

Rural Community Schools Community of Practice

This year, the Central/Western CS TAC is hosting a **virtual Rural Community Schools Community of Practice**. The four-part series will focus on the strengths and challenges of rural community schools, and will include opportunities for participants to connect with other schools and community partners.

Rural communities are resilient, innovative, and adaptable. They benefit from high social capital, with close-knit communities and multigenerational families working together to support students and families. Community schools can help leverage these strengths to overcome barriers unique to rural communities, such as lack of transportation and limited health, mental health, and familial resources.

All sessions will include content from rural community school professionals, including presentations and panel discussions, along with Q&A and networking opportunities. We encourage schools and partners from across the state to join us as we explore the important role of rural community schools and network with colleagues who are supporting these communities.



Session 3: Mental Health in Rural Communities **Wednesday, March 6th (9:30 - 11:30 am via Zoom)**

*Featured Speakers: Luann Kida and Luciana Rubicondo, Binghamton University
Community Schools

[Register here!](#)

Session 4: Networking and Collaboration **Wednesday, May 1 (9:30 - 11:30 am via Zoom)**

*Featured Speaker: Ali Wittenberg, Change Impact

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