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Good News!



GSN Staff Present to Record Audience at the Arizona School Counselors Association Annual Conference!

GSN's Donna Trujillo and Larry Martinez recently took part in the Arizona School Counselors Association Annual Conference in Scottsdale! They presented on the crucial topic of *Differentiated Instructional Strategies for Trauma* and had a full house of educators in attendance to hear them speak! If you would like to learn more about how your school can

Upcoming Events

3/1/22-3/2/22

Colorado League of Charter Schools Annual Conference

Catch GSN's Donna Trujillo presenting on "Personalizing Learning and Support for Special Populations"

[REGISTER](#)

3/22/2021 4:00-5:30MT

Trauma Informed Teaching: Restorative Practices SEL Forum

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4/5/2021 4:00-5:30MT

Classroom Management Part I: How SEL Can Help SEL Forum

benefit students in special populations, contact [Donna Trujillo](#).

Over 100 Students Attend College and Career Awareness Fair at UNC Urban Center!



Students whose schools are part of the Front Range Equity Network (FREN) toured the UNC Urban Center and Community College of Aurora campus at GSN’s College and Career Awareness Fair! They learned about education and career options in dental hygiene, film, teaching, automotive, health and emergency services. Students heard from guest speakers from UC Health, UNC Urban Center, and Colorado Community Health Network!

Congratulations to Schools and Districts supporting their most vulnerable students through recent CDE grant awards!

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5/17/2021 4:00-5:30MT
Classroom Management Part II:
Executive Function SEL Forum

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CDE Bullying Prevention & Education Grants:

- Hanover School District
- HOPE Online Learning Academy
- South Central BOCES (Aguilar, Huerfano, Manzanola & Trinidad)
- Valley RE-1



Schools and districts that have implemented this grant have seen a decrease in bullying incidents by 15%, as well as a decrease in discipline referrals across all areas. Schools have had the opportunity to implement new bullying prevention strategies through the implementation of the curriculums and professional development provided by GSN coaches. New innovative programs have emerged including a Wrap Room, which allows students to meet daily with an adult and with other peers to participate in conflict resolution and reflection. Parent involvement has also increased at the schools due to the monthly bullying prevention committee that encompasses parents, community, staff, and students. This forum allows for decisions to be shared and bullying policies to be reviewed and updated.

CDE Expelled & At-risk Student Services:

- Academy of Las Animas Online
- Mancos School District
- Trinidad Middle School
- Valley RE-1

Schools and districts have seen strong results with this programming that places Advocates as case managers, including 63% of parents increasing their ability to support their student in finding educational success, 68% of students increasing their attendance, and a 78% overall increase in SEL skills for the participating student population.

For more information on achieving success with these grants, contact [Olivia Bachicha](#) or [Anna Hogberg](#). To learn more, visit our [Health and Wellness page!](#)

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

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

MS Starting Strong

This unit is designed to help establish a solid foundation for social and academic success and can also be used to re-calibrate toward a positive classroom or school culture. The activities in this unit encourage students to get to know one another and to create a safe and supportive environment for one another. They will also learn to contribute toward a positive classroom and school-wide culture through the creation of community agreements and understanding the purpose and value of time for Social Emotional Learning.



This unit is now available with student-facing materials in Spanish!

Welcoming New Staff



Teresa Atencio - Accounting and Operations Manager

Teresa is new to GSN and is amazed at what this organization has done and continues to do for schools all over the United States. She has over 20 years of experience in Accounting and Office Management at companies such as Crane Repair and Noble Truss. Teresa is looking forward to assisting the amazing GSN team and learning from all of them as well. In her new role as Accounting and



Sierra Murdoch - Events, Production, and Communications Associate

Sierra has joined the GSN team as an Events, Production, and Communications Associate and takes on a variety of projects within these roles. Throughout the events role Sierra takes on tasks to ensure publicity and final success of both virtual and in-person events. She develops strategic social media and communications plans that align with events and new

Operations Manager, she will impact many aspects of the organization, including: Accounting and Finance support, HR Support, Administrative and general office support, as well as assisting with the Empowering Minds SEL program.

products that GSN has designed. She takes responsibility for editing and ensuring quality broadcasts from the Redefining Rural Podcast. Previously, she worked as an elementary school teacher for four years in a variety of settings (including teaching English abroad in Thailand), utilizing her undergrad degree in Elementary Education from Arizona State University. From there, Sierra received a Masters in Arts and Cultural Management with Colorado State University Online to focus on communications. She took on a variety of internships including a Public Relations and Events role with Denver Rescue Mission. Sierra's extensive background in education and her new found enjoyment of the communications world allow her to be a passionate and driven addition to the GSN team.

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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.*