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## ABSTRACT

This directory contains brief descriptions and contact information for organizations, agencies, and publications related to rural education. Mindful of the wide variety of issues impacting rural schools and related information needs, the directory includes national associations, research and training centers, health organizations, publishers, federal programs, and colleges and universities, as well as rural development councils, extension offices, and data centers in most states. Section 1 contains international, national, and multistate nongovernmental organizations, including 36 organizations concerned with advocacy, networking, or reform, and 30 concerned with research, development, technical assistance, or training. Section 2 covers federal agencies and programs: the 4 regional rural development centers and 9 other agencies or programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the 10 regional educational laboratories, 7 regional resource centers, 11 regional technology in education consortia, and 11 other agencies and programs of the U.S. Department of Education; 4 other federal rural programs; and 14 sites of the National Science Foundation's Rural Systemic Initiative. Section 3 presents 28 journals, newsletters, and magazines concerned with rural matters. Section 4 lists organizations, programs, and services for each state, as well as U.S. territories and Canadian provinces. (Contains an index.) (SV)

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## PREFACE

This directory reflects the growing realization that the care and nurture of rural schools requires the involvement of a much broader community than the usual suspects. Efforts to strengthen the role of rural schools in the overall renewal of rural communities depends on expertise and insights from a variety of perspectives. For example, what work skills will rural youth need to help build vigorous local economies? What cultural knowledge will they need to celebrate and build on the heritage of their forebearers? What environmental knowledge will they need to help assure that economies and ecosystems are sustainable for the long term? What social knowledge will they need to create civic organizations and governing processes that promote equity and democratic leadership?

Mindful of these and other issues impacting rural schools, the directory includes a variety of national associations, research and training centers, health organizations, publishers, federal programs, and colleges and universities. We have also included information on state rural development councils, extension offices, and data centers.

We should note that we have published the information that was provided to us by organizations; we have no way of checking the accuracy of the information nor should any of the information be read as an endorsement by the ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools (ERIC/CRESS), AEL, or the U.S. Department of Education. We will update this directory as we learn about new organizations and changes in the information shown here. If you think your organization should be included, or if your organization is already included but the information has changed, we hope you will contact us ([ericrc@ael.org](mailto:ericrc@ael.org)).

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**SECTION I**  
**International, National, and Multistate Nongovernmental Organizations**

**1.1 ADVOCACY, NETWORKING, AND REFORM**

**American Association of School Administrators**

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<http://www.aasa.org>

An advisory committee on rural/small school issues links small districts across the nation and serves as a national voice on issues impacting small school districts. Brings issues to the attention of national organizations, federal officials, and members of Congress. Continuously develops national projects for rural/small school leaders. Hosts the *Rural Education Electronic Newsletter*.

**American Association of State Colleges and Universities**

1307 New York Ave., 5th Fl.  
Washington, DC 20005  
Kathleen Cullinan  
202-293-7070  
Fax: 202-296-5819  
<http://www.aascu.org>

Membership includes more than 425 public colleges, universities, and systems of public higher education throughout the United States and its territories. Over a third of member institutions are located in rural areas or serve rural populations. Sponsors a commission that maintains a rural focus. Monitors and advocates for federal legislation to benefit rural areas.

**American Council on Rural Special Education**

**Kansas State University**  
2323 Anderson Ave., Ste. 226  
Manhattan, KS 66502  
Judy Weyrauch  
785-532-2737  
Fax: 785-532-7732

[acres@ksu.edu](mailto:acres@ksu.edu)

<http://www.ksu.edu/acres>

Area Served: Rural United States

Provides leadership and support to improve services for individuals with exceptional needs, their families, the professionals who work with them, and the rural communities in which they live. Promotes national recognition for rural special education, health, and human services.

**American Educational Research Association**

Western Carolina University  
108 Killian  
University of Pittsburgh  
Cullowhee, NC 28723  
Mary Jean Herzog, secretary-treasurer  
828-227-7415

Fax: [mherzog@wcu.edu](mailto:mherzog@wcu.edu)

<http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~howleyc/index.htm>

Rural Education Special Interest Group encourages educational research relative to rural schools and people. Sponsors a newsletter, listserv, and Web site. Prospective special interest group (SIG) members must be members of AERA.

**Appalachian Teachers' Network**

P.O. Box 7014, RU  
Radford, VA 24142  
Jim Minick  
540-831-5179

Fax: [jiminick@runet.edu](mailto:jiminick@runet.edu)

Sponsors an annual conference for teachers interested in incorporating Appalachian studies into their classrooms. Focuses on Appalachian literature, history, folklore, sciences, music, Native American and African American heritage, Hispanics in the mountains, storytellings, and more. Publishes annual newsletter, *Stitches*.

**Association of Educational Service Agencies**

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Arlington, VA 22209  
Brian L. Talbott, executive director  
703-875-0739  
Fax: 703-528-2146  
aesa@aasa.org  
<http://www.aesa.org>

Represents over 500 educational service agencies throughout the United States, and serves as a voice for educational service agencies at the federal level. Supports its members in the areas of learning, technical assistance, research, and advocacy. Educational service agencies partner with rural school districts throughout the United States.

**Canadian Education Association**

317 Adelaide St., W., Ste. 300  
Toronto, ON M5V 1P9  
Canada  
416-591-6300  
Fax: 416-591-5345  
cea-ace@acea.ca  
<http://www.acea.ca>

Promotes the improvement of education and assists the educational community by providing opportunities to study and by stimulating dialogue on issues of common interest. Shares ideas, experiences, and information. Establishes and maintains linkages with government bodies, nongovernmental agencies, and individuals. Analyzes trends through research and participates in learning activities.

**Community Development Society**

1123 N. Water St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
414-276-7106  
Fax: 414-276-7704  
cole@svinicki.com  
<http://www.comm-dev.org>

Area Served: International

Professional association for community development practitioners and citizen leaders around the world. Members represent a variety of fields: education, health care, social services, government, utilities, economic development practitioners, citizen groups, and more. Web site features many resources and large collection of links to community development resources on the Web. Also gives some attention to rural and urban issues.

**Consortium of Higher Education, Rural Program Administrators**

**National Rural Education Association**  
**Colorado State University**  
246 Education Bldg.  
Fort Collins, CO 80523  
Joseph Newlin  
970-491-7022  
Fax: 970-491-1317  
jnewlin@lamar.colostate.edu  
<http://www.colostate.edu/orgs/NREA>

Conducts projects, outreach programs, research, staff development, and other special events and activities that contribute to the improvement of practice in rural education. Members include directors of centers, regional educational laboratory program directors, and other leaders of rural education programs.

**Council of Chief State School Officers**

One Massachusetts Ave., NW, Ste. 700  
Washington, DC 20001  
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202-408-5505  
Fax: 202-408-8072  
info@ccsso.org  
<http://www.ccsso.org>

Nationwide, nonprofit organization composed of public officials who lead the departments responsible for elementary and secondary education in the states, the U.S. extra-state jurisdictions, District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity. Strengthens state leadership in ensuring that students in high-poverty schools gain the knowledge and skills necessary for sustained success.

**Council of State Community Development Agencies**

**National Rural Development Council**  
Hall of the States  
444 N. Capitol St., Ste. 224  
Washington, DC 20001  
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202-624-3630  
Fax: 202-624-3639  
<http://www.coscda.org>

Dedicated to strengthening rural America through collaborative partnerships. Made up of representatives of federal departments/agencies, public interest groups, Native American tribes, and other national organizations. Five major components



make up its strategic plan: increasing funding; marketing; increasing the number of state rural development councils (see separate listings this directory); creating an information network; and assessing accomplishments.

#### **Education Commission of the States**

707 17th St., Ste. 2700  
Denver, CO 80202  
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303-299-3652  
Fax: 303-296-8332  
ecs@ecs.org  
<http://www.ecs.org>

A national, nonprofit organization that helps governors, legislators, state education officials and others identify, develop and implement policies to improve student learning at all levels. Has many rural resources.

#### **Foundation for Rural Service**

##### **National Telephone Cooperative Association**

4121 Wilson Blvd., 10th Fl.  
Arlington, VA 22203  
Aaryn Slafky, public affairs manager  
703-351-2000  
Fax: 703-351-2001  
pubrelations@ntca.org  
<http://www.ntca.org>

Represents more than 500 small and rural telephone cooperatives and commercial companies. Offers a broad range of benefits to its members, including educational services, publications, and national and regional meetings. Activities include sponsoring a Youth Tour, which brings rural high school students to the nation's capitol, and a college scholarship program. Publishes *Rural Telecommunications*. For more information about *Rural Telecommunications*, call 703-351-2083.

#### **National Association of Agricultural Educators**

1410 King St., Ste. 400  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-838-5885  
800-772-0939  
Fax: 703-838-5888  
naae@teamaged.org  
<http://www.naae.org>

Seeks to advance agricultural education and promote the professional interests and growth of agricultural teachers as well as recruit and prepare

students who have a desire to teach agriculture. Monitors governmental affairs affecting agricultural education and assists in the development of priorities and strategies to affect federal legislation and appropriations.

#### **National Association of Counties**

440 First St., NW, Ste. 800  
Washington, DC 20001  
Tom Goodman, director of public affairs  
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Fax: 202-393-2630  
tgoodman@naco.org  
<http://www.naco.org>

The only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Provides extensive services including legislative, research, technical, and public affairs assistance to its members. Acts as a liaison with other levels of government and works to improve public understanding of counties. Serves as a national advocate for counties and provides them with the resources to help them find innovative methods to meet challenges they face.

#### **National Association of Rural Health Clinics**

426 C St., NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
Bill Finerfrock, executive director  
202-543-0348  
Fax: 202-543-2565  
info@narhe.org  
<http://www.narhc.org>

Dedicated to improving the delivery of quality, cost-effective health care in rural, under-served areas through the promotion, expansion, and protection of the rural health clinics program. Encourages and stabilizes the provision of out-patient primary care in under-served areas. Provides representation in Washington, DC. Publishes a newsletter that reports on changes in rural health clinic programs, and provides educational programs and networking opportunities.

#### **National Association of Secondary School Principals**

1904 Association Dr.  
Reston, VA 20191  
Gerald Tirozzi, executive director  
703-860-0200  
Fax: 703-476-5432

rahme@nassp.org  
<http://www.nassp.org>

Committed to the support of principals, assistant principals, and other middle and high school leaders. Recognizes that technological, social, and political changes in the world affect how youth are educated and provides the professional resources for these leaders to be visionary change agents, collaborators within the school community, and risk takers.

#### **National Association of State Boards of Education**

277 S. Washington St., Ste. 100  
 Alexandria, VA 22314  
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 703-684-4000  
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[boards@nasbe.org](mailto:boards@nasbe.org)  
<http://www.nasbe.org>

Nonprofit, private association that represents state and territorial boards of education. Strengthens state leadership in educational policymaking; promotes excellence in the education of all students, advocating equality of access to educational opportunity; and assures continued citizen support for public education. Web site provides latest information about state education policy and practice.

#### **National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Institutions**

1307 New York Ave., NW, Ste. 400  
 Washington, DC 20005  
 Roselyn Hiebert, director, public affairs  
 202-478-6060  
 Fax: 202-478-6061  
<http://www.nasulgc.org>

Voluntary association of 206 public research universities, land-grant institutions, and state university systems located in all states and U.S. territories. Dedicated to supporting excellence in teaching, research, and public service.

#### **National Center for Small Communities**

444 N. Capitol St., NW, Ste. 208  
 Washington, DC 20001  
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 202-624-3550  
 Fax: 202-624-3554  
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<http://www.natat.org>

A national, non-profit organization devoted exclusively to serving the leaders of America's

smaller communities. Provides small town decision makers with the tools to govern effectively and the skills to expand local economies, protect natural resources, and preserve community character.

#### **National Conference of State Legislators**

444 N. Capitol St., NW, Ste. 515  
 Washington, DC 20001  
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 202-624-5400  
 Fax: 202-737-1069  
[info@ncsl.org](mailto:info@ncsl.org)  
<http://www.ncsl.org>

Improves the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures; fosters interstate communication and cooperation; and ensures legislatures a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system. Tracks legislative developments related to education in the 50 states. School finance, class size, and school safety are prominently featured concerns.

#### **National Council of Farmer Cooperatives**

50 F St., NW, Ste. 900  
 Washington, DC 20001  
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 202-626-8700  
 Fax: 202-626-8722  
[tlittle@ncfc.org](mailto:tlittle@ncfc.org)  
<http://www.ncfc.org>

Association of cooperative businesses owned and controlled by farmers. Membership includes nearly 100 major farm marketing and supply cooperatives the banks of Farm Credit System, plus 30 state councils of cooperatives. Annually sponsors the National Institute on Cooperative Education. Offers programs such as the Washington Conference for Teachers and Employees. Information about educational programs, scholarships, publications, and training programs may be obtained from the Internet home page.

#### **National Farmers Union**

11900 E. Cornell Ave.  
 Aurora, CO 80014  
 Leesa Witt, director of education  
 303-337-5500  
 800-347-1961  
 Fax: 303-368-1390  
[NFU.Denver@nfu.org](mailto:NFU.Denver@nfu.org)

<http://www.nfu.org>

Works on a broad scope of quality-of-life issues ranging from farm income to rural education, health care, and the environment. Provides legislative representation, information and expertise on cooperative development and information on issues of concern to its members. Produces a monthly publication, *NFU News*.

#### **National Grange**

1616 H St., NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
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202-628-3507  
Fax: 202-347-1091  
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<http://www.nationalgrange.org>

Works toward the following goals: urging Congress to provide increased federal funding for rural education, including tax incentives to promote federal/state partnerships for renovating rural schools; allocation of state dollars for better teacher salaries and benefits; and federal guaranteed student loans, grants, and work-study programs to strengthen public schools.

#### **National Rural Development Partnership**

1400 Independence Ave., SW  
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Washington, DC 20250  
David Sears, director, National Partnership Office  
202-690-4749  
Fax: 202-690-1262  
[david.sears@usda.gov](mailto:david.sears@usda.gov)  
<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nrdp>

Works to strengthen rural communities through collaboration partnerships among federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as private for-profit and nonprofit sectors. Fosters communication, collaboration, and cooperation among organizations (including education) working to make a difference in rural America. Works in collaboration with State Rural Development Councils (see listings in this directory).

#### **National Rural Education Association**

**Colorado State University**  
246 Education Bldg., Colorado State University  
Fort Collins, CO 80523  
Joseph Newlin, director

970-491-7022

Fax: 970-491-1317

<http://www.colostate.edu/Orgs/NREA>

Established in 1907, NREA is the oldest unified voice for rural education in America. Membership includes rural school teachers and administrators, university faculty, regional and intermediate service agencies personnel, and federal and state government administrators. Holds an annual national conference and publishes *The Rural Educator* and *NREA News* (see separate entries this directory). Also copublishes periodic reports and resource materials in cooperation with the ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools, OERI, and other agencies.

#### **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association**

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Arlington, VA 22203  
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Fax: 703-907-5516  
[nreca@nreca.org](mailto:nreca@nreca.org)  
<http://www.nreca.org>

National service organization dedicated to representing the national interests of consumer-owned cooperative electric utilities and the consumers they serve. Offers education and training programs for cooperative directors, managers, and employees; collaborative research to enhance cooperatives' use of technology and insurance, employee benefits and financial services; and technical advice and electrification assistance in developing countries around the world. Publishes *Rural Electrification Magazine*.

#### **National Rural Health Association**

1 W. Armour Blvd., Ste. 203  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
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Fax: 816-756-3144  
[mail@NRHArural.org](mailto:mail@NRHArural.org)  
<http://www.NRHArural.org>

A nonprofit association of individual and organizational members who share a common interest in rural health and related areas of economic development and education. Provides leadership for improving the health of rural communities and health care of rural Americans through advocacy, communications, education, and research. Publishes a variety of publications and periodicals for rural practitioners, educators, researchers, and community leaders.

**Organizations Concerned About Rural Education**

1201 16th St., NW, Rm. 510  
 Washington, DC 20036  
 Charles O. Conrad, executive director  
 202-822-7638  
 Fax: 202-822-7309  
 conrad@chesapeake.net  
<http://www.ruralschools.org/>

Explores ways in which the membership can organize comprehensive and cohesive policies and programs to address the needs of rural education, especially as it relates to a broader program for the improvement of rural economic development. Provides a forum in which member organizations can discuss the issues of rural education and development. A coalition of diverse organizations that care about rural education in America.

**Poverty and Race Research Action Council**

3000 Connecticut Ave., NW #200  
 Washington, DC 20008  
 Chester Hartman, executive director  
 202-387-9887  
 Fax: 202-387-0764  
 info@prrac.org  
<http://www.prrac.org>

Established in 1990 by civil rights, antipoverty, and legal services groups. Networks researchers and activists working at the intersection of race and poverty; funds and commissions research projects that directly support advocacy work (i.e. litigation, legislation, community organizing, and public education); and rethinks effective antiracism and anti-poverty strategies to assist other researchers, advocates, and funders. Sample copy of bimonthly journal, *Poverty & Race*, available upon request.

**National School Boards Association**

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 Alexandria, VA 22314  
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 Fax: 703-683-7590  
 bmetz@nsba.org  
<http://www.nsba.org/na>

Rural and Small District Forum provides programs, services, and benefits for school leaders from districts in rural settings and small towns and intermediate or county units that serve mostly rural populations. Has special sessions during the NSBA annual convention and a facilitated e-mail discussion

group designed especially for rural board members. Only school systems--not individuals--can belong to the Forum.

**Rural Community College Initiative**

**MDC, Inc.**  
 P.O. Box 17268  
 Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
 Annette Taylor  
 919-968-4531  
 Fax: 919-929-8557  
 ataylor@mdcinc.org  
<http://www.mdcinc.org/rcci/>

National demonstration project of community colleges in economically distressed regions. Supports aggressive and creative efforts to increase jobs, income, and access to education in rural communities. Aims to enhance the capacity of rural community colleges to provide economic leadership for their regions and serve as agents for community development. Helps reduce the isolation of rural colleges by building a national network of diverse colleges with common challenges.

**Rural School and Community Trust**

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 Washington, DC 20006  
 Rachel Tompkins, president  
 202-955-7177  
 Fax: 202-955-7179  
 info@ruraledu.org  
<http://www.ruraledu.org>

Nonprofit organization dedicated to enlarging student learning and improving community life by strengthening relationships between rural schools and communities and engaging students in community-based public work. Pursues advocacy, research, and outreach activities to create a more favorable environment for rural schooling, for student work with a public audience and use, and for more active community participation in schooling. Founded as the Annenberg Rural Challenge in 1995, today works with over 700 rural elementary and secondary schools in 35 states. Publishes research reports and two newsletters, *Rural Policy Matters* and *Rural Roots* (see separate entries), which are available in print or online.

**Rural Sociological Society****Western Washington University**

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 burdge@cc.wvu.edu  
 http://www.ruralsociology.org

Promotes the development of rural sociology through teaching, research, and extension. Publishes the quarterly journal *Rural Sociology* (see separate entry), a newsletter for members, and books.

**Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia**

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Links people with a diverse range of interests in education and training to promote the development of rural Australia. Promotes a positive view of edu-

cation in rural areas and encourages innovation and initiative in the provision of rural education services. Supports and encourages rural communities and educators to work towards the provision of quality education and training. Holds an annual conference. Publishes a newsletter and the semiannual journal *Education in Rural Australia*.

**Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF)**

P.O. Box 2001  
 1211 Geneva 1  
 Switzerland  
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 Fax: 41 22 738.82.48  
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 http://www.woman.ch

International, nonprofit organization committed to a new development paradigm for women and children. Advocates for women's and children's rights at UN summits and international conferences. Sponsors annual award Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life and annual organization of World Rural Women's Day Campaign. Publishes a global newsletter *Empowering Women and Children*. Annual Membership \$30.

**1.2 RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND TRAINING****Aspen Institute**

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 Fax: 202-466-4568  
 rdcfi@aspeninst.org  
 http://www.aspeninst.org/rural  
 Area Served: United States

Demonstrates that enduring human, institutional, natural, and financial assets can be developed in rural communities in the United States, specifically by engaging and developing the capacity and role of statewide and regional community foundations in rural community economic development. Offers lessons and guidance to the community foundation and rural development fields, with the expectation that they will discover each other, work together, and

so improve economic prospects for rural America and all its people.

**Bread Loaf School of English**

**Middlebury College**  
 Middlebury, VT 05753  
 Elaine Lathrop  
 802-443-5148  
 Fax: 802-443-2060  
 BLSE@breadnet.middlebury.edu  
 http://www.blse.middlebury.edu/

Offers summer graduate programs for English teachers in Vermont; Oxford, England; New Mexico; and Alaska. Full scholarships are available for rural teachers from certain states. Maintains BreadNet, a national computer network that links the classrooms of Bread Loaf teachers and carries ongoing conferences. Publishes the *Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network Magazine* twice a year.

**Center for Appalachian Studies and Services****East Tennessee State University**

Box 70556

Johnson City, TN 37614

Jane Woodside, assistant director/editor

423-439-5348

Fax: 423-439-6340

cass@etsu.edu

<http://cass.etsu.edu>

Area Served: Appalachia

Supports scholarly research, artistic endeavors, and educational activities focused on Appalachia. Holds rural-related manuscripts, photographs, and recordings; regional books; and artifacts related to life in southern Appalachia. Currently compiling the *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*. Publishes *Now & Then: The Appalachian Magazine* (see separate entry).

**Center for Rural Affairs**

101 S Tallman St.

P.O. Box 406

Walthill, NE 68067

Jon M. Bailey

402-846-5428

Fax: 402-846-5420

jonb@cfra.org

<http://www.cfra.org>

Committed to building rural communities that stand for social justice, economic opportunity, and environmental stewardship. Encourages people to accept both personal and social responsibility for creating such communities. Engages in research, education, advocacy, and service work to further this vision of rural America. Publishes a monthly newsletter.

**Center for Rural Education and Small Schools****College of Education****Kansas State University**

007 Bluemont Hall

Manhattan, KS 66506

Robert C. Newhouse

785-532-6361

Fax: 785-532-7304

<http://www2.educ.ksu.edu/Organizations/CRESS>

Coordinates and conducts research and development activities focused on rural and small schools. Maintains cooperative relationships with other rural education organizations. Establishes training programs, workshops, and seminars that relate to rural

education and the needs of rural educators. Holds an annual conference.

**Center for the Study of Rural America****Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City**

925 Grand Blvd.

Kansas City, MO 64198

Mark R. Drabenstott, vice president and director

Fax: mdrabenstott@frbkc.org

<http://www.kc.frb.org/RuralCenter/>

RuralMain.htm

Tracks the farm and rural economies. Provides in-depth objective analyses of economic and policy issues key to rural America's future. Publishes monthly newsletter *Main Street Economist*, available online at Web site.

**Center for the Study of Small/Rural Schools****College of Continuing Education****University of Oklahoma**

555 E. Constitution, Rm. 211

Norman, OK 73072

Loretta G. Schmidt, director

405-325-1450

Fax: 405-325-1981

jesimmons@ou.edu or lsch2115@aol.com

<http://tel.occe.ou.edu/cssrs.html>

NREA-endorsed research center that uses a multifaceted approach to assist small and rural schools. Conducts workshops, training programs, surveys, and needs assessments. Delivers staff development programs to rural schools via satellite telecast or videotape. Holds the annual National Conference on Creating the Quality School.

**Center for TeleLearning & Rural Education****Memorial University of Newfoundland**

G.A. Hickman Bldg.

St. John's, NF A1B 3X8

Canada

Ken Stevens, chair

709-737-4847

Fax: 709-737-8582

<http://tellearn.mun.ca>

Builds on the existing strengths in distance education. Responsible for coordinating research and development initiatives in telelearning in rural schools in Newfoundland and Labrador of benefit to other provinces and countries.

**Foxfire Fund, Inc.**

P.O. Box 541  
 Mountain City, GA 30562  
 Christy Stevens  
 706-746-5828  
 Fax: 706-746-5829  
 foxfire@foxfire.org  
 http://www.foxfire.org

Teaches, models, and refines an active, learner-centered approach to education that is academically sound and promotes continuous interaction between students and their communities. Provides support to teachers using the Foxfire model via the Foxfire Teacher Network. Publishes *The Active Learner: A Foxfire Journal for Teachers* 3 times a year and a newsletter.

**Global Learning Partners, Inc.**

4208 Windsor  
 Raleigh, NC 27609  
 Peter Noteboom  
 877-923-3393  
 glp@on.aibn.com  
 http://www.globalearning.com  
 Area Served: International

Studies participative, problem-posing approaches to adult learning and applies these approaches to enhance the skills of adult educators in industry, government, and the nonprofit sector. Works with leaders of adult and community education programs, many of whom work in rural areas. Develops and distributes books and training guides. Conducts workshops and courses.

**Heartland Center for Leadership Development**

941 'O' St., Ste. 920  
 Lincoln, NE 68508  
 Milan Wall, codirector  
 402-474-7667  
 800-927-1115  
 Fax: 402-474-7672  
 heartld@aol.com  
 http://www.4w.com/heartland

Area Served: United States, Canada

Offers a broad spectrum of programs such as workshops for community and neighborhood leadership groups through multiyear projects assessing the impact of national community development models. Publishes a newsletter, booklets, and guides on effective strategies for community and economic

development, renewing community leadership, and community survival.

**Institute for Regional and Rural Studies in Education**

1813 Faircloud Dr.  
 Edmond, OK 73034  
 Robert Stephens  
 405-341-1147  
 Fax: 405-341-1385  
 erstephens@aol.com

Conducts studies for development of state policies on school improvement. Provides planning assistance to state governments in the design of service delivery systems to rural school districts.

**Inter-American Foundation**

901 N. Stuart St.  
 Dept. 111, 10th Fl.  
 Arlington, VA 22203  
 Mark Caicedo, fellowship representative  
 703-306-4301  
 Fax: 703-306-4365  
 mcaicedo@iaf.gov  
 http://www.iaf.gov

Area Served: United States, Latin America, Caribbean

Fellowship Program supports development practitioners and researchers from Latin America Caribbean, and the United States whose research and career interests include development activities among the poor and systematic appraisals of local development activities for the poorest populations, such as small business owners in the informal sector, female-headed households, rural indigenous populations, and artisanal fishermen. Publishes semiannual journal *Grassroots Development*.

**Lone Eagle Consulting**

2200 Rebich Ln.  
 Dillon, MT 59725  
 Frank Odasz, president  
 406-683-6270  
 Fax: 406-683-6270  
 frank@lone-eagles.com  
 http://lone-eagles.com

Specializes in rural, remote, and indigenous Internet instruction. Hosts two online courses for educators and offers free educational and culturally-related resources.

### **National Clearinghouse for Comprehensive School Reform**

#### **George Washington University**

2121 K St. NW, Ste. 250  
Washington, DC 20037  
Arthur W. Gosling, director  
202-872-3727  
877-766-4277  
Fax: 877-308-4995  
agosling@goodschools.gwu.edu  
<http://www.goodschools.gwu.edu>

Collects, analyzes, and disseminates information on comprehensive school reform in educational institutions serving the K-12 population, including public schools, public school districts, state education agencies, and private schools in the United States. Provides reference and referral services, an annual report, and issues briefs. In partnership with George Washington University (GWU), Council for Basic Education (CBE), and Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL). Publishes monthly newsletter, *NCCSR Bookmark*, and quarterly newsletter, *NCCSR Benchmarks*.

### **National Writing Project**

#### **University of California, Berkeley**

5511 Tolman Hall, #1042  
Berkeley, CA 94720  
Laura Paradise, program associate  
510-642-0963  
Fax: nwp@socrates.berkeley.edu  
<http://www-gse.berkeley.edu/Research/NWP/nwp.html>

Area Served: AZ, LA, MI, NE, PA, WA

Develops strategies for involving the public in student learning through the use of parent-teacher dialogue journals and curriculum projects, public readings, community writing events, and facilitated conversations about student assessment and school reform. Produces a series of half hour radio programs airing rural student and teacher writings from six states. Supports effective teaching of writing from Kindergarten through university with teacher-led professional development programs. Audio samples of the radio program, *Rural Voices*, on website. Publishes *Voices Newsletter* (5/yr).

### **Participatory Action Research Network**

#### **Division of Nutritional Sciences**

**Cornell University**  
378 MVR Hall

Ithaca, NY 14853

David Pelletier, professor

607-255-1086

Fax: 607-255-1078

[dlp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dlp5@cornell.edu)

<http://www.parnet.org>

Area Served: International

Hosts seminars and Web-based archives on participatory action research projects, many in rural areas.

### **Program for School Improvement**

#### **League of Professional Schools**

#### **University of Georgia**

124 Aderhold Hall  
Athens, GA 30602  
Frances Hensley, senior director  
706-542-2516  
800-578-2516  
Fax: 706-542-2502  
[fhensley@coe.uga.edu](mailto:fhensley@coe.uga.edu)  
<http://www.coe.uga.edu/lps>  
Area Served: GA, with affiliated sites in NV, WA, OH, NH, OK

Develops democratic learning communities that are focused on improving teaching and learning for all students. Recent rural initiatives: strengthening efforts in rural school sites, recruiting and retaining additional rural member schools, developing place-based curriculum, and providing a forum for the identification and examination of issues related to the renewal of rural schools and communities. Publishes a free newsletter.

### **REAL Enterprises**

115 Market St., Ste. 320  
Durham, NC 27701  
Rick Larson, national director  
919-688-7325  
800-798-0643  
Fax: 919-682-7621  
[ricklarson@mindspring.com](mailto:ricklarson@mindspring.com)  
<http://www.realenterprises.org>

Finds links between rural education and rural development. Gives communities a viable way to meet the requirements of school-to-work and tech prep by preparing young people to recognize and seize economic opportunities (and even create jobs and businesses) in own communities. Publishes the *REAL Story* newsletter twice annually.



**Rural Clearinghouse for Lifelong Education and Development**

**Kansas State University**  
 252 Bluemont Hall  
 1100 Mid-Campus Dr.  
 Manhattan, KS 66506  
 Fax: <http://www-personal.ksu.edu/~rled>  
 Maintains a Web site of rural adult education links and resources.

**Rural Communities Research and Development Centre**

**Malaspina University College**  
 Bldg. 356, Rm. 264  
 Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5  
 Canada  
 Jim Montgomery, coordinator/instructor  
 250-753-3245  
[montgomeryj@mala.bc.ca](mailto:montgomeryj@mala.bc.ca)  
<http://www.mala.bc.ca/www/discover/rcrdc/rcrdc.htm>

Initiates, supports, and pursues research into rural communities. Promotes multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary activity in such research. Undertakes contract research and development projects for government and nongovernment bodies. Supports other organizations or groups promoting such research and development. Also conducts and facilitates conferences, seminars, and workshops to disseminate and discuss research findings.

**Rural Development Leadership Network**

P.O. Box 98, Prince St. Sta.  
 New York, NY 10012  
 Starry Krueger, president  
 212-777-9137  
 Fax: 212-477-0367  
[rdln@ruraldevelopment.org](mailto:rdln@ruraldevelopment.org)  
<http://www.ruraldevelopment.org>

Supports community-based development in poor, rural areas through hands-on projects, education, leadership development, and networking. Members compose a community of rural development practitioners and learners, many of whom have earned master's degrees while enrolled in the network. B.A. or Ph.D. options are available for rural development practitioners.

**Rural Education Research and Development Centre**

**James Cook University**  
 Townsville QLD, Q 4811  
 Australia  
 Dr. David McSwan, director  
 617-472-13993  
 Fax: 617-472-11910  
[David.McSwan@jcu.edu.au](mailto:David.McSwan@jcu.edu.au)  
<http://www.soe.jcu.edu.au/about/rerdc.shtml>  
 Area Served: Australia

Offers graduate programs in rural education. Undertakes commissioned research. Hosts projects on such topics as small schools closures, equitable funding, health in remote areas, rural schools and community development, attracting and retaining rural teachers and other professionals, and otitis media and its implications for education.

**Rural History Centre**

**Museum of English Rural Life**  
**University of Reading**  
 P.O. Box 229  
 Whiteknights Berkshire RG6 6AG  
 England  
 Jill Betts, museum assistant (education)  
 00 44 (0) 118 931 8660  
 Fax: 00 44 (0) 118 975 1264  
[j.m.betts@reading.ac.uk](mailto:j.m.betts@reading.ac.uk)  
<http://www.rdg.ac.uk/Instits/im/>  
 Area Served: International

Provides research, education, and information to the widest possible audience. Collects and preserves collections of national and international significance in the areas of the history of food farming and the countryside. Includes books, archives, photographs, film, and video and object collections, mostly covering Great Britain 1750-present.

**Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation**

P.O. Box 4776  
 Kingston, ACT 2604  
 Australia  
 Tim Evans, media manager  
 02 6272 4539  
 Fax: 02 6272 5877  
[rirdc@rirdc.gov.au](mailto:rirdc@rirdc.gov.au)  
<http://www.rirdc.gov.au>  
 Area Served: Australia

Manages and funds priority research and trans-

lates results into practical outcomes for industry development. Studies new rural products and services and has over 400 research reports available for sale, many of them on farmer education and training.

#### **Rural Policy Research Institute**

##### **University of Missouri**

135 Mumford Hall  
Columbia, MO 65211  
Lori Christopher  
573-882-0316  
Fax: 573-884-5310  
office@rupri.org  
<http://www.rupri.org>

Conducts policy-relevant research, facilitates public dialogue to assist policymakers in understanding the rural impacts of public policy and programs, and provides decision support to rural residents. Has established a unique international model for bringing objective external analysis to public policy decision making. Source of unbiased, policy-relevant analysis and information on the challenges, needs, and opportunities facing rural America.

#### **Rural and Small Town Programme**

##### **Mount Allison University**

76 York St.  
Sackville, NB E4L 1E9  
Canada  
David Bruce, director  
506-364-2391  
Fax: 506-364-2601  
rstp@mta.ca  
<http://www.mta.ca/rstp>  
Area Served: Canada

Independent university-based research centre dedicated to exploring and resolving social, environmental, and economic issues facing small communities in Canada.

#### **Save the Children**

54 Wilton Rd.  
Westport, CT 06880  
800-728-3843  
<http://www.savethechildren.org>

Works with families and communities at home and abroad to free them from poverty. Works in 18 states in the United States and in 46 developing nations around the world. Supports new approaches

in child development and basic education around the world. Helps victims cope with crises and begin the process of recovery. Coordinates relief activities with other international agencies. In addition to strengthening the national institutions that can carry out this work.

#### **School at the Center**

P.O. Box 880355  
Lincoln, NE 68588  
Jerry Hoffman, director  
402-483-6037  
Fax: 402-472-8317  
jerry\_lee\_hoffman@msn.com  
Area Served: NE, Great Plains, Australia, New Zealand

Focuses on rural community-based education and community redevelopment. Promotes joint school/community strategic planning. Conducts institutes and workshops on rural community issues for teachers, students, school administrators, and community activists. Believes students should become stewards of their community's culture, preservers of their community's history, and builders of their community's future.

#### **Southern Initiative of the Algebra Project**

##### **Positive Innovations, Inc.**

5135 Galaxie Dr., Bldg. A  
P.O. Box 13917  
Jackson, MS 39236  
David J. Dennis, Sr., director  
601-362-0144  
Fax: 601-362-5788  
ddennisr@aol.com  
<http://www.ruraledu.org/projects.html>  
Area Served: MS, SC, AR

Works in schools located in high poverty areas that have high percentages of African American students. Builds groups in school communities that can support and sustain school reform. Provides core instructional materials, called the Transition Curriculum, that produce for all students a foundation for completing Algebra and achieving mathematics literacy. Also provides teacher professional development and support programs, and creates networks of projects in rural areas that work toward school reform.

SECTION 2  
Federal Agencies and Programs

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**REGIONAL RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT CENTERS**

The four regional centers coordinate rural development research and extension (education) programs cooperatively with the land-grant institutions. The centers develop networks of university research and extension faculty from a variety of disciplines to address rural issues. They are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

**North Central Regional Center for  
Rural Development**

**Iowa State University**  
108 Curtiss Hall  
Ames, IA 50011  
Cornelia Flora, director  
515-294-8321  
Fax: 515-294-3180  
cflora@iastate.edu  
<http://www.ncrcrd.iastate.edu>  
Area Served: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO NE,  
ND, OH, SD, WI

**Northeast Regional Center for  
Rural Development**

**Pennsylvania State University**  
7 Armsby Bldg.  
University Park, PA 16802  
Stephan J. Goetz, director  
814-863-4656  
Fax: 814-863-0586  
necrd@psupen.psu.edu  
<http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/casconf/necrd/necrd.html>  
Area Served: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ,  
NY, RI, PA, VT, WV

**Southern Rural Development Center**

**Mississippi State University**  
P.O. Box 9656, 410 Bost Bldg.  
Mississippi State, MS 39762

Bo Beaulieu, director  
662-325-3207  
Fax: 662-325-8915  
bonniet@srdc.msstate.edu  
<http://www.ext.msstate.edu/srdc>  
Area Served: AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS,  
NC, OK, PR, SC, TN, TX, VI, VA

**Western Rural Development Center**

**Utah State University**  
8335 Old Main Hill  
Logan, UT 84322  
Steven E. Daniels, director  
435-797-9732  
Fax: 435-797-9733  
wrdc@ext.usu.edu  
<http://www.ext.usu.edu/wrdc>  
Area Served: AK, AS, AZ, CA, CO, GU, HI, ID,  
MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY, Amer.  
Samoa, Micronesia, N. Mariana Isl.

**OTHER DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATIONS**

**Agriculture and Rural Economy Division**

**Economic Research Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture**

1800 M St., NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
Deana Kussman  
202-694-5050  
800-999-6779  
Fax: 202-694-5700  
service@ERS.USDA.gov  
<http://www.ers.usda.gov>  
Area Served: United States

Conducts research and publishes reports on rural business, financial markets, population, education, income and well-being, labor markets, state and local governments, and rural development strategies and policy issues. Publishes the journals *Rural Development Perspectives* and *Rural Conditions and Trends*.

**Agriculture in the Classroom****U.S. Department of Agriculture**

1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 2251

Washington, DC 20250

202-720-7925

Fax: 202-690-0062

adickerson@reeusda.gov

<http://www.agclassroom.org/>

Helps students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society, so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies. Carried out in each state according to state needs and interests by individuals representing farm organizations, agribusiness, education and government. Acts as a central clearinghouse for materials and information and coordinates with national organizations to promote the goal of an increased awareness of agriculture among the nation's students. Subscriptions available to newsletter.

**Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service****U.S. Department of Agriculture**

Washington, DC

202-720-3029

Fax: 202-690-0289

csrees@reeusda.gov

[http://www.reeusda.gov/1700/csrees\\_main.htm](http://www.reeusda.gov/1700/csrees_main.htm)

A federal, state, and local partnership providing education to families and communities in nearly every county in the United States. Administered through land-grant universities in each state and territory, the system includes more than 9,600 local extension agents; 9,500 scientists conducting research at state agricultural experiment stations; model education programs on food safety, sustainable agriculture, water quality, children, youth, and families, health, environmental stewardship, and community economic development. Contact your local county extension office (listed under local government in your telephone directory) or a land-grant university (see listings this directory).

**National 4-H Headquarters****U.S. Department of Agriculture**

1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 2225

Washington, DC 20250

202-720-2908

4h-usa@reeusda.gov

<http://www.4h-usa.org>

A nonformal educational program and organization for youth, ages 5-19 operated at the national level by the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, at the state level by the Cooperative Extension Service of the Land-Grant Universities (see listings in this directory), and at the local level by county Extension Agents. Enables young people to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society. Activities include meetings, social activities, tours, camps, fairs, and variety of service and learning projects.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service****U.S. Department of Agriculture**

Box 2890

Washington, DC 20013

Rosann Durrah

202-720-4072

Fax: 202-690-0639

Rosann.Durrah@usda.gov

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

Promotes the science and art of good land use through its educational action programs. Publishes periodical, *Soil and Water Conservation News*. Curriculum materials on conservation and soil available on Web site.

**Rural Development Community Programs****U.S. Department of Agriculture**

1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop Code 0788

Washington, DC 20250

James Alsop, deputy administrator

202-720-1490

Fax: 202-690-0471

jalsop@rdmail.rural.usda.gov

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/agency/rhs/cf/cf.htm>

Area Served: Rural areas of United States

Seeks to ensure that health care clinics, police and fire stations, schools, and child care centers are readily available to all rural Americans, and is authorized to make loans to develop these community facilities. Applications will be considered without regard to race, religion, sex, marital status, age, handicap, or national origin of members of the group applying for assistance. Opportunity to construct, develop, and use facilities must be extended on the same basis.

**Rural Economic and Community Development Services****U. S. Department of Agriculture**

14th and Independent Sts., SW

Washington, DC 20250

Dan Campbell, director

202-720-4323

Fax: 202-690-0311

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

Provides services to help provide rural Americans with modern telecommunications, electricity, water, and wastewater disposal. Provides financial assistance, business planning, technical assistance, research, education, and information to cooperatives and rural businesses through public and private community based organizations.

**Rural Housing Service****Community Facilities Program****U.S. Department of Agriculture**

14th &amp; Independent, SW, MS 3222

Washington, DC 20250

James C. Alsop, deputy administrator

community programs

202-720-1490

Fax: 202-690-0471

[jalsop@rdmail.rural.usda.gov](mailto:jalsop@rdmail.rural.usda.gov)<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs>

Offers direct and guaranteed loans and grants

designed to finance and facilitate the development of over 80 different types of essential community facilities serving rural areas. These facilities include, but are not limited to, hospitals, elderly care facilities, child care centers, fire and rescue stations, vocational and medical rehabilitation centers, schools, and public transportation infrastructure. For more information, contact the Rural Development office in your state (see entry this directory).

**Rural Information Center****National Agricultural Library****U.S. Department of Agriculture**

10301 Baltimore Ave., Rm. 304

Beltsville, MD 20705

Patricia John, center coordinator

301-504-5547

800-633-7701

Fax: 301-504-5181

[ric@nal.usda.gov](mailto:ric@nal.usda.gov)<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/>

Area Served: United States

Provides information and referral services to local, state, and federal government officials; community organizations; health professional and organizations; rural electric and telephone cooperatives; libraries; businesses; and rural citizens working to maintain the vitality of America's rural areas.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL LABORATORIES****AEL, Inc.**

P.O. Box 1348

Charleston, WV 25325

Allen Arnold, president and chief executive officer

304-347-0400

800-624-9120

Fax: 304-347-0487

[info@ael.org](mailto:info@ael.org)<http://www.ael.org>

Area Served: KY, TN, VA, WV

Hosts one of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Areas of past research and

development have focused on rural school consolidation, K-12 "unit" schools, service learning, a longitudinal study of state education reform, workforce education strategies, rural development, education service agencies, and the national research agenda in rural education.

**Laboratory for Student Success at Temple University**933 Ritter Anx., 13th St. & Cecil B. Moore Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Margaret C. Wang, executive director

215-204-3030

800-892-5550

Fax: 215-204-5130

[lss@vm.temple.edu](mailto:lss@vm.temple.edu)<http://www.temple.edu/lss>

Area Served: DE, MD, NJ, PA, District of Columbia

One of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Develops products, program models, and exemplary strategies to enrich learning experiences for students. Works for solutions that lead to learning success for all children and youth, particularly those who have not had positive schooling experiences. Conducts interdisciplinary research that represents multiple views to develop ideas and practices for enriching life and learning.

**Northeast and Islands Regional Educational Lab at Brown**

222 Richmond St., Ste. 300  
 Providence, RI 02903  
 Dr. Phil Zarlengo, executive director  
 401-274-9548  
 800-521-9550  
 Fax: 401-421-7650  
 LAB@brown.edu  
<http://www.lab.brown.edu>  
 Area Served: CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT, PR, VI

One of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Works with state departments of education, service agencies, community groups, professional associations, and other organizations to assist them in building their own capacities to share and adapt strategies with local educators. Provides schools with alternative assessment procedures for language-minority students, and develops new approaches for communicating with limited-English-proficient (LEP) families to increase involvement in their children's education.

**Pacific Resources for Education and Learning**

1099 Alakea St., Ali'i Pl., 25th Fl.  
 Honolulu, HI 96813  
 John W. Kofel, president and chief executive officer  
 808-441-1300  
 Fax: 808-441-1385  
[askprel@prel.org](mailto:askprel@prel.org)  
<http://w3.prel.hawaii.edu/programs/Rel/rel.html>  
 Area Served: Hawai'i, Amer. Samoa, N. Mariana Isl., Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Isl., Palau

Hosts one of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of

their funding on rural areas. Links educators to an established network of national, regional, and local service providers. Conducts development and applied research and literature searches. Disseminates information. Provides program monitoring, evaluation services, and impact assessments. Facilitates needs assessment, vision-setting, planning, and implementation of systemic educational change at local and entity levels.

**SERVE**

P.O. Box 5367  
 915 Northridge St.  
 Greensboro, NC 27403  
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 Area Served: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC

Hosts one of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Promotes and supports the continuous improvement of educational opportunities for all learners in the Southeast. Develops tools and strategies to assist educators in their systemic education reform efforts. Publishes *The Vision* newsletter.

**Southwest Educational Development Laboratory**

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 Area Served: AR, LA, NM, OK, TX

One of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Rural Development Collaborative Action Team establishes special teams of home, school, and community representatives that link school improvement community, and economic development in unique ways in rural areas. Creates sustainable rural communities and schools to simultaneously improve student learning and develop communities.

**Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory**

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Portland, OR 97204

Joyce Ley

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Area Served: AK, ID, MT, OR, WA

Hosts one of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Provides information and technical assistance to policymakers; service delivery agencies; and small, rural schools to better understand decisions concerning the education of rural students in small schools. Uses research and development methods, data, and information to guide sustained educational improvement. Consultation, resource information, and training materials available related to rural community development, multi-age classrooms, charter school leadership development, demographics, and more.

**Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning**

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Aurora, CO 80014

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Area Served: CO, KS, MO, ND, NE, SD, WY

Hosts one of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Rural Initiative works with state education agencies, institutions of higher education, intermediate service agencies, and local districts and policymakers to improve and expand educational opportunities for rural students. Increases capacity within rural schools and communities to initiate and sustain systemic change designed to enhance learning and student achievement.

**North Central Regional Educational Laboratory**

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Oak Brook, IL 60523

Margaret O'Keefe

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800-356-2735

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Area Served: IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, OH, WI

One of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Rural Initiative helps schools and communities overcome obstacles to educational excellence and find or create innovative improvement practices and approaches. Creates support networks and partnerships. Experiments with innovative practices and approaches while developing the capacity to sustain those that prove viable. Publishes *Pulling Together: R&D Resources for Rural Schools* (<http://www.ncrel.org/rural>).

**WestEd**

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San Francisco, CA 94107

Stanley Chow

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Area Served: AZ, CA, NV, UT

One of the 10 regional educational laboratories funded by the U.S. Department of Education. All labs are required to focus a significant portion of their funds on rural areas. Rural Education program serves rural, small schools by informing them about research-based findings and practices, by strengthening rural partnerships and networks, and by providing direct assistance to improve schools. Works in partnership with agencies in the region to help rural schools train teachers, develop curriculum, use distance learning technology, and make program improvements. Publishes *Knowledge Briefs* series, videotapes, and other products related to rural education issues.

**REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS****Federal Resource Center for Special Education  
Academy for Educational Development**

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Washington, DC 20009

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[frc@aed.org](mailto:frc@aed.org)  
<http://www.dssc.org/frc>

Works with the six regional resource centers and the technical assistance networks to respond to the needs of students with disabilities and their families, especially those from under-represented populations. Helps plan national conferences of education professionals with the Office of Special Education Programs.

#### **Great Lakes Area Regional Resource Center**

**College of Education**  
**Ohio State University**  
 700 Ackerman Road, Suite 440  
 Columbus, OH 43202  
 Larry Magliocca, director  
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<http://www.glarcc.org/>

Area Served: IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, OH, PA, WI

Assists states in improving programs for children with disabilities and their families, especially those programs covered by the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). Funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

#### **Mid-South Regional Resource Center**

**Interdisciplinary Human Development Institute**

**University of Kentucky**  
 126 Mineral Industries Bldg.  
 Lexington, KY 40506  
 Ken Olsen, director  
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<http://www.ihdi.uky.edu/msrrc>

Area Served: DE, DC, KY, MD, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

One of six regional resource centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide technical assistance to state and local education agencies, communities, school systems, educators, parents, and students in the areas of special education and early intervention. Provides documents, products, assess-

ment and evaluation, technical assistance, and legal and regulatory assistance.

#### **Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center**

**Utah State University**  
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 Logan, UT 84341  
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 435-752-0238  
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<http://www.usu.edu/mprrc>

Area Served: AZ, CO, KS, MT, NE, NM, ND, SD, UT, WY

Helps states improve special education and related services by training state staff and by providing technical assistance (TA) tailored to each state's program development needs. Through the state departments of education, works with other state and local agencies to provide special education services to infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and their families. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

#### **Northeast Regional Resource Center**

**Learning Innovations/WestEd**  
**Trinity College of Vermont**

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Area Served: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT

Provides special education technical assistance for program development to eight state departments of education in the Northeast and, through them, to local school districts and associated organizations. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Designed to assist state education agencies in assuring that educational policies and procedures result in quality programs for students with disabilities.

#### **Southeast Regional Resource Center**

**Auburn University, Montgomery**

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 Area Served: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, OK,  
 PR, TX, VI

One of six regional resource centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education to work with the state educational agencies as they plan, implement, and achieve successful and lasting systemic change in their early intervention, special education, and transition services to improve outcomes for children with disabilities and their families.

#### **Western Regional Resource Center**

**College of Education**  
**University of Oregon**  
 1268 University of Oregon  
 Eugene, OR 97403  
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 Area Served: AK, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA,  
 American Samoa, N. Mariana Is., Microne-  
 sia, Guam, Marshall Is., Palau

One of six regional resource centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education to work with the state education agencies as they plan, implement, and achieve successful and lasting systemic change in their early intervention, special education, and transition services to improve outcomes for children with disabilities and their families.

### **REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION CONSORTIA**

#### **Appalachia Regional Technology in Education Consortium**

**The CNA Corporation**  
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 Area Served: KY, TN, VA, WV  
 Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully inte-

grate technologies into classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

#### **High Plains Regional Technology in Education Consortium**

Joseph R. Pearson Hall  
 1122 West Campus Rd.  
 Lawrence, KS 66045  
 Jerry Chaffin, coinvestigator  
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 Area Served: CO, KS, NE, MO, ND, SD, WY

Provides well-documented, high quality technical assistance, professional development, and information resource dissemination to build the capacity of educators to make use of technology to improve teaching and learning, especially in schools with high percentages of underserved students living in isolated rural areas, American Indians, and children of migrant farm workers.

#### **Mid-Atlantic Regional Technology in Education Consortium**

**Center for Research in Human Development and Education**  
 1301 Cecil B. Moore  
 Philadelphia, PA 19122  
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 Area Served: DE, DC, MD, NJ, PA

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

#### **North Central Regional Technology in Education Consortium**

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Area Served: IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

#### **North East & Islands Regional Technology in Education Consortium**

##### **Educational Development Center, Inc.**

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Area Served: CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

#### **North West Regional Technology in Education Consortium**

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Area Served: AK, WA, OR, MT, ID

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

#### **Pacific Regional Technology in Education Consortium**

##### **Pacific Resources for Education and Learning**

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Area Served: HI, U.S. territories

Helps states, local educational agencies, teachers, school library and media personnel, administrators, and other education entities successfully integrate technologies into kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) classrooms, library media centers, and other educational settings, including adult literacy centers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, through its Office of Educational Research and Improvement.

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Area Served: CO, KS, MO, ND, NE, SD, WY

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#### **South Central Regional Technology in Education Consortium**

##### **Southwest Educational Development Laboratory**

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Area Served: AR, LA, NM, OK, TX

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#### **South East Regional Initiatives Technology in Education**

##### **SERVE, Inc.**

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Area Served: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC

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#### **South West Regional Technology in Education Consortium**

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Area Served: AZ, CA, NV, UT

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## **OTHER DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

### **21st Century Community Learning Centers**

#### **U.S. Department of Education**

21stCCLC@ed.gov

<http://www.ed.gov.21stcclc/index.html>

Enables schools to stay open longer, providing a safe place for homework centers, intensive mentoring in basic skills, and drug and violence prevention counseling. Helps middle school students to prepare to take college prep courses in high school. Provides enrichment in the core academic subjects; opportunities to participate in recreational activities such as chorus, band and the arts; technology education programs; and services for children and youth with disabilities. For information on publications, contact [edpubs@inet.ed.gov](mailto:edpubs@inet.ed.gov) or call 1-877-4-ED-Pubs.

### **Agricultural Education/Future**

#### **Farmers of America**

##### **Office of Vocational and Adult Education**

#### **U.S. Department of Education**

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Washington, DC 20202

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Provides leadership to all states in agricultural education and Future Farmers of America programs and rural education within the U.S. Department of Education. Supports a wide range of programs and activities that help young people and adults obtain the knowledge and skills they need for successful careers and productive lives.

### **Appalachian Regional Commission Liaison Office**

#### **Office of Vocational and**

#### **Agricultural Education**

#### **U.S. Department of Education**

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Washington, DC 20202

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Administrators certain programs for the Appalachian Regional Commission (see separate entry). Helps each of the 13 Appalachian states to create

opportunities for self-sustaining economic development and improved quality of life. Provides national leadership and technical assistance on issues and programs in education reform as well as vocational and adult education specific to the region.

#### **Clearinghouse on Disability Information**

##### **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

##### **U.S. Department of Education**

330 C St., SW, Rm. 3132

Washington, DC 20202

Carolyn Cortlett

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Provides information to people with disabilities, or anyone requesting information, by doing research and procuring documents in response to inquiries. Information includes areas of federal funding for disability-related programs. Information acquired through this service may be useful to disabled individuals and their families, schools and universities, teachers and administrators, and organizations that have persons with disabilities as clients.

#### **Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority**

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Morristown, TN 37816

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Area Served: Southern Appalachia

Provides a wide range of programs to improve educational opportunities and achievement in southern Appalachia. Maintains three community computer labs to serve residents located within Enterprise Communities. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

#### **Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Office**

##### **Office of Vocational & Adult Education**

##### **U.S. Department of Education**

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Helps build the capacity of Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) communities to establish goals for education. Within the EZ/EC communities, provides resources to help strengthen schools and to encourage and compliment efforts of states, local school systems, and other public and private organizations to improve the quality of education. Offers technical assistance, publishes a newsletter, and provides guidance on the use of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (cost free capital for schools located in the EZs and ECs) to form school-business partnerships.

#### **ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools**

##### **AEL, Inc.**

1031 Quarrier St., P.O. Box 1348

Charleston, WV 25325

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Areas of interest include American Indians and Alaska Native education, Mexican American education, migrant education, outdoor education, rural education, and small schools. Acquires, processes, and abstracts documents, books, and articles for the ERIC database. Answers questions, performs free searches of the ERIC database, and can recommend other resources. Also produces ERIC Digests, books, guides, directories, a newsletter, and a Web page rich in downloadable resources.

#### **National Center for Education Statistics**

1990 K St., NW

Washington, DC 20006

202-502-7466

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Primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education in the United States and other nations. Web site features wide variety of information relevant to policy and educational decision making. Information covers all levels of education, private and public sectors, and includes breakdowns by state, demographic characteristics, locale, and size of schools and districts.

**National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities**

1090 Vermont Ave., NW, Ste. 700  
 Washington, DC 20005  
 Cheryl Wagner, communications manager  
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 888-552-0624  
 Fax: 202-289-1092  
 cwagner@nibs.org  
 http://edfacilities.org

Information resource for people who plan, design, build, operate and maintain K-12 schools. Accessible resource for community and district leaders involved with making decisions about construction and maintenance. Site provides links to topics such as community involvement, school size, the condition of the nation's schools, and more.

**National Institute on the Education of At-Risk Students****Office of Educational Research and Improvement****U.S. Department of Education**

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 Washington, DC 20208  
 Karen Suagee  
 202-219-2244  
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Plays a lead role in development of the federal American Indian education research agenda. Outreach via conferences and focus group meetings in the year 2000 to provide input from Indian country to develop agenda (in addition to literature review and research database analyses). Also participates in department-wide Rural Education Committee. Various projects in research centers also address rural concerns.

**National School-to-Work Office****U.S. Department of Education**

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 Washington, DC 20024  
 Stephany Powers, director  
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Provides students with knowledge and skills that will allow them to opt for college, additional training, or a well-paying job directly out of high school. Provides Urban/Rural Opportunities Grants (UROG) that fund partnerships in high poverty urban and rural areas (those with poverty rates above 20 percent for youth under 22). Partnerships must have specific strategies to address the multiple needs of urban and rural in- and out-of-school youth, including human service needs. Grants provide up to five years of direct federal support.

**OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS****Appalachian Regional Commission**

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 Washington, DC 20009  
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 Area Served: all of WV, rural counties in AL, GA, KY

Serves as a catalyst for change by directing resources through federal, state, and local partnerships to fund a wide range of projects in transportation, housing, health care, and education. Combines many different components of economic development: physical infrastructure, human development, and business development.

**Congressional Rural Caucus**

http://www.house.gov/emerson/crc/

Bipartisan coalition of members of Congress who are committed to helping agricultural and rural America build stronger, more prosperous futures for current and future generations of Americans living on the family farms and ranches and in rural communities. Promotes economic and social policies that support the continued viability of rural communities. Educates members of Congress about the challenges and opportunities unique to rural areas.

**National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information****U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

P.O. Box 1182  
 Washington, DC 20013

703-385-7565  
800-394-3366  
Fax: 703-385-3206

Serves as a major national resource center for acquisition and dissemination of child abuse and neglect materials. Develops a database of materials and provides topical bibliographies and custom searches. A CD-ROM containing many of the Clearinghouse's databases is available to libraries, universities, and other qualified institutions. Produces a free catalog of publications and services available to users.

#### **National Endowment for the Humanities**

1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20506  
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<http://www.neh.gov>

The largest funder of humanities programs in the United States. Awards grants to institutions that create and preserve knowledge, enrich classroom learning, expand humanities content on the internet, and bring ideas to life through public television and radio, museum exhibitions, and programs in libraries and other community places. Publishes *NEH Outlook* (electronic) on Web page.

#### **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

##### **Rural Systemic Initiatives**

**Division of Educational System Reform  
National Science Foundation**  
4201 Wilson Blvd., Ste. 875  
Arlington, VA 22230  
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Seeks to improve education for students in rural, economically disadvantaged regions of the nation, particularly those underserved by National Science Foundation programs; and to sustain the improvements through encouraging community participation in instructional and policy reform. Addresses policy, leadership, and workforce issues related to education; and provides a comprehensive and sustainable

framework for science, mathematics, and technology education at all levels.

##### **Alaska Rural Systemic Initiative**

**University of Alaska, Fairbanks**  
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Ray Barnhardt  
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Area Served: Rural Alaska

Documents the indigenous knowledge systems of Alaska Native peoples, developing pedagogical practices that integrate indigenous and Western scientific knowledge in educational programs, and encourages community participation in instructional and policy reform. Addresses science, mathematics, and technology education at all levels.

##### **Appalachia Rural Systemic Initiative Kentucky Science and Technology Council, Inc.**

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Area Served: Rural Appalachia areas of KY, NC, OH, TN, VA, WV

##### **Border Rural Systemic Initiative**

**New Mexico State University**  
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Area Served: Rural border regions of west TX, NM, AZ

##### **Coastal Rural Systemic Initiative**

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Area Served: Coastal areas of GA, NC, SC

**Delta Rural Systemic Initiative**

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**University of Mississippi**

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Area Served: Mississippi River Delta region of  
AR, LA, MS

Seeks to improve education and find long-term  
remedies to social and educational problems.

**Hawaii Rural Systemic Initiative**

**Hawaii Department of Education**

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Area Served: CA, NV

**Navajo Nation Rural Systemic Initiative**

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Area Served: On or near Navajo Reservation in  
AZ, CO, NM, UT

Assists schools in implementing a standards-  
based science and math program within the context  
of the Navajo culture.

**Southeastern Rural Systemic Initiative**

**College of Education**

**Valdosta University**

Valdosta, GA 31698

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**Texas Rural Systemic Initiative**

**West Texas A&M University**

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Canyon, TX 79016

Judy Kelley

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jkelly@faculty.wtamu.edu

<http://www.texasrsi.org>

Area Served: Rural TX

**Tribal College Rural Systemic Initiative**

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Belcourt, ND 58316

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<http://www.tcrsi.net>

Area Served: MN, MT, ND, NE, SD, WY

Seeks to improve education for students in 20  
American Indian nations in the Northern Great Plains  
through collaboration between tribal colleges, school  
districts, and reservation communities.

**UCAN Rural Systemic Initiative**

**New Mexico Highlands University**

P.O. Box 9000

Las Vegas, NM 87701

Elizabeth Yost

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<http://ucanrsi.nmhu.edu>

Area Served: UT, CO, AZ, NM

Seeks to improve education for students in  
targeted rural school districts and tribal schools in  
Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

### SECTION 3

## Media, Periodicals, Publishers, and Producers

#### *AASA Rural, Small School Electronic Newsletter*

American Association of School Administrators  
1801 N. Moore St.  
Arlington, VA 22209  
Kari Arfstrom, project director  
703-528-0700  
Fax: 703-841-1543  
info@aasa.org  
http://www.aasa.org

Electronic newsletter for administrators and others interested in rural and small schools.

#### *The Active Learner:*

#### *A Foxfire Journal for Teachers*

P.O. Box 541  
Mountain City, GA 30562  
Sara Day Hatton, editor  
706-746-5828  
Fax: 706-746-5829  
foxfire@foxfire.org

A journal for, about, and by K-12 teachers. Contains insightful articles, interesting project ideas, interviews, book reviews, and art work by youth. Published three times/year.

#### *The Alberta Journal of Educational Research*

Office of the Dean  
University of Alberta  
845 Education Centre S.  
Edmonton, AB T6G 2G5  
Canada  
Julia Ellis, editor  
780-492-3751  
Fax: 780-492-0236  
ajer@ualberta.ca  
http://www.education.ualberta.ca/educ/journals/ajer/ajer-frn.html

Area Served: International

Quarterly journal devoted to the dissemination, criticism, interpretation, and encouragement of all forms of systematic enquiry into education and fields

related to or associated with education. Back issues are available.

#### *Appalachia*

Appalachian Regional Commission  
1666 Connecticut Ave., NW, 7th Fl.  
Washington, DC 20009  
Mike Kiernan  
202-884-7770  
Fax: 202-884-7691  
crea@arc.gov  
http://www.arc.gov/infopubs/appalach/pastlst.html

Area Served: Appalachian region

Journal of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Covers topics relating to economic development and educational improvement in the 13 Appalachian states and related features of Appalachian life. Published 3 times/year.

#### *Appalachian Journal*

Appalachian State University  
Belk Library  
Boone, NC 28608  
Sandra L. Ballard, editor  
828-262-4072  
Fax: 828-262-2553  
ballardsl@appstate.edu

Regional studies review of research, essays, criticism, interviews, and reviews about Appalachian history, culture, politics, education, literature, music, and folklore. Published quarterly.

#### *Comparative Education*

Carfax Publishing Co.  
P.O. Box 25  
Abingdon, Oxfordshire UK  
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440-125-6813000  
Fax: 440-125-6330245  
sales@carfax.co.uk  
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Area Served: International

Analyzes significant educational problems and trends throughout the world. Considers the implications of comparative studies for the formation and implementation of public policy, not only in education, but also in social, national, and international development. Published quarterly.

***Comparative Education Review***

Graduate School of Education & Information Studies

University of California at Los Angeles

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Los Angeles, CA 90005

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Area Served: International

Journal of the Comparative and International Education Society. Investigates education throughout the world and the social, economic, and political forces that help to shape it. Advances knowledge and teaching in comparative education studies. Published quarterly by the University of Chicago Press, P.O. Box 37005, Chicago, IL 60637, email: [subscriptions@journals.uchicago.edu](mailto:subscriptions@journals.uchicago.edu)

***Echoes: The Northern Maine Journal of Rural Culture***

Echoes Press, Inc.

P.O. Box 626

Caribou, ME 04736

Kathryn Olmstead, editor

207-498-8564

Examines rural America in transition. Focuses on positive values rooted in the past that have relevance to the present and the future. Stresses the knowledge of rural experiences that can help us live in a modern society, permanence in the midst of chaos, and the value of remembering our common roots. Published quarterly.

***Education in Rural Australia***

Faculty of Education

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Australia

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<http://www.pa.ash.org.au/spera/news.htm>

Area Served: Australia

Journal of the Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia. Publishes articles, reports, reviews, and research that promote the development of education in rural Australia; disseminates innovative ideas, actions, programs, and policies in rural education; and provides a venue for sharing of information on rural education issues and program development. Published twice a year.

***Education Policy Analysis Archives***

College of Education

Arizona State University

Tempe, AZ 85287

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<http://olam.ed.asu.edu/>

Online professional journal in education features peer-viewed articles about education policy. Access and subscriptions are free. Web site offers both abstracts and full-length versions of all articles.

***The Foxfire Magazine***

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<http://www.foxfiremag.org>

First school effort to use cultural heritage as a motivational force for learning. Students interview people from Appalachia about their lives, crafts, and way of life. Has recorded heritage of the Appalachian area for years. Published twice a year, produced by students at Rabun County High School, Tiger, Georgia.

***Grassroots Development***

Inter-American Foundation

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Arlington, VA 22203

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<http://www.iaf.gov>

Area Served: Latin America and Caribbean

Explores how development assistance can contribute more effectively to self-help efforts. Reports on how the poor in Latin America and the Caribbean organize and work to improve their lives. Draws primarily on the experience of the Inter-American Foundation (an independent federal government agency) and the groups that it assists. Free, published three times a year.

***Great Plains Quarterly***

Center for Great Plains Studies  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
1214 Oldfather Hall, P.O. Box 880313  
Lincoln, NE 68588

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Publishes significant research and criticism on the geography, history, archaeology, culture, sociology, political science, economics, and agriculture of the Great Plains region of the United States and Canada. Contains a strong book review section.

***Journal of Appalachian Studies***

Regional Research Institute  
West Virginia University  
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Morgantown, WV 26506  
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Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association.

Contains articles and book reviews from a variety of disciplines that address the history, culture, and development of Appalachia. Published semiannually.

***Journal of Research in Rural Education***

College of Education and Human Development  
University of Maine  
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Orono, ME 04469

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Publishes results of educational research con-

ducted in or relevant to rural settings. Published three times/year.

***Now & Then: The Appalachian Magazine***

East Tennessee State University  
Box 70556  
Johnson City, TN 37614  
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Fax: 423-929-6340

<http://cass.etsu.edu/n8t/n8t.htm>

Published three times/year.

***The NREA News***

National Rural Education Association  
Colorado State University  
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Newsletter containing articles and short items pertaining to ongoing events and activities within the National Rural Education Association. Lists rural education meetings, conferences, and forums.

***Rural America***

Economic Research Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1800 M St., NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Douglas Bowers, executive editor  
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<http://www.ers.usda.gov/prodsrvs/rept-rur.htm>

Reports the results of new rural research. Explains the meaning and application of research in rural banking, demography, industry, labor force, and poverty. Includes Rural Updates, snapshots of trends affecting rural communities. Published three times/year.

***Rural Conditions and Trends***

Economic Research Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1301 New York Ave., NW, Rm. 324  
Washington, DC 20005

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<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Prodsrvs/rept-rur.htm>

Covers rural industry, rural socioeconomic conditions, rural federal programs, and development policies affecting rural areas. Published three times/year.

***The Rural Educator***

National Rural Education Association  
Colorado State University  
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Fort Collins, CO 80523  
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Journal of the National Rural Education Association. Written for and by those involved in rural education and university faculty specializing in the area of rural education and development. Facilitates communication between university faculty and rural educators in public schools. Also provides up-to-date information to all readers with an interest in rural education and sustainable development. Published three times/year. Available by membership only.

***Rural Policy Matters***

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<http://www.ruraledu.org/rpm/rpm.html>  
Newsletter of rural school and community action.

***Rural Roots***

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<http://www.ruraledu.org/roots.html>  
News, information, and commentary from the Rural School and Community Trust. Shares some of the incredible variety of place-based education work that is going on around the country.

***The Rural Sociologist***

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Forum for the exchange of views on matters of concern to the profession of rural sociology. Disseminates news to members of the Rural Sociological Society. Published quarterly.

***Rural Sociology***

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<http://www.ruralsociology.org>

Journal of the Rural Sociological Society. Includes policy analyses, scholarly articles, theoretical essays, book reviews, and thought-provoking commentaries on various rural topics. Published quarterly.

***Rural Special Education Quarterly***

American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES)  
West Virginia University  
P.O. Box 6122  
Morgantown, WV 26506  
Barbara L. Ludlow, executive editor  
304-293-3450 ext 1127  
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The only national scholarly publication solely devoted to rural special education issues. Covers issues of concern to rural individuals with disabilities and rural special educators. Reviews relevant conferences, publications, and resources for rural special educators.

***Scottish Educational Review***

Scottish Council for Research in Education  
15 St. John St.  
Edinburgh, EH8 8JR  
Scotland

Donald Christie, editor  
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<http://www.scre.ac.uk/homepage.html>  
Area Served: Scotland

Published by the Scottish Council for Research in Education, an independent national body that provides research, evaluation, and training services under contract and expert gateways to educational research in Scotland.

***Small Town***

Small Towns Institute  
P.O. Box 517  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
Kenneth Munsell, editor  
509-925-1830

Contains perspectives from individual citizens, planners, governmental officials, business groups, and educators who share a common interest in

enhancing the future of small communities. Published six times/year.

***Social Forces***

University of North Carolina Press  
P.O. Box 2288  
Chapel Hill, NC 27515  
Paul Mihas, managing editor  
919-962-0513  
Fax: 919-962-4777  
pmihas@irss.unc.edu  
<http://www.irss.unc.edu/sf>  
Area Served: International

Highlights sociological inquiry but also explores realms shared with social psychology, anthropology, political science, history, and economics. Includes 11 to 14 articles, 25 to 30 full book reviews each issue. Widely circulated in more than 95 foreign countries.

## SECTION 4 State and Territorial Government and Nongovernmental Organizations

### ALABAMA

#### **Alabama Cooperative Extension System**

**Auburn University**  
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Auburn University, AL 36849  
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<http://www.aces.edu>

Part of the land grant university system since 1914, with the mission of taking research-based knowledge and education to people throughout the state. Works to improve the quality of life for all residents in areas of agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth, youth-at-risk, community resource development, family, and consumer sciences.

#### **Alabama Rural Development Office**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
4121 Carmichael Rd., Ste. 601  
Montgomery, AL 36106  
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334-279-3400  
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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

#### **Alabama State Data Center**

**Center for Business and Economic Research**  
**University of Alabama**  
Box 870221  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487  
Annette Jones Watters  
205-348-6191  
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awatters@cba.ua.edu  
<http://cber.cba.ua.edu/asdc.html>  
Area Served: AL  
Provides demographic and economic data about

Alabama and its counties. Housed by the Center for Business and Economic Research, which produces short-term forecasts of output, employment, wages, and personal income. Publishes reference works, newsletters, and monographs.

#### **PACERS**

**Program for Rural Services and Research**  
**University of Alabama**  
205 University Blvd. E.  
P.O. Box 870372  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487  
Jack Shelton, director  
205-348-6432  
Fax: 205-348-2412  
jshelton@pacers.org  
<http://www.pacers.org>  
Area Served: AL

Dedicated to practice-based school reform that sustains rural communities and improves schools. Focuses on a process of reflection and sharing among teachers, students, administrators, and community members and on hands-on, interdisciplinary projects that build on indigenous skills and resources. Recognizes the school as the most important institution in rural communities.

### ALASKA

#### **Alaska Cooperative Extension Service**

**University of Alaska Fairbanks**  
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Fairbanks, AK 99775  
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<http://www.uaf.edu/coop-ext>

Part of the land grant university system since 1914, with the mission of taking research-based knowledge and education to people throughout the state. Works to improve the quality of life for all residents in areas of agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth, youth-at-risk, community resource development, family, and consumer sciences.

**Alaska Rural Development Office****U.S. Department of Agriculture**

800 W. Evergreen, Ste. 201

Palmer, AK 99645

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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

888-478-1452

Fax: 907-474-6619

fnjkd@uaf.edu

<http://www.uaf.edu/ruralss/index.html>

Area Served: AK

Provides quality services to Native and rural college students. Provides the connection to higher education in Alaska for rural students through academic advising and student support in the form of new student orientation courses, rural recruitment, and student advocacy.

**Alaska Rural Development Council**

3211 Providence Dr., BEB #205

BEB #205

Anchorage, AK 99508

Chuck Akers, executive director

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Created by agencies and organizations that play a part in developing rural areas, including federal, state, local, and tribal governments and the nonprofit and for-profit sectors. Sets a statewide agenda of priorities and activities.

**Alaska State Data Center****Census and Geographic Information Network****Alaska Department of Labor**

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Juneau, AK 99802

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<http://www.labor.state.ak.us/research/cgin/cen.htm>

A cooperative effort between the U.S. Census Bureau and the Alaska Department of Labor to facilitate the collection, use, and delivery of census and other data. Provides assistance and data to users through an extensive network of affiliates and coordinating agencies.

**Rural Student Services****University of Alaska, Fairbanks**

5th Fl., Gruening, P.O. Box 756320

Fairbanks, AK 99775

Jo Ann (JoJo) Ducharme, director

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**ARIZONA****Arizona Cooperative Extension Service****College of Agriculture****University of Arizona**

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Part of the land grant university system since 1914, with the mission of taking research-based knowledge and education to people throughout the state. Works to improve the quality of life for all residents in areas of agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth, youth-at-risk, community resource development, family, and consumer sciences.

**Arizona Rural Development Office****U.S. Department of Agriculture**

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Phoenix, AZ 85012

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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

**Arizona Small and/or Rural Schools Association**

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Tucson, AZ 85737

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Area Served: AZ

Dedicated to improving the quality of education for school age children in small and/or rural school districts in Arizona.

#### **Arizona State Data Center**

**Population Statistics Unit**

**Arizona Department of Economic Security**

1789 W. Jefferson St., Ste. 045z

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Betty Jeffries

602-542-5984

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popstats@de.state.az.us

<http://www.de.state.az.us/links/economic/webpage/page2.ht>

Produces official population estimates and projections for Arizona and its counties, cities, and towns. Lead agency for the Arizona State Data Center Program, a cooperative program with the U.S. Census Bureau to disseminate census data to Arizona residents.

### **ARKANSAS**

#### **Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service**

**University of Arkansas Systems**

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Milo J. Shult, director

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Part of the land grant university system since 1914, with the mission of taking research-based knowledge and education to people throughout the state. Works to improve the quality of life for all residents in areas of agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth, youth-at-risk, community resource development, family, and consumer sciences.

#### **Arkansas Rural Development Office**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**

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Little Rock, AR 72201

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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

#### **Arkansas Rural Education Association**

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Biggers, AR 72413

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johne@biggers.nesc.k12.ar.us

<http://se.sesc.k12.ar.us/area>

Area Served: AR

Focuses on academic and social advantages of rural schools. Promotes a closer relationship between educational groups with an interest in rural education. Provides a forum to discuss issues that affect rural schools in Arkansas. Strives for a more equitable distribution of state funds.

#### **Arkansas State Data Center**

**Institute For Economic Advancement**

**University of Arkansas, Little Rock**

2801 S. University

Little Rock, AR 72204

Sarah Breshears

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Area Served: AR

Delivers census and other data to the public. Houses the Children's Research Center, a major source of information on Arkansas' children. Conducts and facilitates research on issues affecting children and families. Performs contract database management work for various state agencies and publishes reports.

### **CALIFORNIA**

#### **California Cooperative Extension Service**

**University of California**

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Part of the land grant university system since 1914, with the mission of taking research-based knowledge and education to people throughout the state. Works to improve the quality of life for all residents in areas of agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth, youth-at-risk, community resource development, family, and consumer sciences.

#### **California State Data Center**

##### **Department of Finance**

915 L St., 8th Fl.

Sacramento, CA 95814

Linda Gage, director

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Fax: 916-327-0222

[filgage@dof.ca.gov](mailto:filgage@dof.ca.gov)

Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

#### **North Coast Rural Challenge Network**

##### **Mendocino Unified School District**

P.O. Box 1154

Mendocino, CA 95460

Kenneth Matheson, superintendent/project director

707-937-5868

Fax: [ken@mcn.org](mailto:ken@mcn.org)

<http://www.ncrcn.org>

Area Served: Northern California

Collaborative network of rural school districts committed to improving education for all students and creating stronger communities. Demonstrates how school reform can contribute to and catalyze economic revitalization and stewardship of the environment while keeping needs of students as the driving force for all activity.

#### **Yuba Watershed Alliance (YWA)**

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Camptonville, CA 95922

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Area Served: foothill areas in NV, Sierra and Yuba counties

Dedicated to supporting rural citizens who are

passionate about the places in which they live. Committed to strengthening communities from within, with schools as focal points. Conducts various community development and community education projects.

## **COLORADO**

#### **Colorado Cooperative Extension Service**

##### **Colorado State University**

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<http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt>

Part of the land grant university system since 1914, with the mission of taking research-based knowledge and education to people throughout the state. Works to improve the quality of life for all residents in areas of agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth, youth-at-risk, community resource development, family, and consumer sciences.

#### **Colorado Office for Rural Education**

##### **Colorado State University**

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University-based, statewide outreach office for rural education programs and resources. Cosponsors an annual rural education conference in various states. Coordinates rural education teacher training projects within the academic teacher certification program and provides campus-wide opportunities for faculty to participate in programs and activities that support Colorado Schools.

#### **Colorado Rural Development Office**

##### **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

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Lakewood, CO 80215

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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and



fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

#### **Colorado Rural Development Council**

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<http://www.ruralcolorado.org>

Created by agencies and organizations that play a part in developing rural areas, including federal, state, local, and tribal governments and the nonprofit and for-profit sectors. Sets a statewide agenda of priorities and activities.

#### **Colorado State Data Center**

**Division of Local Government**  
**Colorado Department of Local Affairs**  
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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

#### **University of Southern Colorado Library**

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Pueblo, CO 81001  
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719-549-2451  
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Kuntzman@uscolo.edu  
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Area Served: Third Congressional District of Colorado

Supports teaching, learning, and research throughout the university community. Facilitates access to print and electronic collections, and provides technical assistance in the development of information literacy skills. Provides information services to students, faculty, and staff through

material circulation, reference assistance, interlibrary loan, database searching, and library use instructions.

### **CONNECTICUT**

#### **Connecticut Cooperative Extension Service**

**College of Agriculture & Natural Resources**  
**University of Connecticut**  
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Storrs, CT 06269  
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#### **Connecticut Rural Development Council**

**Northwestern Connecticut Community-Technical College**  
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Winstead, CT 06098  
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#### **Connecticut State Data Center**

**Office of Policy and Management**  
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<http://www.census.gov/sdc/www/ctsdc.html>

Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, admin-

istration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

## DELAWARE

### Delaware Cooperative Extension Service

#### University of Delaware

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### Delaware Rural Development Office

#### U.S. Department of Agriculture

4607 S. DuPont Hwy.  
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Camden, DE 19934  
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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

### Delaware State Data Center

#### Delaware Economic Development Office

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rskomorucha@state.de.us  
<http://www.census.gov/sdc/www/desdc.html>

Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university re-

searchers, and other interested data users.

### Exceptional Children and Early Childhood Delaware Department of Education

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Dover, DE 19903  
Martha Brooks  
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The Exceptional Children Group is responsible for ensuring a free, appropriate, public education for students with disabilities in the State of Delaware.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### District of Columbia Cooperative Extension Service

#### University of the District of Columbia

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### District of Columbia State Data Centers

#### Mayor's Office of Planning

801 N. Capital St. NE, Ste. 500  
Washington, DC 20002  
Herb Bixhorn  
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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

## FLORIDA

**Florida Cooperative Extension Service**

**University of Florida**  
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**Florida Rural Development Office**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
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 Gainesville, FL 32606  
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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

**Florida State Data Center**

**Bureau of Labor Market Information**  
**Florida Department of Labor and**  
**Employment Security**

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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

## GEORGIA

**Center for Children & Education**

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 Macon, GA 31208  
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Nonprofit coalition supporting grassroots organizing activities to improve public schools throughout rural Georgia. Strives to increase the capacity of community groups to advocate for local and state education reforms. Provides parents and grassroots leaders with advocacy skills training, written materials about student rights, technical assistance, networking opportunities, and ongoing support to address school problems.

**Georgia Cooperative Extension Service**

**College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences**

**University of Georgia**  
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 Athens, GA 30602  
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**Georgia REAL Enterprises, Inc.**

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 Athens, GA 30605  
 Gini Allen  
 706-546-9061  
 Fax: 706-369-0044  
 gini.allen@GTE.net  
<http://www.gareal.org>

Finds links between rural education and rural development. Gives communities a viable way to meet the requirements of school-to-work and tech

prep by preparing young people to recognize and seize economic opportunities (and even create jobs and businesses) in own communities. Provides a means of applying skills and concepts learned in individual classrooms in a "real life" community simulation.

#### **Georgia Rural Development Office**

##### **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

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Athens, GA 30601

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#### **Georgia State Data and Research Center**

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<http://www.census.gov/ftp/pub/sdc/www/gasdc.html>

Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

## **HAWAII**

#### **Hawaii Cooperative Extension Service**

##### **College of Tropical Agriculture & Life Sciences**

##### **University of Hawaii at Manoa**

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#### **Hawaii Rural Development Office**

##### **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

#### **Hawaii State Data Center**

##### **Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism**

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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

## **IDAHO**

#### **Idaho Cooperative Extension Service**

##### **University of Idaho**

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#### **Idaho Rural Development Office**

##### **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

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Boise, ID 83709

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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

#### **Idaho Rural Education Association**

##### **Idaho State University**

Pocatello, ID 83209  
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Promotes quality educational opportunities and experiences for all children in rural communities statewide which enables them to live and compete in a global society.

#### **Idaho State Data Center**

##### **Idaho Department of Commerce**

700 W. State St.  
Boise, ID 83720

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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

## **ILLINOIS**

#### **Ag in the Classroom**

**Illinois Agricultural Association**  
**Illinois Farm Bureau**

1701 N. Towanda Ave.  
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Bloomington, IL 61702  
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Helps students learn about the importance of agriculture and helps teachers lead students in learning about the food and fiber system. Disseminates educational programs, materials, and hands-on activities.

#### **Association of Illinois Rural & Small Schools (AIRSS)**

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Macomb, IL 61455  
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sorenson@macomb.com  
<http://bluffs.scott.k12.il.us/airss>

Promotes excellence in rural and small schools and apprises members of new methods and techniques.

#### **Illinois Center for Rural Education Studies Western Illinois University**

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An NREA-endorsed Center for Rural Education Research. Assists local public education officials to find solutions to problems and concerns. Improves understanding of rural education issues by public officials, policymakers, and residents of Illinois through a program of research, analysis, and presentations. Identifies and evaluates long-term education policy alternatives that enhance rural education. Strengthens existing rural schools through technical assistance, training, and demonstration projects.

#### **Illinois Cooperative Extension Service University of Illinois**

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**Illinois Rural Development Office**  
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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

**Illinois State Data Center**  
**Division of Program and Policy Development**  
**Illinois Department of Commerce and**  
**Community Affairs**  
 620 E. Adams St.  
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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

## INDIANA

**Indiana Cooperative Extension Service**  
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 West Lafayette, IN 47907  
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**Indiana Rural Development Office**  
**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
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 Indianapolis, IN 46278  
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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

**Indiana Rural Development Council**  
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 ISTA Center, Ste. 414  
 Indianapolis, IN 46204  
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Created by agencies and organizations that play a part in developing rural areas, including federal, state, local, and tribal governments and the nonprofit and for-profit sectors. Sets a statewide agenda of priorities and activities.

**Indiana Small and Rural Schools Association**  
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 P.O. Box 330  
 Jasper, IN 47547  
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 Indiana Education Center  
 812-482-6641  
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 Serves as a resource for personnel from Indiana rural and small schools and as an advocate for these

schools. Relates state initiatives, best practices, and school reform issues to the abilities (financially and efficient use of available personnel) of small and/or rural schools. Holds annual spring conference.

#### **Indiana State Data Center**

##### **Indiana State Library**

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www/insdc.html](http://www.census.gov/ftp/pub/sdc/www/insdc.html)

Cooperative program that makes census data and other federal statistics available to the public through a network of state agencies, libraries, and universities. Maintains library facilities with an emphasis on Census Bureau reference materials. Provides user training on accessing and using census electronic products.

### **IOWA**

#### **Iowa Cooperative Extension Service**

##### **Iowa State University**

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#### **Iowa Rural Development Council**

##### **Iowa Department of Economic Development**

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state, local, and tribal governments and the nonprofit and for-profit sectors. Sets a statewide agenda of priorities and activities.

#### **Iowa State Data Center**

##### **State Library of Iowa**

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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

#### **Rural Schools of Iowa, Inc.**

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Bondurant, IA 50035  
Stan Jensen, executive director  
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Develops, implements, and coordinates a statewide unified effort for the preservation of quality schools within the state of Iowa.

### **KANSAS**

#### **Kansas Cooperative Extension Service**

##### **Kansas State University**

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#### **Kansas Rural Development Office**

##### **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

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Box 4653

Topeka, KS 66604  
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 wkirk@rdasun2.rurdev.usda.gov

Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

#### **Kansas Rural Development Council**

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#### **Kansas State Data Center**

**State Library**  
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 Topeka, KS 66612  
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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

#### **Schools for Quality Education, Inc.**

**Kansas State University**  
 124 Bluemont Hall  
 Manhattan, KS 66506  
 Barbara Havlicek  
 785-532-5886  
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 http://www2.educ.ksu.edu/Organizations/SQE

Area Served: Rural Communities

Strives to achieve and maintain quality educational opportunities for all children of Kansas and to

give identity, voice, and exposure to education in rural schools. Works diligently to pursue excellence in all aspects of education and to enhance the quality of life unique to rural communities.

#### **Special Education Outcomes Team**

**Kansas State Board of Education**  
 120 E. 10th St.  
 Topeka, KS 66612  
 Carol Dermeyer  
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Provides technical assistance, develops programs, ensures staff development, and conducts compliance monitoring and program evaluation in the rural areas of Kansas.

#### **UFM Community Learning Center**

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 Manhattan, KS 66502  
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 http://www.ksu.edu/ufm

Administers the Community Resource Act program funded by the state of Kansas and provides technical assistance and small grants to start community-based education programs in Kansas. Offers an array of noncredit classes and sponsors special projects such as community gardens, youth mentoring programs, and a lecture series on world affairs.

## **KENTUCKY**

#### **Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence**

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Involves Kentucky parents in the process of improving public schools to enhance academic achievement for all students. Provides parent training in leadership and communications skills, information such as achievement data, and an explanation of



Kentucky's public education system. Publishes a quarterly newsletter.

#### **Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service**

**University of Kentucky**  
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#### **Kentucky Rural Development Office**

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#### **Kentucky State Data Center**

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#### **Louisiana State Census Data Center**

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### Maryland State Data Center

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**Minnesota Rural Development Office**

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**Mississippi Rural Development Office**

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**Montana Rural Development Office**

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Concerned with all aspects of the K-12 public education system in rural Montana. Works toward an educational funding system that is weighted to reflect the increased cost of educating students in rural areas. Ensures that the control and supervision of local districts remain at the local level.

**Montana Rural Education Center**

**Western Montana College**

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Supports rural schools in Montana through ongoing professional development for teachers. Places preservice practicum students and student teachers at rural schools. Plans to expand partnerships between rural schools and the college and to locate and obtain funding to support projects appropriate to the particular needs of rural school systems. Publishes the annual Montana Class "C" Survey.

**Montana State Data Center**

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## NEBRASKA

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Prepares classroom teachers (preschool-12) for rural and small schools. Offers a masters of science degree for classroom teachers in small schools emphasizing technology in instruction.

### Nebraska Center for Rural Education and Small Schools

#### University of Nebraska at Kearney

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### Nebraska Rural Development Office

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Composed of superintendents from the 15 Nevada rural school districts. Meets monthly to address rural education issues in the areas of policy, research, legislation, curriculum, and training.

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**New Hampshire Rural Development Office****U.S. Department of Agriculture**

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Finds links between rural education and rural development in North Carolina. Gives communities a viable way to meet the requirements of school-to-

work and tech prep by preparing young people to recognize and seize economic opportunities (and even create jobs and businesses) in own communities. Provides a means of applying skills and concepts learned in individual classrooms in a "real life" community simulation. Publishes a newsletter.

#### **North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service**

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Provides project management advice, technical assistance services, applied research, and training and education to southwest Ohio's nonmetropolitan, local governments.

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Promotes the development of sustainable communities in Appalachian Ohio. Works to organize, train, network, and support citizens for the revitalization of their own communities.

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Promotes and preserves the rural schools of Oklahoma, and educates the public on the importance of the continued operation of rural schools. Works closely with the legislature during the session and the interim to provide input for rural schools, and provides a full-time legislative consultant during the session. Keeps member districts informed during the legislative session. Holds two annual conferences and publishes monthly newsletter.

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**Oregon Rural Development Office**  
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Sponsors regional workshops for small schools and a week-long Small Schools Summer Institute for K-12 teachers, aides, administrators, and the public. Conducts special interest sessions at conferences of other educational organizations and publishes a quarterly newsletter.

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Bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency advising on rural policy within the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Promotes the vitality of rural and small communities by awarding grants; maintaining information on rural trends; publishing research; and sponsoring local, state, and national forums on rural issues.

### **Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools**

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Provides a credible, collective voice for rural and small school districts in Pennsylvania, focusing on equity in public school funding and policy. Engages in research and networking. Offers workshops for rural and small school superintendents and aspiring superintendents.

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#### **Rhode Island Rural Development Office**

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### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

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#### **South Carolina Association for Rural Education**

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Promotes quality educational opportunities and experiences for all students from rural South Carolina communities which will enable them to live and compete in a global society.

#### **South Carolina Census State Data Center**

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#### **South Carolina Rural Development Office**

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### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

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Brings schools and communities together to promote healthy and sustainable development of South Dakota's rural people, communities, and schools. Supports curricula grounded in the social and environmental place in which the students live, so that student growth works also toward the growth of the community.

#### **South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service**

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#### **South Dakota State Data Center**

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#### **Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service** **University of Tennessee**

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#### **Tennessee Rural Development Office**

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Helps rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics, and fire stations, and build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

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Provides training and technical assistance in accessing and using census data for research, administration, planning, and decision making by the government, business community, university researchers, and other interested data users.

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Aims to revitalize communities and create systemic school reform through policy reform, youth leadership training, and research and publishing. Focuses on community oral histories as a place-based instructional method. Recently partnered with the Kellogg Foundation's Managing Information with Rural America (MIRA) initiative. Publishes the quarterly *Llano Grande Journal*.

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Focuses on issues of importance to rural and small schools of Texas through conferences and research activities.

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Monitors legislative activities and supports legislation to help community schools provide high quality educational programs. Publishes newsletters and conducts conferences to provide news of the latest developments at the State Capitol. Provides full range of insurance programs and conducts annual summer workshops.

### Texas Rural Development Office

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Created by agencies and organizations that play a part in developing rural areas, including federal, state, local, and tribal governments and the nonprofit and for-profit sectors. Sets a statewide agenda of priorities and activities.

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A source of census data, census tract maps, and technical reports. Analyzes causes and implications of population change in Texas and other areas.

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**Partnership for Rural Improvement**

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Consortium of educational institutions, public service agencies, and citizens that acts as a catalyst for community improvement in Washington. Helps communities solve local problems; aids citizens in locating public resources, training, and informational materials; and assists educational institutions and public agencies in providing community and rural development services.

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Research-based service organization for small and rural schools in Washington state. Provides an increasingly important voice at the state level regarding education reform mandates and funding issues. Works in close cooperation with state education associations and legislative bodies on issues affecting rural and small schools throughout the state of Washington. Publishes newsletters and a Web site.

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Statewide organization of parents, educators, and other West Virginians committed to maintaining and improving small community schools. Works to change state education policy through a sustained grassroots movement that helps parents become full partners in the education system and creates a future in which children believe in themselves, value their communities, and receive the best possible public education. Publishes monthly newsletter.

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#### Wyoming Rural Development Office

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**Puerto Rico Rural Development Office**

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