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TAKE 5 BRIGHT SPOTS & PROMISING PRACTICES

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A monthly spotlight of *promising practices* happening at county offices of education throughout the state, rotating the five that are featured and the focus areas covered. You can view past *bright spots* by clicking the link at the bottom of this page.



Focus: Early Literacy, Digital Divide, Rural Education

In **Colusa County**, 34% of their nearly 22,000 residents are illiterate, and 62.4% of the rural student population primarily speak Spanish in the home. To help combat the illiteracy rate, an early learning platform was purchased by Colusa County Office of Education for all residents to use free of charge and provides its users with age-appropriate eBooks, literacy games, and writing activities, in both English and Spanish. **Since the implementation, 4-year-olds have displayed a 75% increase in vocabulary development.** To support these efforts, they have also launched an Early Literacy Certification for community members where participants will create and implement an Early Literacy Plan comprised of 6 components of literacy and 5 areas of reading at their sites.

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Focus: Student Leadership, School Governance

The **Santa Cruz County** Office of Education is gearing up for the return of their School Board Academy for Students this summer. This 4-week program is designed for students who serve as

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student trustees, will soon serve as student trustees, or simply **want to learn more about school governance and student advocacy** while building valuable leadership skills. The academy is open to all Santa Cruz County students in grades 7-11. Topics covered include understanding the school board, the Brown Act, Robert's Rules of Order/Procedure, ethics, public speaking and district budgets.



Focus: Mental Health & Wellness

Stanislaus County Office of Education believes it is pivotal at this time to focus on the mental wellness of children and adults. Even before the pandemic, students were in the middle of the biggest mental health crisis in history. In 2019, the Stanislaus County Office of Education began a partnership with Seity Health to build a foundation of support that works with a school's existing tools and processes. The evidence-based platform gives leaders the insights they need and the actions to help students, teachers, and faculty. **The Lifeguard Initiative** incorporates whole health resiliency training geared to staff and student wellness.

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Focus: Juvenile Court Schools, Parent and Community Engagement

San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, in partnership with their county Probation, created a helpful video for parents of juvenile court school students to better understand how these programs work once their child is detained. The video follows a student through the process, following an arrest and booking, and shows how **the county office of education is an integral part of their detention, as the provider of their education**. As typical in this setting, a variety of courses that fulfill A-G and graduation requirements, as well as career technical education offerings are provided for every student to help them

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stay on top of their credits, and prepare them to be college and career ready upon their exit from the school.



Focus: Multilingual Learners, Social Emotional Learning

Los Angeles County is one of the most linguistically and culturally diverse regions in the country, and this diversity is reflected in their public schools. At the same time, this student group has been historically marginalized in our education system and needs additional support in the classroom, school and community in order to thrive. “Community, Culture, Voice: Supporting Social Emotional learning for Multilingual Learners in Los Angeles County” is the latest research report from the Greater LA Education Foundation, the Los Angeles County Office of Education, and Education First that examines the research, systems, and practices that support education leaders in LA County to **better understand, design, and implement effective approaches to social and emotional learning for multilingual learners.**

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