

Grow Your Own (GYO) Educators Convening: Rooting Our Future Within Our Community

Monday, February 5th, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn

1325 N. Shiloh Drive, Fayetteville, AR

Community Teachers: How Can We Radically Reimagine Them?

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Conra D. Gist

Dr. Gist is an Associate professor at the University of Houston. She is co-editor of the Handbook of Research on Teachers of Color and Indigenous Teachers (2022), and currently leads an Educator Diversity Research-Practice Partnership (RPP) Lab. She will offer insights into how community teacher development initiatives can be designed to broaden community members' access to the profession and create spaces for radical reimagination.



The State of GYO Programs in the U.S. & AR: A Look at Best Practices

Keynote Speaker s, Amaya Garcia & Karli Saracini

Garcia is the Director of PreK-12 Research and Practice with the Education Policy program at New America. As a national expert on GYO educator programs and policies, she leads the New America's GYO Educators National Network, a professional learning community for GYO programs across the country. Saracini is the Assistant Commissioner, AR Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Educator Effectiveness/Licensure. They will discuss GYO programs and policies at the federal and state level with a deep dive into what is happening locally in Arkansas.



Listen to My Story: Faith, Family and Fortitude to Make a Difference Panel,

Dr. Socorro Herrera and GYO Graduates

Dr. Herrera is a renowned author, teacher educator, and director of the Center for Intercultural and Multilingual Advocacy (CIMA) at Kansas State University. She is also the former director of Project BESITOS, a federally funded GYO program resulting in 115 students earning their B.S. in education and becoming qualified, bilingual/ESL endorsed teachers. Panelists will share their personal and professional experiences.



GYO Action Plan Roundtable

Collaborative planning session to grow your own community educators.

Agenda

8:30-9:00am	Registration and Breakfast
9:00-9:10 am	Welcoming Remarks
9:10-10:10 am	Keynote Speaker I
10:10-10:25 am	Break
10:25-12:00 pm	Keynote Speaker II
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00-2:00 pm	Interactive Panel
2:00-2:15 pm	Break
2:15-3:15 pm	Roundtable
3:15-3:30 pm	Q & A
3:30-4:00 pm	Closing and Evaluation

FREE EVENT

(limited to 100 participants)

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