

# Rural Coaching

Children's Institute's Rural Coaching model offers **specialized, hands-on support to rural school districts** working **to strengthen early learning** from preschool through third grade.



## What makes rural communities strong?

**Rural schools have the capacity to create strong, connected early learning systems rooted in community.**

We recognize that rural communities have unique strengths and face distinct challenges related to size, staffing, and resources.

**Our approach:**

**Strengths-based coaching tailored to each community**



## Focus areas may include:

- **Advancing** culturally responsive and equity-centered practices
- **Aligning vertically** across preschool through 3rd grade
- **Launching or expanding** high-quality early learning programs
- **Navigating** funding opportunities (such as Preschool Promise)
- **Strengthening** family and community engagement
- **Strengthening** literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional learning
- **Supporting** attendance, climate, and school culture improvements

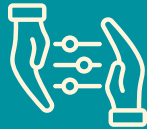


## What does our coach provide?

Our Rural Remote Coach partners closely with rural districts to provide **tailored coaching, professional learning, planning, and implementation.**

# How does it work?

## Customized coaching



Each participating district **receives 2–4 years of high-intensity, tailored support** from a coach with expertise in rural communities.

## Access to resources



Rural districts also gain **entry to Early School Success Academy professional learning sessions**—with additional, personalized support from their coach.

## Deep listening



We start with a **community-driven needs assessment** to understand local strengths, needs, and goals.

## Hands-on partnership



Districts receive **regular site visits, virtual meetings, and ongoing thought partnership** throughout the school year.

## Ready to learn more?

Connect with Erin Helgren, our Rural Remote Coach at [erin@childinst.org](mailto:erin@childinst.org)!

**Children's Institute,**  
**1500 SW 1st Ave. Suite 750, Portland, OR 97201**  
**[childinst.org](http://childinst.org)**