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Good News!

Ready to help with EASI!

Generation Schools Network- Empo...



Did you know Generation Schools Network (GSN) has supported 25 districts and 43 schools with EASI grants since 2017? All that to say, we are ready to apply those years of expertise to support you in writing and executing programs with EASI grants this year! Watch this [five-minute video](#) to learn about our approach to EASI, which includes coming alongside schools and districts to help them improve student outcomes, community engagement, and teacher and leader capacity across the four domains. We are also one of *very few* providers approved by CDE across all EASI categories, so if you don't know where to start,

Upcoming Events

Upcoming SEL Forum

Topic: Mindful Movement for Youth

Date: December 6, 2022; 4:00-5:30 PM

Mindful movement increases body awareness and self-regulation for students (and grown-ups!). Come to this interactive workshop to learn mindful movement techniques you can bring to your classroom. Be ready to move!

[REGISTER](#)

Arizona Department of Education 2023 ESSA Conference

Dates: January 25-27, 2023

Tucson, Arizona

Join GSN staff as they present on

- Student Agency Strategies to Support Academic Rigor and Future Focus

we can help you determine the best path forward.

Please contact [Nate Levin-Aspenson](#) or the [GSN staff member](#) you work with most frequently for more information.

- DEIA for School Leaders: Tools to Get Your Team on Board
- Creating High-Functioning Teams through School Turnaround Efforts
- Explore Learning Blade! A FREE STEM/CS Resource for AZ Students in Grades 5-9!

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GSN Launches Work with New Partner, The Arizona Student Opportunity Collaborative!

We are honored to announce that we are supporting the work of the [Arizona Student Opportunity Collaborative \(AzSOC\)](#) in expanding their services to include Student Self-Advocacy courses. AzSOC, whose mission is to *provide every student in Arizona access to every course needed for successful university matriculation and career entry*, will be adding courses for middle and high school students on developing a growth mindset and building healthy relationships. Additionally, the GSN team will be training AzSOC teachers in how to support skill development in their virtual and in-person classrooms. *To learn more about this work or how to embed Student Agency skills into your classroom, contact [Katie Peyton](#).*



GSN Presents on Key Issues at Various Conferences!



GSN staff, including Larry Martinez and Kirk Banghart, have been supporting district and school leaders across the country in building their Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) capacity. They recently presented at the:

- Education Summit for the Association of Latino Administrators & Superintendents in San Juan, Puerto Rico,
- National Forum to Advance Rural Education in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and at
- Arizona Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents Conference in Maricopa, Arizona.

If you would like the opportunity to be better equipped to guide DEIA conversations and efforts in your school or district, let us know by contacting [Kirk Banghart](#).

Welcoming New Staff!



Audrey Gutierrez - CCR Network Manager

GSN welcomes Audrey as the new College & Career Readiness Network Manager. She has a passion for education and prior to joining GSN, she worked for 7 years in schools and nonprofits in the Denver Metro area. She taught as a 4th/5th-grade literacy teacher in Denver Public Schools as well as an elementary and middle school literacy interventionist in Aurora Public Schools. At GSN, her work in CCR will be focused on facilitating the [Front Range Equity Network](#) and development of Oral Health Career Pathways throughout the state. Audrey holds a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Oregon and an M.A. in Literacy from the University of Northern Colorado. She also has an interest in project management and has expanded upon those skills by completing a Google Project Management Certificate.



Ernie Vela - Senior Education Specialist

Ernie has been in education for over 20 years and has served in roles including teacher, counselor, district testing administrator, student advocate, and mentor. He serves as Senior Education Specialist at GSN, where his work focuses on implementation of the School Counselor Corps grants. His counseling expertise includes certificates in New Mexico, Colorado, and Texas. While he served students in the Jicarilla Apache Leadership Corp as both counselor and mentor, he provided lessons in decision-making, self-awareness, coping, and self-management skills. Ernie also served as an Army officer for 20 years, including tours in the Balkans, Southwest Asia, and South America. Ernie is a graduate of West Texas A&M where he earned a BA in Speech Communications and a MA in School Counseling. He completed his Vocational Certificate from Wayland Baptist University and his New Mexico Administrative Certificate from Eastern New Mexico University.

Billy Wallace - Director of Accounting and Operations

Billy joins the GSN team after 7 years working at a startup charter middle school in Denver Public Schools. In his role as the Director of Operations at the school, Billy developed strong skills in finance, accounting, human resources, technology infrastructure, and facilities management skills that he is excited to bring to GSN in his new role as Director of Accounting and Operations. Billy found his love for education and serving underserved communities through his work as a



City Year AmeriCorps member. He graduated from the University of Denver in 2015 with a BA in International Studies and minors in Leadership, Spanish, and Sociology.

GSN is hiring!

Want to join our team? Or do you know of great candidates that should be on our radar?
Please share our openings with your networks, too!

- Senior Education Specialist

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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.*