







#### **Redwoods to Ranches:**

Rural Homeless Liaisons Share California Success Stories

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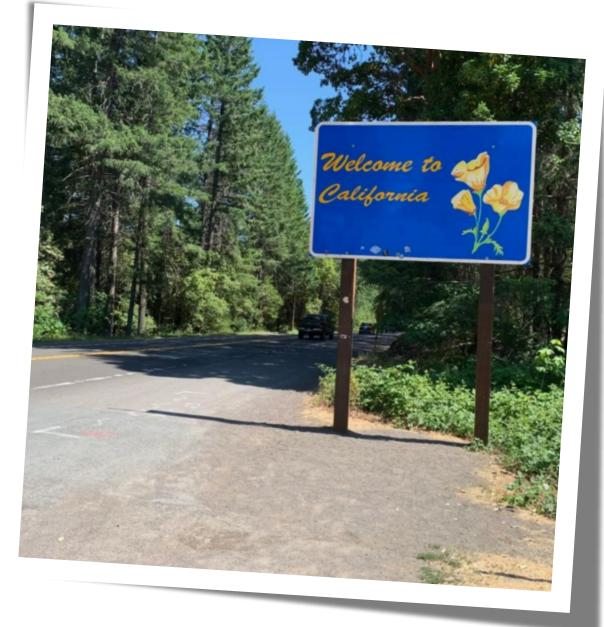
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## WELCOME ACTIVITY









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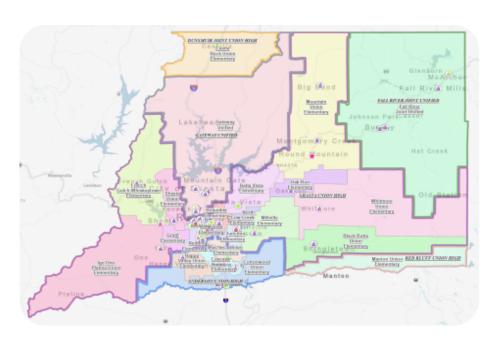


## **Shasta County Office of Education**

**Shasta County Population: 180,366** 

#### **Shasta County Office of Education**

- 24 School Districts/ 15 Charter Schools
  - 91 School Sites
- TK-12 Student Enrollment: 26,693
  - Homeless Students: 1,014 (4%)



## **Trinity County Office of Education**

- Trinity County Population: 15,670
- Trinity County has one of the highest poverty rates in the state of California

## Trinity County Office of Education 10 Schools Districts/ 18 School Sites

- 2023/2024 Cumulative Data
  - Student Enrollment: 1760
  - Homeless Identified: 244
  - McKinney-Vento Identified in SIS: 14%
    - Unsheltered: 21%
    - Doubled-Up: 60%



## **Del Norte County Office of Education**

**Del Norte County Population: 26,589** 

#### **Del Norte County Office of Education**

Single District County (1 of 7 in CA)

 14 School Sites: 8 Elementary, 1 Junior High, 1 Comprehensive High School, 1 Continuation High School, 1 COE Charter School, 1 Community School, &

1 Independent Charter School

TK-12 Student Enrollment: 4,221

McKinney-Vento Eligible: 214 (5%)

Unaccompanied Youth: 26%



## What unique challenges do COEs, LEAs, families and students experiencing homelessness face in rural areas, and how do you work to support and address them?

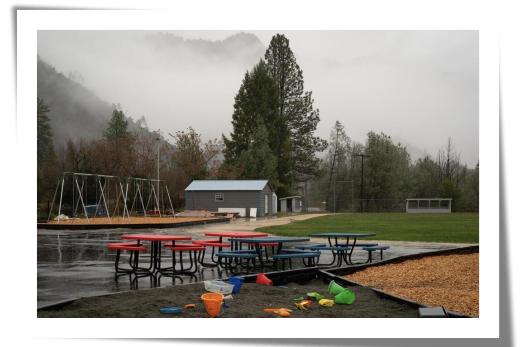












What types of partnerships have proven most effective in supporting students and families experiencing homelessness in rural areas?

Additionally, can you share successful strategies for engaging rural community partners/allies in raising awareness and increasing local support for these efforts?









In rural communities where resources and services are limited, how can LEAs effectively identify and engage with families experiencing homelessness while respecting their privacy and dignity, and ensure they are connected to the support they need?









# What specific academic hurdles do students experiencing homelessness in rural areas face, and how does your LEAs address these challenges to minimize disruptions in their education?









#### **Questions & Answers**

CLOSING QUESTION:
What's one key message you want to share to the audience?









