additional attention to those for whom opportunities have been most severely limited in the past; works actively at the national level to influence federal policy for the betterment of rural and small schools. Established in 1907; sponsors an annual national conference in different state and regional locations; has a newsletter, **REA NEWS**; has a journal, **The Rural Educator**.

Consortium of Higher Education Rural Program Administrators

Office of the Associate Dean
College of Education
Bluemont Hall

Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506

CONTACT: Jerry Horn, Acting Coordinator
Telephone: (913) 532-6361

Provides a forum for exchanging ideas, practices, policies, and issues attendant to managing rural education programs and centers at institutions of higher education. Established in 1985; has an annual meeting.

Rural Sociological Society

Department of Sociology
Wilson Hall
Montana State University
Bozeman, MT 59717

CONTACT: Anne S. Williams, Treasurer
Telephone: (406) 994-5251

Promotes research and the dissemination of information on rural issues. Established in 1937 (functioned as early as 1920 as a section of the then American Sociological Society); sponsors an annual conference; has a news bulletin. **The Rural Sociologist**; has a journal, **Rural Sociology**.

Communicating for Agriculture

P.O. Box 677
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

CONTACT: Keigh Hubel
Telephone: (218) 739-3241



Communicating for Agriculture (cont.)

Non-profit, non-partisan group dedicated to working for rural Americans to bring them positive results and lasting changes to better their way of life and preserve it for their children; promotes increased opportunities for young people to live and work in agricultural America; sponsors specialized activities relevant to rural knowledge and rural education. Established in 1971; has a newsletter, **Communicating for Agriculture**.

Special Interest Group on Rural Education of the American Educational Research Association

Academic Affairs
New Mexico Highlands University
Las Vegas, NM 87701
CONTACT: Jeanie Crosby
Telephone: (505) 425-7511

Encourages educational research relative to rural schools and people in rural America; provides a forum for dissemination of findings of such research. Established in 1980; sponsors symposia, paper sessions, and other special sessions at AERA's annual meeting; has a newsletter, **AERA Rural Education SiG Newsletter** (c/o Brian Lotven, Peru State College, Nebraska City, NE 68410).

Rural American Women, Inc.

P.O. Box 34
Clairfield, TN 37715
CONTACT: Marie Cirillo, President

Works to bring recognition and visibility to the problems and achievements of America's 34 million rural women and to provide forums through which they can voice their concerns and bring them to the forefront of the nation's consciousness; facilitates and nurtures grassroots leadership and works to put rural women in touch with each other. Established in 1977.

Rural District Forum of the National School Boards Association

1680 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
CONTACT: Sandra Heningburg, Director
Department of Special Program Services
Telephone: (703) 838-NSBA

Composed of school boards from districts in rural settings of not larger than 2,500; provides services of various types to the boards; promotes research in rural education; provides a forum for rural district issues. Established in 1985; sponsors a series of workshops at the annual NSBA convention and sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, **Rural District Forum Newsletter**.

Small Schools Committee of the American Association of School Administrators

1801 North Moore Street
Arlington, VA 22209
CONTACT: Walter G. Turner, Associate Executive Director, AASA
Telephone: (202) 528-0700

Provides small district superintendents and other administrators with specially designed convention and inservice 4
ms; monitors federal legislation and regulations to that small districts are treated fairly; maintains a

national network comprised of contact administrators in each state; produces special publications relevant to small school districts. Established in 1979; sponsors an annual national conference; has a newsletter, **The Small School District Administrator**.

American Council on Rural Special Education

National Rural Development Institute
Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA 98225
CONTACT: Doris Helge, Executive Director
Telephone: (206) 676-3576

Seeks to enhance services to rural citizens with disabilities; initiates and supports inter-agency efforts to increase educational opportunities for rural handicapped and gifted students; serves as an advocate for rural disabled citizens at the federal, state, regional, and local levels; membership includes a variety of services. Established in 1981; sponsors an annual national conference; has a newsletter, **RuraLink**.

National Rural Teacher Education Consortium

National Rural Development Institute
Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA 98225
CONTACT: Bonnie Jean McGregor, Coordinator
Telephone: (206) 676-3576

Focuses on innovative rural inservice and preservice education and certification processes for rural schools; consortium members include postsecondary deans and faculty, public school administrators and teachers, state department of education personnel, and Cooperative Extension staff. Established in 1985; sponsors an annual national conference.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS

Department of Education Intra-Agency Committee on Rural Education

Office of Vocational and Adult Education
Department of Education
Reporters Building, Room 519
Washington, DC 20202-5516
CONTACT: Duane M. Nielsen, Chairman
Telephone: (202) 732-2350

This Committee was formed to provide a unified approach to rural education and rural family education through the coordination of programs within the Department and to work with the Federal Interagency Committee on Education (FICE) to coordinate related activities and programs of other federal departments and agencies. Established in 1983; sponsors an annual conference.

Action Agenda Project

1221 Thurston
Manhattan, KS 66502
CONTACT: Sue C. Maes, Project Director
Telephone: (913) 532-5866

Designed to bring about direct reform, innovation, and improvement of educational opportunities available to all rural adult postsecondary learners; seeks indirectly to influence change in internal structure and operations in postsecondary educational institutions serving rural populations. Established in 1981.

Minnesota Rural Education Association

West Central Education Cooperative Service Unit
805 East Channing
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
CONTACT: Patricia Mohn, President
Telephone: (507) 674-3045

Promotes delivery systems which bring about efficient and effective education for children in rural areas; serves as a state advocate for rural education; provides coordination of rural education programs and activities; encourages colleges and universities to develop materials and resources specifically for rural schools and to train school personnel to work more effectively in small schools; facilitates networking among educators, community members, and public and private agencies. Established in 1985; has a journal, **Country Chronicle**.

Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association

Hildreth Public Schools
Hildreth, NE 68947
CONTACT: Gary Fisher, Secretary/Treasurer
Telephone: (308) 938-3825

Shares information and strategies designed to improve education for youngsters in rural and small schools; acts as an advocate for rural and small schools through monitoring and influencing legislation. Established in 1979; sponsors an annual conference.

New Jersey Rural Special Education Coalition

Moore School
Highway #77
Seabrook, NJ 08302
CONTACT: Helyn P. Ostroff, President
Telephone: (609) 451-4589 or 451-0761

Recognizing that rural districts have unique characteristics due to size, low incidence of certain handicaps, remoteness to services, and administrator work load, the Coalition seeks to provide a forum where administrators can discuss their mutual concerns, seek remedies through joint pro-active action, share information, and be mutually supportive. Established in 1983; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, **NJRSEC Newsletter**.

Upper Midwest Small Schools Project

Box 8158, University Station
University of North Dakota
Grand Forks, ND 58202
CONTACT: Larry L. Smiley, Executive Director
Telephone: (701) 777-3249

Consists of about 50 member schools across the state; devotes itself foremost to improving instructional programs in small schools; seeks resolutions to small school problems; makes films available for inservice teacher training programs; provides consultant services to member schools. Established in 1964.

North Dakota Small Organized Schools

Alexander Public Schools
Alexander, ND 58831
CONTACT: Reid Straabe, President
Telephone: (701) 828-3334

Comprised of 72 school districts; provides oversight of legislative activities pertinent to small schools; works to increase public awareness of the positive aspects of small schools; encourages and supports development of cooperative educational programs, including consortia. Established in 1983; sponsors an annual conference.

Organization of Rural Oklahoma Schools

Box 17
Burlington Public Schools
Burlington, OK 73722
CONTACT: Don Hoover, President
Telephone: (405) 431-2501

Composed of chief administrators of rural schools; informs and educates the public about the importance and necessity of rural education; promotes equal educational opportunities in rural schools; provides a forum for discussion about the rural educational system; seeks representation on other boards and organizations; directs research applicable to rural education; provides staff development and inservice opportunities. Established in 1984; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, **OROS Newsletter**.

Communities United for Rural Education

Rt. 1, Box 139
Fairview, OK 73737
CONTACT: Elaine Flaming
Telephone: (405) 277-3207

Promotes unity among rural schools of Oklahoma and provides for their welfare; educates the public on the importance and advantages of rural education and the rural environment of Oklahoma education. Established in 1984; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, **Communities United for Rural Education**.

Oklahoma Organization of Dependent Schools

St. Louis Public School
Box 128
St. Louis, OK 74869
CONTACT: Dale Smith, President
Telephone: (405) 289-3355

Comprised of all dependent schools in Oklahoma (a dependent school is one which has no high school in its district); provides a forum for issues affecting small schools; acts as a voice for small schools in funding issues. Established in 1983; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, **Oklahoma Organization of Dependent Schools Newsletter**.

Oregon Small Schools Association

Mill City-Gates School District
P.O. Box 197
Mill City, OR 97360
CONTACT: Joyce Reinke, President
Telephone: (503) 897-2191

Acts as liaison between Oregon's small schools and various state agencies; represents small school interests for educational legislation; provides inservice and training programs for small school personnel around the state; acts as a clearinghouse for information about small schools. Reorganized in 1974; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, **Small Talk**.

Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools

139 East Main Street
Canton, PA 17724

CONTACT: Jack D. Lawrie, President
Telephone: (717) 673-3191

Disseminates information to member districts; plans to build or make available existing databases relative to rural and small schools; seeks to influence legislative and governmental decision making on behalf of its membership. Established in 1984; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, **PARSS Newsletter**.

Pennsylvania Rural Coalition

P.O. Box 11880
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1880

CONTACT: Kenneth E. Martin, Co-Chairman
Telephone: (717) 783-3700
CONTACT: Dennis Murray, Co-Chairman
Telephone: (717) 662-4214

Comprised of 18 state-wide associations and organizations interested in rural areas or rural clientele; monitors legislation; brings together resources; concentrates on rural education, economic development, environmental concerns, and rural health. Established in 1982; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, **Pennsylvania Rural Forum**.

Utah Rural School Association

Utah State Office of Education
250 East 5th South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONTACT: Kerry D. Nelson, Executive Director
Telephone: (801) 533-5431

Promotes improvement of rural education in Utah; uses 3-5 day annual conference to show cutting edge practices which are research-based and data-driven; provides recognition for outstanding teachers and schools. Established in 1979; sponsors an annual conference held jointly with the Utah Rural Schools Advisory Committee.

Small Schools Committee of the Washington State School Directors' Association

200 East Union Avenue
Olympia, WA 98501

CONTACT: Ben G. Edlund, Assistant Executive Director
Telephone: (206) 753-3305

Composed of elected school directors of rural and small districts within the State of Washington; provides a continuing program of assistance, support, growth, and improvement for the state's small/rural schools; educates directors from small districts to the critical issues facing rural education; gathers and disseminates information; monitors and influences legislation; promotes more understanding of small/rural schools. Established in 1982; annual WSSDA conference includes a segment especially for small/rural schools.

Small Schools Committee of the Washington Association of School Administrators

M.P.O. 12R Butler Loop
Skamania, WA 98648

CONTACT: Clayton L. Anderson, Chairman
Telephone: (509) 427-8239

Provides information, programs and/or assistance to small school administrators; recommends policies, positions, legislation, and actions to the WASA membership and to the Legislative and Finance Committees which are designed to help small school districts meet their responsibilities to their communities; studies problems peculiar to small school districts. Established in 1979; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, **WASA Hotline**.

STATE PROGRAMS

Alaska State Department of Education

Small Schools Conference
Pouch F

Juneau, AK 99811

CONTACT: Robert Silverman, Special Projects Administrator
Telephone: (907) 465-2841

Supports and promotes quality education in Alaska's small schools through providing activities for teachers and administrators which help them in daily activities and which ultimately enhance student achievement opportunities. Established in 1979; conference is held annually.

Nebraska Department of Education

301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 94987
Lincoln, NE 68509

CONTACT: Evelyn Lavaty, Coordinator of Rural Education
Telephone: (402) 471-4806

Acts as liaison for the Nebraska Center for Rural Education and Small Schools to the Nebraska Commissioner of Education; answers questions; works with the Mid-Continent Regional Educational Laboratory's rural project; facilitates small and rural school projects; promotes networking among the rural schools of Nebraska. Established in 1983.

Nevada Department of Education

400 West King Street
Carson City, NV 89710

CONTACT: Patricia Weninger, Director, Basic Education
Telephone: (702) 885-3136

Acts as liaison with the Nevada Rural School District Alliance, an organization of rural school superintendents. Established in 1985.

New Jersey State Department of Education

Rural Initiative Committee
County Superintendent of Schools
19 Landis Avenue

Bridgeton, NJ 08302

CONTACT: Stephen Kalapos, Chair
Telephone: (609) 451-8000, ext. 410

Investigates conditions of rural and small schools; conducts needs assessments; makes recommendations to the State Department of Education. Established in 1985.

Nevada Rural School District Alliance

Room 201, College of Education
University of Nevada
Reno, NV 89557
CONTACT: Smokey Davis, Executive Director
Telephone: (702) 784-4921

Comprised of 14 rural/remote school districts in Nevada which have formed an organization committed to identifying and alleviating unique educational problems and needs specific to rural/remote areas. Established in 1982.

New Mexico Center for Rural Education

Box 3 CRE
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM 88003
CONTACT: Don Croft, Acting Director
Telephone: (505) 646-5412
CONTACT: Everett D. Edington, Director
(After July 1, 1986)
Telephone: (505) 646-1635

Encourages research directed toward solving New Mexico's rural educational needs; collects and disseminates information on rural education and small schools; provides linkages between New Mexico's rural education programs and those state, national, and international organizations, agencies, groups, and programs with rural resources. Established in 1981; co-sponsors an annual conference with the ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools.

Rural Schools Program

Department of Education
408 Roberts Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853
CONTACT: William H. Deming, Executive Director
Telephone: (607) 256-7756

Conducts research pertinent to rural/small school district needs and disseminates results; provides information and expertise to rural/small districts related to staffing, curriculum instruction, and management; assists districts in developing policy alternatives at state/national levels and effects liaison between governmental and rural leaders; promotes networking and serves as a clearinghouse for program information. Established in 1978; sponsors regional and statewide conferences.

Office for Rural Education

School of Education and Psychology
223 Killian
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, NC 28723
CONTACT: William Clauss, Director
Telephone: (704) 227-7347

Assists the 49 western-most counties in the development of an awareness of the unique strengths and needs of North Carolina's rural schools; develops creative systems to better serve rural youth and their teachers; identifies research activities designed to better understand issues facing rural education in North Carolina; provides training and program activities designed for sub-sets of the education community. Established in 1984; has a newsletter, *The RE-Quester* (The Education Quester).

The Rural Education Institute

School of Education
Willis Building
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC 27834
CONTACT: Roy H. Forbes, Director
Telephone: (919) 757-6008

Fosters and promotes the growth, progress, and general welfare of rural education; offers support and guidance to rural educators; assists in development of policy statements; creates awareness of needs of rural education; assists in development of research and action programs; assists in identifying and securing appropriate funding. Established in 1982.

Rural Education Development Center

Eastern Oregon State College
La Grande, OR 97850
CONTACT: R. Doyle Slater
Telephone: (503) 963-1594
CONTACT: Margo Mack
Telephone: (503) 963-1682

Provides staff development activities for the region's rural schools; facilitates networking of resources; enables idea sharing; sponsors workshops, coursework, and opportunities for program development; provides guidelines for teacher preparation programs at Eastern Oregon State College. Established in 1982; sponsors periodic regional workshops; has a newsletter, *Rural Education Review*.

Rural Services Institute

Mansfield University
Mansfield, PA 16933
CONTACT: J. Dennis Murray, Coordinator
Telephone: (717) 662-4214

Provides university resources and services to rural communities; serves school districts, local government planning and development agencies, and health and human services agencies; conducts studies and needs assessment surveys; holds workshops and continuing education courses. Established in 1984; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, *The Rural Services Institute Newsletter*.

Center for Rural Women

201 Agricultural Administration Building
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA 16802
CONTACT: Eloise Murray, Director
Telephone: (814) 863-4364

Addresses issues concerning the opportunities and problems of rural women and their families in a changing environment; goals include research, outreach and training, and networking. Established in 1982.

Center for Community Education

College of Education
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208
CONTACT: Jack Lyday, Director
Telephone: (803) 799-5049

Works with state agencies, school districts, associations, and similar groups to promote and foster improvement in rural education. Established in 1974; has a newsletter.

Center for Excellence/Rural Education Project

Francis Marion College
Florence, SC 29501
CONTACT: J. E. Potterfield
Telephone: (803) 669-4121
Coastal Carolina College
Myrtle Beach, SC 29578
CONTACT: Gilbert Hunt
Telephone: (803) 347-3161

Includes five-part program for the creation of programs for preservice teachers, a library resource center to assist educators who live and work in rural areas, a videotape library with accompanying modules portraying life in farm communities, a career awareness teaching curriculum designed to interest elementary students in teaching, and a conference on the character and needs of rural education in the Pee Dee and Coastal regions of South Carolina. Established in 1985; has a newsletter, *Road to Excellence*.

Tennessee Technological University Rural Education Research and Service Consortium

Box 5112, TTU
Cookeville, TN 38505
CONTACT: Margaret Phelps, Director
Telephone: (615) 528-3791

Facilitates activities between the TTU College of Education, the District Office of the Tennessee Department of Education, and schools in the Upper Cumberland region of Tennessee; activities include studies of school effectiveness, school improvement service projects, enhancement of teacher effectiveness, rural education research, teacher education faculty development, and rural school advocacy. Established in 1984.

National Center for Smaller Schools

College of Education
Texas Tech University
P.O. Box 4560
Lubbock, TX 79409
CONTACT: Weldon Beckner
Telephone: (806) 742-2391

Seeks to improve educational opportunities for children and youth in small and rural schools through research relative to needs and opportunities in small schools. Provides current and relevant information to smaller schools through workshops, conferences, and seminars. Established in 1980.

Small Schools Resource Center

4034 Education Building
Southwest Texas State University
San Marcos, TX 78666
CONTACT: William H. Kurtz, Director
Telephone: (512) 245-2575

Conducts research in areas identified by small schools; provides such services as speakers, inservice training, and seminars to school districts; holds a job fair. Established in 1981.

Rural Education Program

College of Education
Brigham Young University
Provo, UT 84602
CONTACT: Ivan Muse, Director
Telephone: (801) 378-6030

Conducts research; places student teachers in rural schools; supports rural education activities around the state; staff members serve on relevant committees at state and national levels; supports networking activities in rural education and small schools. Established in 1972.

National Rural Development Institute

Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA 98225
CONTACT: Doris Helge, Director
Telephone: (206) 676-3576

Houses a variety of programs and services for rural practitioners and teacher educators; includes the National Rural Teacher Education Consortium, the National Rural Education Research Consortium, the American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES), National Jobs Services, and an electronic "Rural" Bulletin Board; prepares products directed toward rural preservice training and training rural educators. Established in 1984.

Partnership for Rural Improvement

Washington State University
Pullman, WA 99164-2134
CONTACT: William H. Gray, Program Administrator
Telephone: (509) 335-5509

Consortium of higher education institutions and community service organizations in Washington; seeks to facilitate the availability of higher education resources to the solution of community problems and to catalize rural development activity within the region. Established in 1976; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, *Community Service Forum Newsletter*.

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National Centre for Research on Rural Education

The University of Western Australia
Nedlands, Western Australia 6009
CONTACT: I.K.F. Birch, Head, Department of Education
Telephone: (09) 380-2380

Conducts research based on problems and issues in rural education. Established in 1980.

ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools

New Mexico State University
Box 3AP
Las Cruces, NM 88003-0042
CONTACT: Jack T. Cole, Director
Telephone: (505) 646-2623

Acquires, processes, and disseminates materials related to all aspects of American Indian education, Mexican American education, migrant education, outdoor education, rural education, and small schools; prepares bibliographies, guides, and state-of-the art papers; conducts computer searches; prepares digests and other quick-response items; responds to questions and refers to other sources when appropriate; facilitates networking and encourages development of organizations at all levels. Established in 1966; co-sponsors an annual conference with the New Mexico Center for Rural Education; has a news bulletin, **CRESS-NOTES**.

National Rural Education Jobs Services

National Rural Development Institute
Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA 98225
CONTACT: Amy Hansen, Coordinator
Telephone: (206) 676-3576

National Rural Jobs Data Bank links persons seeking rural education jobs with positions available; fees are minimal in order to increase awareness of available jobs and personnel; personnel exchange services are also available. Established in 1983; sends bulletins to subscribing employers and job seekers.

National Rural Education Research Consortium

National Rural Development Institute
Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA 98225
CONTACT: Bonnie Jean McGregor, Coordinator
Telephone: (206) 676-3576

Links rural educators, administrators, teacher educators, researchers, and other individuals interested in rural education research; forms collaborative teams to facilitate the quality and quantity of rural education research; provides research data banks; conducts national studies to identify and prioritize operational research questions. Established in 1982; holds meetings in conjunction with major rural education and education research conferences.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Southern Rural Education Association

School of Education
Willis Building
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC 27834
CONTACT: Roy H. Forbes, Executive Secretary
Telephone: (919) 757-6008

Identifies general and specific educational concerns of rural education in the South; serves as a catalyst for developing effective state rural education organizations; facilitates an information and dissemination network among and between rural education associations, legislative bodies, state

departments of education, centers and institutes, and others in improving the quality of rural education opportunities in southern states; promotes research and action programs to support and improve rural education institutions. Established in 1984; sponsors an annual conference.

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Mid-Continent Regional Educational Laboratory

Rural Education Project
3000 Youngfield, #263
Lakewood, CO 80033
CONTACT: Paul Nachtigal, Project Director
Telephone: (303) 238-1259

Has developed a network of rural schools, institutions of higher education, and state education agencies which work toward improvement of rural education in the seven-state McREL region; activities include developing shared programs and alternative delivery systems for rural schools; is initiating follow-up studies to obtain a better understanding of the quality of rural programs. Established in 1979.

North Central Regional Center for Rural Development

Iowa State University
216 East Hall
Ames, IA 50011
CONTACT: Peter F. Korsching, Director
Telephone: (515) 294-8322

Encourages and conducts research and educational programs to improve the social and economic well-being of nonmetropolitan communities in the North Central Region; conducts work through faculty and staff in land grant institutions; focuses on research linked to extension programs for policy makers at all levels and training programs for extension and other professionals involved in rural development. Established in 1971; sponsors periodic conferences and workshops; has a newsletter, **Rural Development News**.

New England School Development Council

Small School Center
85 Speen Street
Framingham, MA 01701
CONTACT: John R. Sullivan, Jr., Executive Director,
NESCEC
Telephone: (617) 879-7624

Among its activities the Center directs the Small School Network for the Regional Laboratory for Educational Improvement of the Northeast and Islands. Established in 1984.

Southern Rural Development Center

P.O. Box 5406
Mississippi State, MS 39762
CONTACT: H. Doss Brodnax, Director
Telephone: (601) 325-3207

Works with 1862 and 1890 land grant universities toward community and rural development in the Southern region; provides support and training to land grant university personnel who go into counties and work with local people; coordinates activities in the rural/community development area. Established in 1974; sponsors an annual conference as well as regional workshops; has two newsletters, **Capsules** and **Bits & Bytes**.

Western Rural Development Center

Oregon State University

Corvallis, OR 97331

CONTACT: Russell Youmans, Director

Telephone: (503) 754-3621

Stimulates research and education on issues faced by rural communities; works with land grant university personnel in the 13 Western states and Guam; promotes small, flexible projects that bring people together for planning research or community education programs; stimulates exchange of ideas and fosters networking; publishes materials intended to help rural communities make knowledgeable decisions concerning the complex issues they face in coping with today's changing world. Established in 1972.

Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory

300 Southwest Sixth Avenue

Portland, OR 97204

CONTACT: Rex Hagans, Director, School Improvement Coordination

Telephone: (503) 248-6800

Assists in the delivery of results of research and development for school improvement through the networks of state education agencies, colleges, and universities, and other agencies which serve rural schools. Established in 1966; has a newsletter, **Northwest Report (Rural Education Edition)**.

Southwest Educational Development Laboratory

211 East 7th Street

Austin TX 78701

CONTACT: Preston C. Kronkosky, Director

Telephone: (512) 476-6861

Includes rural education and small schools in its goals to: develop educational partnerships among parents, businesses, and communities; apply technology to school improvement; improve teacher and administrator performance, and improve school and classroom productivity. Established in 1966.

Appalachia Educational Laboratory, Inc.

P.O. Box 1348

Charleston, WV 25325

CONTACT: Terry L. Eidell, Director

Telephone: (304) 347-0470

Seeks to improve education and educational opportunity throughout the region of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Established in 1966; has a newsletter, **The Link**.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Alabama Coalition of Citizens for Excellence in Small Schools

P.O. Box 811

University, AL 35485

CONTACT: Barbara Glasgow, President

Telephone: (205) 766-3100 or 4115

Seeks to maintain and preserve the quality of educational opportunities offered to students in small schools; searches for alternative resources for special projects; works closely with the Rural Education Project at University, Alabama. Established in 1984; sponsors an annual conference; shares a newsletter called **ACCESS Reporter** with the Rural Education Project.

Arizona Small and Rural School Association

Bonita Elementary School District

Sunset Route, Box 1

Willcox, AZ 85643

CONTACT: Mary Lou Gammon, President

Telephone (602) 828-3363

Works to promote the interests and concerns of rural and small schools, particularly with the Arizona State Legislature, the State Board of Education, and the State Department of Education. Established in 1985; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter.

Colorado Association for Rural Education

Peyton School District 23-J

Peyton, CO 80831

CONTACT: Dave Trujillo, President

Telephone: (303) 749-2330

Consists of teachers, administrators, school board members, and institutions; provides a unified voice for rural education to the state legislature; presents annual awards to the outstanding rural educator, program, and board. Established in 1985; sponsors an annual conference.

People United for Rural Education

Box 411

Conrad, IA 50621

CONTACT: Claudia Jones, President

Telephone: (515) 366-2863

Works toward enhancement of the positive qualities inherent in rural education; continues to seek ways to improve the quality of rural education; acts as an advocate for rural education to the state legislature. Established in 1976; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, **PURE Newsletter**.

Schools for Quality Education

Box 187

Copeland, KS 67837

CONTACT: Leslie J. Unruh

Telephone: (316) 668-5525

Comprised of school districts banded together to provide a forum for the needs and concerns of rural and small schools; acts as an advocate for legislation affecting rural and small schools. Established in 1971; holds an annual conference in conjunction with the Center for Rural Education and Small Schools, Manhattan, Kansas.

University for Man

1221 Thurston

Manhattan, KS 66502

CONTACT: Tom Scearcy, Director

Telephone: (913) 532-5866

Serves as a focus for community education efforts in Manhattan, Kansas, and for outreach efforts in rural communities throughout Kansas; programs include traditional folk arts classes, community issues forums, community development efforts, and alternative energy programs, as well as other issues and topics of interest to community residents; emphasizes use of community resources to respond to community needs. Established in 1969; has a newsletter, **Rural Community Education Report**.

New York Legislative Commission on Rural Resources

Box 7019, AESOB - 28th Floor

Albany, NY 12225

CONTACT: Eleanor Maio, Administrative Manager

Telephone: (518) 455-2544

Supports lawmakers' efforts to preserve and enhance the state's vital rural resources through positive, decisive action; amplifies efforts of those interested in many policy areas, including education. Established in 1983.

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

South Capitol

Bismark, ND 58505

CONTACT: Patricia A. Laubach, Coordinator of Small and Rural Schools

Telephone: (701) 224-4525

Prioritizes needs of small and rural schools; assists in development of programs and services to meet identified needs. Established in 1985. Sponsors an annual conference.

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

North Dakota Small and Rural Schools Task Force

South Capitol

Bismark, ND 58505

CONTACT: Patricia A. Laubach, Coordinator of Small and Rural Schools

Telephone: (701) 224-4525

Consists of members appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction; promotes research and action programs designed to support and improve small and rural schools; identifies general and specific educational concerns and needs of North Dakota's small and rural school districts; identifies, encourages, and assesses development and replication of exemplary small and rural education programs and innovations; encourages teacher training institutions to consider small and rural education needs in programs and certification; organizes and promotes networking activities. Established in 1985.

Oklahoma State Department of Education

Office of Rural Education

2500 North Lincoln

Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599

CONTACT: Sandy Garrett, Director of Rural Education

Telephone: (405) 521-3936

Provides additional leadership and support to the many small/rural schools of the state; facilitates a clearinghouse of job vacancies; explores alternative instructional delivery systems such as satellite telecommunications and academic cooperatives. Established in 1985; sponsors an annual conference.

Pennsylvania Department of Education

Small School Districts Task Force

Division of Advisory Services

P.O. Box 911

Harrisburg, PA 17108

CONTACT: Joseph Bard, Task Force Director and Chief of Advisory Services

Telephone: (717) 787-4860

Pennsylvania Secretary of Education has appointed a

group of educators (superintendents, principals, and PDE staff) to examine problems of small rural school districts, and to make recommendations as to their resolution; the Task Force meets four times yearly; the Director issues reports, conducts research, and coordinates agendas, communications, and support activities. Established in 1984.

Utah State Office of Education

Utah Rural Schools Advisory Committee

250 East 5th South

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONTACT: Kerry D. Nelson, Liaison

Telephone: (801) 533-5431

Consists of 30 members selected by the State Superintendent to represent various regions of the state and is comprised of administrators, local school board members, teachers, lay citizens, regional service centers staffs, college representatives, the state PTA president, and State Office staff; studies school size, consolidation issues, funding formulas, and any other rural education issues affecting State Board of Education policy; advises the State Board of recommendations and the state of the art of rural education. Established in 1977; sponsors an annual conference held jointly with the Utah Rural Schools Association.

UNIVERSITY-BASED PROGRAMS

Rural Education Project

P.O. Box 811

University, AL 35486

CONTACT: Robin Lambert, Coordinator

Telephone: (205) 348-6432

Develops projects which support and demonstrate effectiveness of small rural schools including creative writing projects, school newspaper projects, reading and library development, and playground construction; co-developing with ACCESS (Alabama Coalition of Citizens for Excellence in Small Schools) workshops and credit courses for rural teachers who wish to expand their backgrounds, skills, and/or certification in the arts, humanities, sciences, and other areas of need for small rural schools in Alabama. Established in 1982; sponsors an annual conference; shares a newsletter called ACCESS Reporter with the Alabama Coalition of Citizens for Excellence in Small Schools.

Rural Education

University of Alaska

3605 Arctic Boulevard, #420

Anchorage, AK 99503

CONTACT: Margery Walker, Dean, Rural Education

Telephone: (907) 564-3380

Provides university-level education to rural Alaskans in their communities; 14 regional centers provide direct community contact; manages 5 programs which extend university resources statewide (Correspondence Study, Alaska Native Language Center, Community Health Aide Curriculum, Alaska Native Health Careers, and Materials Development Center); makes extensive use of distant-delivered and culturally relevant instruction; uses other university faculty and experts in the community in developing and delivering programs. Established in 1975; has a newsletter, Connections.

Rural Development Policy Project

Institute for Government Studies
University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, CA 94720
CONTACT: Edward J. Blakely
Telephone: (415) 642-1776

Conducts research into all the elements affecting rural development, including education. Established in 1975.

Office for Rural Education

Department of Education
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO 80523
CONTACT: Joe Newlin, Director
Telephone: (303) 491-7022

Provides support services to rural and small schools in Colorado; coordinates a Staff Development and Consultant Service for rural school districts; encourages rural education research; provides rural teacher training for teacher education students; coordinates with state/regional education agencies to maintain visibility of rural schools and to direct resources to rural schools. Established in 1979; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, **ORE UpDate**.

Institute for Community and Area Development

Center for Community Education
Chicopee Complex
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602
CONTACT: Paul F. De Largy, Director
Telephone: (404) 542-8467

Promotes rural economic/educational development activities through a non-profit corporation, School-Based Development Enterprises, and the Cottage Industry Development Center. Established in 1983; has a newsletter, **Discoveries**.

University of Northern Iowa/Committee on Rural Education

Department of Educational Psychology and Foundations
University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0607
CONTACT: William H. Dreier, Chair
Telephone: (319) 273-2570 or 2694

Coordinates rural education activities among teacher education activities at the University; encourages research in rural education; provides linkage with other interested groups; assumes leadership in identifying faculty to provide services to rural schools; acts as a clearinghouse for information about rural education. Established in 1978; sponsors the UNI/CORE papers on rural education.

Center for Rural Education and Small Schools

College of Education
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506
CONTACT: Jerry G. Horn, Director and Associate Dean
Telephone: (913) 532-5886 or 532-6361

Coordinates and conducts research and development activities that address the unique needs of rural and small schools; develops strategies and delivery systems for meeting

educational needs of rural and small school communities; promotes networking; acts as rural education advocate; recognizes individual excellence through annual Kansas Outstanding Rural Administrator Award; coordinates establishment of training programs for rural/small school educational personnel; provides consultation services for rural/small schools. Established in 1978; sponsors an annual conference; has a newsletter, **Education RFD**.

Rural Education Center

Department of Education
Southwest State University
Marshall, MN 56258
CONTACT: Keigh Hubel, Director of Rural Education
Telephone: (507) 537-6135

Provides technical assistance to rural and small schools; conducts research with rural and small schools; coordinates the Minnesota Rural Education Association's research efforts and edits their newsletter; provides consulting services to other organizations. Established in 1977; sponsors an annual conference.

Missouri Center for Small Schools

Lovinger 211
Central Missouri State University
Warrensburg, MO 64093
CONTACT: William Peter, Director
Telephone: (816) 429-4261

Promotes development of delivery systems that serve the needs of Missouri's small and rural schools; collects and disseminates promising research, practices, and information related to educational needs in small and rural schools; provides affordable and suitable inservice staff development and consultation services; promotes cooperative relationships among school districts; provides a forum for issues, practices, and problems; serves as an advocate for small schools and rural education; emphasizes rural teacher preparation experiences. Established in 1985.

Center for Research on Rural Education

213 Reid
Montana State University
Bozeman, MT 59717-0006
CONTACT: John O. Picton, Director
Telephone: (406) 994-3711

Has individual service contracts with small schools; is beginning a small school/university school improvement consortium; is initiating research in rural education. Established in 1981.

Nebraska Center for Rural Education and Small Schools

Room 2038, FDHL
Kearney State College
Kearney, NE 68849
CONTACT: Roger H. Hanson, Director
Telephone: (308) 234-8512

Provides consultative services, workshops, and seminars; serves as a broker of new ideas; provides assistance in identifying resources for program development; conducts research related to the unique needs of small rural schools in Nebraska. Established in 1983; cooperates with the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association's annual conference; has a newsletter.

JOURNALS

Appalachia

Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20235

Human Services in the Rural Environment

Inland Empire School of Social Work and Human
Services
Eastern Washington University
Cheney WA 99004

Journal Of Rural Community Psychology

California School of Professional Psychology-Fresno
1360 M Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Rural Sociology

The Rural Sociological Society
Department of Sociology
Montana State University
Bozeman, MT 59717

Research in Rural Education

College of Education
University of Maine at Orono
Orono, ME 04469

Rural Special Education Quarterly

National Rural Development Institute
Miller Hall 369
Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA 98225

Rural Development Perspectives

United States Department of Agriculture
1301 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005-4788

The Rural Educator

Rural Education Association
Colorado State University
300 Education Building
Fort Collins, Co 80523

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