

Meeting the Moment? Philanthropic Support for Child Advocacy Organizations & Networks

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Questions & Discussion

Upcoming GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinars

TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED TEACHING AND LEARNING

Designing for Connection in the Earliest Years: Technology to Support Families With Children Birth–5
Tuesday, September 16 3:00–4:30 p.m. ET/12:00–1:130 p.m. PT

GLR LEARNING TUESDAYS

Implementation and Sustainability: What Makes High-Impact Tutoring Work
Tuesday, September 23 3:00–4:30 p.m. ET/12:00–1:130 p.m. PT

PEER EXCHANGE LEARNING CONVERSATION

Early Relational Health: *The* Cornerstone and Common Thread
Tuesday, September 30, 12:30–2 p.m. ET/9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. PT

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Curriculum at a Crossroads: Evidence and What Works
Tuesday, September 30 3:00–4:30 p.m. ET/12:00–1:130 p.m. PT

CRUCIBLE OF PRACTICE SALON

Nebraska Growing Readers: Increasing Book Access and Early Literacy Behaviors
Tuesday, October 7, 12:30–2 p.m. ET/9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. PT

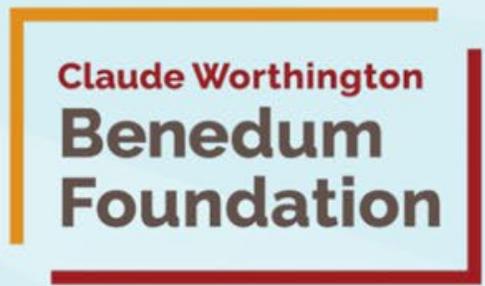
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