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We hope Wheels 2 Work continues as it gave our students such great knowledge about what careers are available in our community as well as the education it takes to qualify for positions. Not all college bound education was required, and for some students that is the motivation they need to set goals for their future.

- Angie Hoss, HS Math Teacher,
Cheraw School District



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Upcoming Events

11/16/21, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

**The Importance of Mindfulness
SEL Forum**

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11/29/21, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

**Colorado Statewide Principal
Professional Learning
Community (PLC)**

[REGISTER](#)

12/2/21 - 12/4/21

**Colorado Association of School
Boards Annual Convention**

Catch GSN's Kirk Banghart and East Otero School District Superintendent, Rick Lovato, presenting on "The Impacts of Integrating Work-based Learning Into Your School & Community".



Wheels to Work Event a Success in Santa Fe Trail BOCES

Students across the Santa Fe Trail BOCES gathered to participate in a Wheels 2 Work College and Career Readiness event. Middle school students had the opportunity to learn about careers in their community in which vehicles are central to operation. Students spoke with businesses, organizations, and agencies while observing their vehicles which ranged from city and utility vehicles to farm and ranch and health care.

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12/14/21, 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Self-Care For Teachers SEL Forum

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1/21/22 - 1/22/22
Courage to Risk Collaborative Conference

Catch GSN's Wendy Loloff Cooper and Donna Trujillo presenting on "SPED Needs and Juvenile Justice".

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Good News!

EASI Grant Opportunities

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is now accepting applications to distribute *extensive funding* to high need districts and schools across the state based on its federally approved Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan. According to CDE's school designations for the 2021 - 2022 school year, which also apply for the 2022-2023 school year, your school or district could qualify for one of these funding pathways. CDE offers a number of different grant options, through a grant application called EASI, to schools included on this list,

and your eligibility for these funding opportunities could lead to significant new resources for your students, teachers, and administrators. Schools with the following designations qualify:

- Comprehensive Support (CS) for lowest 5% OR low graduation
- Targeted Support (specific student group(s) identified for intervention)
- Additional Targeted Support (specific student group(s) identified for intervention which would also qualify in the lowest 5%)
- Priority Improvement or Turnaround Rating on SPF



GSN's grants team has significant experience writing and implementing these grants, and would be happy to assist you with considering the EASI grant processes. GSN is an approved provider of EASI services. Reach out to [Kym Myers](#) by **November 11th** to explore your options.

Ascendium Education Group Awards Grant for Raising Rural Grand Challenge Framework Development



[The Ascendium Education Group](#) announced a grant to Generation Schools Network and the [National Rural Education Association](#) to develop a Grand Challenge framework and process to decrease the urban and rural gap between postsecondary credential attainment and workforce entry. GSN and the NREA will work together to engage a small set of national and state rural researchers, policy makers, postsecondary providers, K-12 educators, and community/business partners in the design of a Raising Rural Grand Challenge framework and process that can be rolled out across NREA state affiliates over the next five years, starting with Colorado. Ascendium is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to helping people reach the education and career goals that matter to them. Ascendium invests in initiatives designed to increase the number of students from low-income backgrounds who complete postsecondary degrees, certificates and workforce training programs, with an emphasis on first-generation students, incarcerated adults, rural community members, students of color, and veterans.

GSN Staff Selected to Colorado Bullying Prevention Stakeholder Committee

Recently, GSN's Donna Trujillo, Vice President of Tiered Services & Special Populations, was appointed to the Stakeholder Committee that will update the Colorado Bullying Prevention Best Practices and Model Policy. Her expertise and experience will help support students, families, and educators in reducing incidences of bullying. To learn more about the committee, click [here](#).



New Social Emotional Learning Units Available in Our [Online Store!](#)

Get your **FREE** downloads for the 2021-2022 school year.

MS Growth Mindset

As they engage in this unit, students will learn about the difference between **fixed and growth mindsets**, differentiate between **learning goals and performance goals**, understand the role of **growth mindset** in overcoming failure and adversity, and have the opportunity to engage in **productive struggle**. For their final project, they will write an essay sharing a personal story related to **growth mindset**.

MS Physical Activity

The goal of this unit is to empower students with the information and skills they need to make healthy choices for themselves in the area of physical activity. Students will explore health data and set goals for making healthy choices.

HS Starting Strong

The goals of this unit are to help students start strong socially and academically, and to build a positive school culture. The activities in this lesson will encourage students to get to know one another and to create a safe and supportive environment in your Advocacy classrooms. Students will



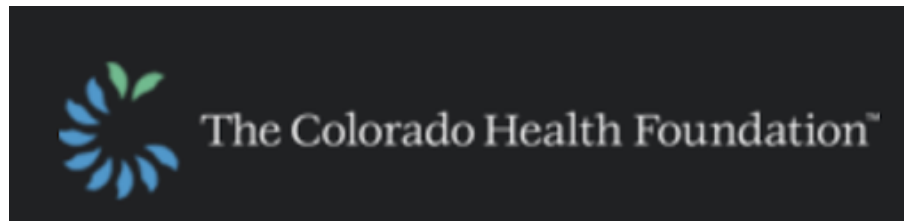
Each of these units is now available with student-facing materials in Spanish!

If you'd like to learn more about implementing Social Emotional Learning in your school or district, contact [Ellen Sarkisian](#), Senior Project Manager.

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start the school year off with academic organization and planning tools, then build a positive classroom and school-wide culture through creation of community agreements and understanding the purpose of Advocacy.

Colorado Health Foundation Awards Grant



The Colorado Health Foundation awarded a grant in support of GSN's efforts to bring equity to students throughout Colorado by expanding youth resilience and equity programming in support of social/emotional and mental health. Specially, this support allows GSN to impact a projected 12,500 students by:

- providing Social Emotional Learning programming across 31 schools and districts state-wide,
- increasing local district and staff capacity around SEL through professional development, coaching, a statewide SEL forum and data cycles,
- developing a "Considering Equity" Professional Development offering for leadership teams and a series for school-based teams to increase understanding of equity and race related to Mindset, Structures, Practices, and Policies in schools.

GSN has a robust SEL program, [Advocacy](#), and this new support will build upon those offerings ([including these free resources](#)) to help support students and teachers throughout the state. [The Colorado Health Foundation](#) is bringing health within reach for all Coloradans by engaging closely with communities across the state, through investing, policy, advocacy, learning, and capacity building. To learn more about GSN's SEL efforts, contact [Ellen Sarkisian](#), Senior Project Manager and SEL Project Lead.

GSN Staff Spotlight

Learn more about the staff members making a difference at the local level. Meet Elliot Zettas, GSN's Senior Manager of College & Career Readiness!


ELLIOT ZETTAS

Position: Senior Manager of College & Career Readiness

Work: Identifying strategies and techniques to grow College and Career Readiness initiatives across Colorado.

Favorite subject in school: P.E.

Fun Fact: Elliot grew up in Colorado



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Interested in joining our team? GSN is Hiring!

Events, Production, and Communications Associate

This position directly supports initiatives to: 1) provide high quality, engaging events (virtually or in-person) for local, state, national, and international educators, partners, and career-connected learning representatives, 2) produce new offerings in Social Emotional Learning, College & Career Readiness, and for the CO Rural Education Collaborative, 3) ensure students have access to opportunities to increase their social capital through connecting with professionals in high growth jobs through College and Career Readiness (CCR) events, and 4) Assist in communications efforts for GSN and the Colorado Rural Education Collaborative (CREC) through managing social media posts and producing podcasts. See the full job description [here](#) and apply today!

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Vision - *All schools are vibrant, inclusive ecosystems that ensure every student thrives in school, work and life.*

Mission - *GSN co-creates healthy school ecosystems by partnering with educators, students, families and communities to elevate the education experience.*