# **Differentiated Systems of Support for Rural Agencies Community of Practice**

# **Learning Cycle 6 - Webinar Recording**

### April Learning Cycle 6 Learning Session: Differentiating Rural School Improvement Technical Assistance – Network Collaboratives

**When:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018, from 3:00PM to 4:30PM EST

**Description:** Session Topics include:

* + An introduction to Rural Network Collaboratives
	+ The Northwest Rural Innovation and Student Engagement Network
	+ The Eastern Shore of Maryland Educational Consortium

**Speakers:**

* + Dr. Paul Hopkins, The Network CoP Facilitator
	+ Dr. Brad Mitchell, The Network Subject Matter Expert
	+ Danette Parsley, Chief Program Officer, Education Northwest
	+ Dr. Jon M. Andes, Executive Director, ESMEC

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**Description:**

An Introduction to Rural Network Collaboratives: What defines and distinguishes effective network collaboratives? How are rural network collaboratives unique? Now that we have explored and shared some promising practices to support a rural school improvement strategy, we would like to investigate how rural network collaboratives can serve as an invaluable vehicle to leverage resources and expand and realize educational opportunities in rural communities and school systems. Dr. Mitchell will share promising practices from research in this area and lessons learned from the development of rural network collaboratives across the nation. Participants will be encouraged to share their thoughts and experiences regarding network collaboratives.

The Northwest Rural Innovation and Student Engagement Network: What if educators in small, rural schools were able to connect and collaborate with colleagues who teach the same subjects and struggle with the same challenges? What if students in small, rural schools felt connected to their communities and engaged with their learning? The Northwest Rural Innovation and Student Engagement (NW RISE) Network aims to answer those questions. The network convenes teachers and leaders from some of the Northwest’s most isolated and remote communities to learn from each other, share strategies to meet their unique challenges, and spread best practices of the region’s rural schools. State and local leaders will add to this discussion by asking questions and sharing information about their experiences.

The Eastern Shore of Maryland Educational Consortium: The Eastern Shore of Maryland Educational Consortium (ESMEC) was established primarily to advise member school systems about projects, programs, or services that would enable all Eastern Shore students to develop socially, culturally, economically, and, most importantly, educationally. Dr. Andes will share information about how and why this collaborative was formed, lessons learned, and offer guidance to CoP members interested in launching a rural collaborative. State and local leaders will add to this discussion by asking questions and, if applicable, information about similar programs in their area.