

# RURAL DROPOUT PREVENTION AND RECOVERY WEBINAR SERIES

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## UTILIZING THE VILLAGE: BUILDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR DROPOUT PREVENTION AND RECOVERY WORK IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

**TIME:** 90 minutes

**DATE/TIME:** May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30-3:00 p.m. EDT

### GOALS:

- Present size and scope of the dropout problem in rural communities.
- Present assets and challenges related to rural dropout prevention and recovery work and gather additional assets and challenges to inform next webinars.
- Make case that rural dropout prevention and recovery efforts require full community and partner support; provide participants with example of a successful community-wide effort and provide practical advice and tools to lead community-wide conversations in participants' home communities.
- Briefly underscore the importance of having a strong system in place to identify struggling students and dropouts and provide effective and coordinated interventions.
- Provide context and build interest for subsequent webinars on effective early interventions and recovery programming.

### AGENDA:

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**Introduction and Welcome**

**Brief Overview of Adobe Connect Virtual Meeting Room**

**Overview of Problem**

**The Power of Community Mobilization in a South Texas Community – Linda Carrillo, Principal, College, Career, and Technology Academy (CCTA) with Arianna Vazquez-Hernandez, Public Information Officer, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District (PSJA ISD)**

*Linda Carrillo, Principal, will present the story of a community campaign to recover dropouts in PSJA ISD and the creation of the College, Career, and Technology Academy to serve them upon their return.*

**Building Community Will to Support Achievement for All Youth – Doris Terry Williams, Director, Rural School and Community Trust**

*Doris Terry Williams, Director of The Rural School and Community Trust, will discuss the work done with Warren County, NC to mobilize the community around dropout prevention and provide practical resources to run a visioning process in your own community.*

**Creating Systems to Support Dropout Prevention and Recovery**

**Closing**

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## WEBINAR ONE



### RESOURCES\*

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#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- High School Graduation Initiative Overview
- *The Rural Dropout Problem: An Invisible Achievement Gap*, by The Rural School and Community Trust
- *Why Rural Matters 2011-12: Statistical Indicators of the Condition of Rural Education in the 50 States*, by The Rural School and Community Trust
- *Dropout Prevention Services and Programs in Public School Districts: 2010/2011*, by The National Center for Education Statistics

#### MORE INFORMATION ON THE COLLEGE, CAREER, AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY:

- *Back on Track to College*, by Jobs for the Future

#### MORE INFORMATION ON THE WARREN COUNTY ACTION TEAM:

- *From Talk to Action: The Warren County Action Team for Child and Youth Success*, by The Warren County Action Team for Child and Youth Success with Jereann King Johnson and Doris Terry Williams
- *Community Building for the Success of All Children: A Participant Resource for Dialogue to Action*, by Jereann King Johnson and Doris Terry Williams

\* Note: All resources will be available to download as PDF documents at <http://ruraldropoutprevention.weebly.com/>.