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Rural Charter Schools: Building Bridges



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About the National Charter School Resource Center

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the National Charter School Resource Center. At the top left is the logo with the text 'NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL RESOURCE CENTER AT SAFAL PARTNERS'. To the right is a search bar and social media icons for YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook. Below this is a teal navigation bar with menu items: FOCUS AREAS, AUDIENCE, PUBLICATIONS, VIDEOS, FUNDING, EVENTS, and FAQs. On the right side of this bar are links for LOGIN, CMO, CSO, and SEA. Below the navigation bar is a search prompt: 'What would you like to know about Charter Schools?' followed by a dropdown menu labeled 'Select Your Topic' and a yellow 'BEGIN YOUR SEARCH' button. The main content area features a large image of diverse children with a semi-transparent overlay. The overlay contains the text: 'Report: Charter School Discipline: Examples of Policies and School Climate Efforts from the Field' and a button that says 'Click here to access this report' with a right-pointing arrow. Below the image are three circular icons in teal: a house with a question mark, a folder with a checklist, and a briefcase with a checklist. Under each icon is a heading and a short paragraph of text.

What Are Charter Schools?
Charter schools are in 42 states, nearly 25 years old, and over 7% of k-12 students in the US are enrolled in one. Here is an explanation of this important trend

State Resources for Charters
Need help finding information about charter schools in your state? Click above for a map that will guide you to resources and contact information for each state

Most Popular Charter Resources
Click above for a list of our top resources. These resources include everything from reports on special education to documentaries on successful charters

- 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](#)

Webinar Logistics

- Use the chat feature for technical questions and assistance.
- Use the Q&A box to ask questions or provide input on the webinar content.
- Questions will be answered during Q&A following each presenter.
- The webinar recording will be available on the NCSRC website by January 24, 2017.
- We will ask you to fill out a survey after the webinar concludes.

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)

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Terry Ryan – Idaho Charter School Network

- 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

	Michael Hayes Mountain Village	Meera Rupp Bend International	Sue and Jim Smith Upper Carmen
Date Founded	2016	2015	2005
Location	Steamboat Springs, CO	Bend, OR	Carmen, ID
Enrollment		K - 8; low-economic population	K - 12



Lessons Learnt

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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](#)

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White Papers and Reports

- [Authorizer Evaluation Summary: An Analysis of Evaluations of Authorizer Quality](#)
- [District-Charter Collaboration: A User's Guide](#)
- [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](#)

Discipline

- [Student Discipline and School Climate in Charter Schools](#)
- [Charter School Discipline: Examples of Policies and School Climate Efforts from the Field](#)
- [Charter School Discipline Toolkit: A Toolkit for Charter School Leaders](#)
- [Discipline Resource page on NCSRC website:
<https://www.charterschoolcenter.org/category/focus-areas/discipline>](#)

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 \(SWD\)](#)

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CSO Master Classes

- [Communications](#)
- [School Leadership Development](#)
- [New School Development](#)
- [Emerging Legal Issues](#)
- [Federal Funding Opportunities](#)
- [Legal Issues Impacting the Public Charter Sector Webinar: Student Discipline – Policy & Practices in Public Charter Schools](#)
- [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](#)
- [District-Charter Collaboration: A User's Guide](#)
- [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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