



SYMPOSIUM BREAKOUT SESSION  
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# From Chaos to Sustained Innovation – Leveraging Partnerships to Rethink Barriers and Enable New Learning, Relevance, and Engagement

## PRESENTERS:

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# Introductions

One word introduction...

In the chat, please share your name, organization, and one word you would use to describe your personal purpose for joining this session

# Objectives for our time

- Explore multiple approaches to leveraging partnership to ignite new learning experiences, including virtual tutoring, community mobilization, and state innovation grants
- Learn about structural, policy, financial, and practice enablers and barriers to engaging in and sustaining open system partnership beyond COVID response & through recovery
- Rethink roles of students, parents, out of school time organizations, and other community, workforce, and higher education partners to these ends

CEI is a state intermediary that acts as a statewide convener, innovation thought leader, and implementation expert

We believe all high performing systems must attend to the work across all of these Design Commitments

Whether we work in a small rural school or a large metro district, we believe these commitments are essential



# Agenda

Breakthrough Regional Partnership Models in Rural Colorado

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Breakout A: East Central Via RISE

Breakout B: Southwest Education Collaborative

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Closing Discussion

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# Rural Regional Partnership Models

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Homegrown Talent Initiative with eight rural school districts

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Career Pathways with four rural school districts through Governor's Response, Innovation, and Student Equity (RISE) Fund

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Career and Technical Education with five rural school districts



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# Sustaining Innovation

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How can institutions or organizations provide “backbone” support for local efforts?

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What is the role of federal and state dollars to continue stimulating innovation?

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How can practitioners and policymakers enable more of these breakthrough changes?



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Collaboration between 5 school districts, 2 higher education institutions, and industry leaders

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Sharing of resources through MLLs and work based learning opportunities

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Focus on specific career pathways with a build out of all components for ease of future employment

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# RISE East Central VIA

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Building on lessons learned during  
'20-'21

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Developing partnerships with business

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Finding common ground, common  
lexicon, common operational space



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# Breakout Room Selection

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## Please choose your breakout room:

**A:** RISE East Central Via

**B:** Southwest Education Collaborative

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Thank you!

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[coloradoedinitiative.org](http://coloradoedinitiative.org)

[coloradosucceeds.org](http://coloradosucceeds.org)

[fortlewis.edu](http://fortlewis.edu)

[homegrowntalentco.org](http://homegrowntalentco.org)

[swcoedcollaborative.org](http://swcoedcollaborative.org)

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