



# Four Corners Regional Education Cooperative #1

*Aztec Municipal Schools – Bloomfield Public Schools—Central Consolidated Schools—Farmington Municipal Schools—Gallup-McKinley County Schools—Zuni Public Schools—San Juan College*

## **Four Corners Regional Education Cooperative #1 Activity Report: School Year 2021–2022 9/22/2022**

Four Corners Regional Education Cooperative #1 (REC-1) experienced strong growth in programs, capacity, and services to our member districts and statewide during SY 21-22. We are a newly opened REC and have been steadily building our ability to assist the entire education system to foster the conditions necessary for student success. Below are highlights of our activities during the prior school year.

### **A. PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

#### **Comprehensive Navajo Dual-Language Development (CNDL)**

REC-1 completed “phase 1” of this Kellogg Foundation-funded project, with the development of a framework for Navajo language instruction, plans and requirements to expand career-technical education opportunities that align with both student interests and industry needs, and assessments of existing Pre-K programs leading to a plan for program enhancement. REC-1 is now using expansion funding to begin implementation of the early childhood and Navajo language components. Info: <http://www.nmrec1.org/dual-language/>

#### **Computer Science for Middle School (CS4MS)**

REC-1 was awarded a grant by the NM PED to support the development of after school computer science clubs at middle schools. Middle schools from Farmington and Zuni participated. Through CS4MS, students learned the fundamentals and principles of coding by developing interactive projects in Scratch and learning resources from CS First. The project concluded with a public review of students’ capstone projects. In part, this project served to keep students engaged in learning while attending school remotely.

Info: <http://www.nmrec1.org/cs4ms/>

#### **SEL4NM**

REC-1 received a 2-year LANL Foundation award to support the start up of SEL4NM, a local affiliate of SEL4US. SEL4NM includes many of the top leaders, statewide and beyond, in social-emotional learning. Info: <http://www.nmrec1.org/sel4nm/>

#### **CLIA Waivers**

Through agreements and contract with the NM Department of Health, REC-1 began an “umbrella” CLIA waiver program to assist rural, small, public and non-public school provide on-site testing for Covid, influenza, and pregnancy. REC-1 holds the waiver and incorporates school sites. REC-1 provides regular site visits to ensure compliance with the CLIA requirements. Info: <http://www.nmrec1.org/clia-waivers/>

**Extending Equity into the Digital Workforce**

REC-1 received a 4-year federal EIR award to build, support, and study online pathways in information technology in the states' early college high schools. This is a project of intense national interest. Additional components include the development of business-school partnerships for student engagement, mentoring, and career experience. The project is fostering new and expanded partnerships with higher education institutions to offer the online coursework. The project is still in year 1. Info: <http://eedw.nmrec1.org>

**B. PARTNERSHIPS****Child Care Support, Resources, and Partnerships**

REC-1 partners with the San Juan Region EC Providers Network and supported the creation of the San Juan Early Childhood Coalition, not only to expand our network of education providers but also assist families and providers access resources and information for our communities' youngest students. REC-1 initially engaged in these partnerships as a result of the Kellogg Foundation project listed above and through a partnership with the ECECD. Info and EC resources: <http://www.nmrec1.org/childcare/>

**Desk2Careers**

REC-1 participates in the Desk2Careers initiative, under the direction of the 4 Corners Economic Development organization. The intent of the initiative is to explore, develop, and support career pathways within fields prioritized by our local industries. It overlaps with both the Kellogg Foundation project and the Extending Equity into the Digital Workforce project. Other partners include regional school districts and San Juan College.

**100% Community San Juan County**

This initiative, established in Las Cruces and now being implemented statewide, is designed to bring together stakeholders, partners, and providers within 10 critical community resource areas, from transportation to education to food security. REC-1 participates in regular planning meetings and supported the development and deployment of a community field survey, as well as analysis of findings, resource sharing, and other forms of support. Info: <http://www.nmrec1.org/100percent/>

**C. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Using Zoom to Increase Student Engagement

Online Tools to Expand Virtual Learning

Excel for Analyzing Student Data

2022 REC-1 Full-day Reading Conference