Rural Charter Schools: Building Bridges
About the National Charter School Resource Center

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- Funded through the U.S. Department of Education
- Makes accessible high-quality resources to support the charter school sector
- Recent NCSRC publication Harvesting Success: Charter Schools in Rural Communities
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Agenda (1)

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Presenter Background and School Introductions
  - Moderated Discussion: Success Stories and Lessons Learned
  - Q&A
Presenters

Michael Hayes
Mountain Village
Montessori Charter

Sue and Jim Smith
Upper Carmen Charter School

Terry Ryan
Idaho Charter School Network

Jim Griffin
National Charter School Resource Center

Meera Rupp
Bend International School
Agenda (2)

✓ Welcome and Introductions

> Presenter Background and School Introductions

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Rural charter schools have been an important part in the charter school experience dating back to the mid 90’s.

Charter school efforts in rural communities are likely to increase.

Thus, it is important to capture the experiences and lessons learned from years of rural charter school experience to date.
Michael Hayes – Mountain Village Montessori Charter

➤ Date Founded: 2016
➤ Community Served: Steamboat Springs, Colorado
➤ Enrollment
Meera Rupp – Bend International School

- Date Founded: 2015
- Location: Bend, Oregon
- Enrollment: K-8/ low-economic population
- Focus/History: 2nd year charter school/only charter school in District
Sue and Jim Smith - Upper Carmen Public Charter School

- Date Founded: 2005
- Location: Carmen, Idaho
- Enrollment: K-12
- Focus/History: To develop each student to their greatest potential; academically, socially and emotionally.
Rural Charter School Experience

“Besides a lack of suitable facilities, they (rural charter schools) have smaller budgets and fewer support services than urban charters; a smaller pool of students, teachers, and administrators to draw from; and, often, particularly tense relationships with their local school districts as they compete for limited resources and relatively few students.”

- 2014 Education Week
Agenda (3)

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## Success Stories

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▷ Q&A
Questions & Answers

Please submit any questions in the Q&A box
Thank You
NCSRC Resources (1 of 3)

Webinars

- General Webinar: Exploring the Role of the SEA in Promoting Local District Charter Collaboration
- General Webinar: I Just Joined a Charter School Board…Now What?
- General Webinar: Rural Charter Schools – Building Bridges
- General Webinar: Using Data to Create Positive School Climates and Discipline Practices in Charter Schools
- General Webinar: Charter Schools and Food Services: Options, Planning, and Decision-Making
- General Webinar: Supporting Students with Disabilities
- General Webinar: Serving English Language Learners and Families
- SEA Webinar: The Role of States and Charter School Authorizers in Overseeing Student Discipline in Charter Schools
- SEA Webinar: Overview of CSP’s Recently Released Dear Colleague Letter and of the NCSRC
- SEA Webinar: Use of Funds
- SEA Webinar: Annual Independent Audits
- SEA Webinar: Early Childhood Learning in Charter Schools
- SEA Webinar: Data Management Tools for Risk Based Monitoring
- SEA Webinar: Weighted Lotteries
- SEA Webinar: Charter School Closure
- SEA Webinar: Measuring Authorizer Quality
- SEA Webinar: Financial Management and Fiscal Controls
- Credit Enhancement Webinar: Evaluating Charter School Performance
- Credit Enhancement Webinar: Evaluating Charter School Performance During the Transition to Common Core
- Credit Enhancement Webinar: Recent Developments in CSP Guidance
- Credit Enhancement Webinar: Authorizer Collaboration
NCSRC Resources (2 of 3)

White Papers and Reports

- Authorizer Evaluation Summary: An Analysis of Evaluations of Authorizer Quality
- Student Achievement in Charter Schools: What the Research Shows
- An Analysis of the Charter School Facility Landscape
- Finding Space: Charters in District Facilities
- Charter Schools and Military Communities: A Toolkit
- Legal Guidelines for Educating English Learners in Charter Schools
- Engaging English Learner Families in Charter Schools

Case Studies

- AppleTree (Early Learning)
- DC Public Charter School Board (Authorizer)
- Camino Nuevo’s Kayne Siart Campus
- Indianapolis Mayor’s Office (Authorizer)
- Cornerstone Prep (Turnaround)
- Yes Prep/Houston (District-Charter Collaboration)
- Two Rivers Public Charter School (SWD)
- Folk Arts Cultural Treasures Charter School (EL)
- Alma del Mar (EL)
- El Sol (EL)
- Brooke Roslindale Charter (SWD)

Discipline

- Student Discipline and School Climate in Charter Schools
- Charter School Discipline: Examples of Policies and School Climate Efforts from the Field
- Discipline Resource page on NCSRC website: https://www.charterschoolcenter.org/category/focus-areas/discipline
NCSRC Resources (3 of 3)

CSO Master Classes

- Communications
- School Leadership Development
- New School Development
- Emerging Legal Issues
- Federal Funding Opportunities
- Closing Low-Performing Public Charter Schools - State Level Strategies
- Parent & School Engagement for CSOs
- Board Development and Governance

Newsletters

- Discipline Resources
- Rural Charter Schools Report
- Aldine ISD and YES Prep District-Charter Collaboration Case Study
- Student Achievement in Charter Schools: What the Research Shows
- Serving English Language Learners and Families
- Charter Schools Serving Military Families
- English Learners in Charter Schools: Key Opportunities for Engagement and Integration
- Finding Space: Analyzing Charter School Facilities
Links to Additional Resources

- The National Charter School Research Center
  www.charterschoolcenter.org

- Mountain Village Montessori Charter School
  http://www.mvmcs.org/

- Bend International School
  http://bendinternationalschool.org/

- Upper Carmen Public Charter School
  http://www.uppercarmencharter.com/index.html

- Idaho Charter School Network
  http://idahocsn.org/
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