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Bright Spots & Best Practices

El Nido Elementary School District (ENESD), situated in Merced County, embodies the essence of Community School values. Superintendent Paula Heupel and Student Success Coordinator Ismael Muniz graciously hosted CV R-TAC in January 2024, showcasing the school's vibrant partnerships and abundant campus resources. From engaging classrooms to state-of-the-art STEM and music labs, ENESD offers a plethora of opportunities for its students. Mr. Muniz underscored the school's commitment to fostering student engagement.

Notably, ENESD's on-site community center, complete with a kitchen and behavioral health services, reflects its holistic approach to education and support. The district's dedication extends to enhancing infrastructure and sustaining essential services like the food pantry through local contributions and partnerships. Collaborations with entities like UC Merced enrich the educational experience, offering academic and career planning support to students and families alike. ENESD's tireless efforts in nurturing future leaders stand as a testament to its unwavering commitment to excellence and empowerment.

> Here's to ENESD: Growing Visionary Leaders Who Will Shape the Future!



Annual Progress Reporting April 1 Release Date

On February 22, 2024, the S-TAC hosted an optional Community of Transformational Practice (CoTP) session to update grantees regarding modifications to the APR, alongside a preliminary version of the Sustainability Plan and the Whole Child Inventory. Access the slide presentation <u>HERE</u>.

Digital Commons: A Public Forum for Transforming Schools

The S-TAC has released the Digital Commons platform, aimed at hosting resources, tools, and templates to advance the Community Schools strategy and foster collaboration with fellow practitioners across California. Click and bookmark the **Digital Commons** page!

CV R-TAC Events

The CV R-TAC Events document is available for you to plan for upcoming mandatory and optional events. Both Fresno and Kern events are listed and all grantees are welcome to register for either. Access the CV R-TAC Events document <u>HERE</u>.







RESOURCES

CoP Guidebook

The CV R-TAC has created a <u>Community of Practice (CoP)</u> <u>Guidebook</u> for our educational partners involved in implementation of the Community Schools strategy. A HUGE shout out to Mr. Charles Clancy for developing this wonderful guide for grantees.

Community Schools Fundamentals

The Community Schools Fundamentals "one-page" with hyperlinks has been updated for your reference.



Community Schools Resource Network

This **tool** offers a resource directory to connect Community Schools with Community Based Organizations (CBOs). Main Sources: Fresno Cradle 2 Career & CDE CA School Dashboard. Check out the <u>**"How-to-Guide"**</u> video!

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Needs and Asset Assessment (NAA) Webinar

We extend our gratitude to all who attended the January 30, 2024, **Needs and Asset Assessment** (NAA) Webinar hosted by WestED. Over 100 participants engaged in review of some foundational data concepts, actively participated in peer learning breakout sessions, and contributed to fruitful Q&A.

For those who could not attend, you can access the recording of the NAA Webinar and explore related resources using the links below:

NAA Webinar Recording/Resources

NAA Webinar Linktree

CV R-TAC Websites

Check out the CV R-TAC websites for more tools and resources to support the Community School strategy.

<u>FCSS Community Schools</u> KCSOS Community Schools

Peer Learning Opportunities

If your LEA or CS school site is hosting a Community Advisory Committee meeting, a community event, or any other opportunity for peer learning, please reach out to your R-TAC point person, so we can calendar your event and share out with other grantees!

Upcoming Events

California Community Schools EMPOWER Summit 2024

F<u>CSS Community of Practice (CoP)</u> <u>Networking</u>

KCSOS Community of Practice (CoP)

Networking <u>S-TAC Webinars</u>

