



Fostering Innovation: Colorado Partnerships with Universities

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Learning Targets

- Strengthen collaboration with universities and colleges to enhance educator capacity and outreach especially in rural areas.
- Integrate joint professional development and leverage university expertise to enhance program evaluation, assessment, and continuous improvement.
- Unite higher education, regions, districts, schools and community partners, and Colorado Department of Education offices to create a responsive, innovative infrastructure that transforms educational outcomes across Colorado.

Partnership with Denver University Doctorate School Psychology Students at Morgridge College of Education

- Bullying Prevention
- Absenteeism
- Office of Special Education Programs projects
- Collaborative analysis of Multi-tiered System Supports and social emotional learning efforts across states
- Special education data reviews on least restrictive environment, discipline and academic outcomes across Colorado regions
- Attendance



2025 Example: In Their Words: Coordinator Views on Chronic Absenteeism and Policy Gaps

Center for Assessment, Design, Research and Evaluation at the Colorado University Boulder School of Education

- External evaluator and working on initiatives and our State Personnel Development Grant Program
- SPDG annual performance report
- Findings from Interviews with Colorado Multitiered Systems of Support Coordinators
- Findings from Interviews with Response to Intervention Interviews
- School Fidelity Tool



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Findings from Interviews with Colorado Multitiered Systems of Support (COMTSS) Coordinators

Catalina Henriquez and Elena Diaz-Bilello

A report prepared by the Center for Assessment, Design, Research and Evaluation (CADRE) at the CU Boulder School of Education.



Adams State University Partnership



Family, School, and Community Partnerships



Rural Colorado Multi-Tiered System of Supports Summit

- [Rural COMTSS Summit Flyer](#)



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RURAL COLORADO MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS SUMMIT

Seize this opportunity to build on the work you're already doing—shape what's next, create lasting change, and help drive meaningful progress that uplifts our rural communities. Dive into engaging workshops and interactive skill-building sessions led by district, regional, community, and state partners.

Explore key topics including:

- Leadership Strategies for Rural Success
- Fostering Positive School Culture and Climate
- Building Strong Family, School, and Community Partnerships Across the Tiers of Support
- Delivering High-Quality Instruction Across a Layered Continuum of Support

When:

- July 31st, 2025, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
- August 1st, 2025, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Where:
Adams State University, McDaniel Hall
Alamosa, Colorado

Continuing Education Credit and Graduate Credit Offered Lunch Provided!

Partnership in Action

The San Luis Valley Colorado Multi-Tiered System of Supports Leadership Team Delivers High-Quality Professional Development to Build Capacity for Student Success



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