

# NEVADA CONNECT KIDS INITIATIVE DETAILS

- \$2 million to support E-rate applications & draw down additional federal funding
- Customized technical assistance to districts to improve broadband connectivity including:
  - Pre-application design, E-Rate application support, & procurement and implementation support

#### GOALS

- 1. Increase the amount of E-rate funding requested
- 2. Increase the percentage of requests that are approved
- 3. Every student in NV attends a school that meets the FCC connectivity standard

#### **OSIT WILL CONTACT ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DISCUSS IF ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED**

Our Vision: Governor Sandoval's vision is for Nevada to become **the most connected state** in the country. OSIT is charged with working with stakeholders statewide to make this vision a reality. We believe it is possible for every student in Nevada to attend a school with a connection that can facilitate 21st Century Learning and we're excited to work with you to make it happen.

## OUR TEAM



Jojo Myers Campos serves as the State Broadband Development Manager in the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT). Jojo is responsible for coordinating the planning, mapping, and procurement of broadband services throughout Nevada and works with key partners in education, healthcare, transportation, public safety, and economic development.

### OUR PARTNERS

To assist us in making the Governor's vision a reality, OSIT has partnered with national experts in E-Rate, network design, and engineering. <u>E-Rate Central</u> is an industry-leading E-Rate consulting firm with offices in 8 states and operations dating back to 1998. <u>EducationSuperHighway (ESH)</u> is the leading nonprofit focused on upgrading Internet access in every public school classroom in America and has partnerships in 20 states.



Before joining E-Rate Central, Eric Flock worked at USAC as a part of the Schools and Libraries Division's senior management team for 9 years.

In his role at USAC, Eric was responsible for determining the eligibility of products and services, and for creating and updating the PIA application review procedures.



Joe Freddoso has provided assistance to over 1500 E-rate applicants over a three-year period while working for

USAC. Prior, Joe was President and CEO of MCNC.



Mel Van Patten has over a decade of E-rate consulting experience, working with large urban and small rural applicants.

Mel is the President of the E-rate Management Professionals Association.



Becky Rains served 14 years as the Arkansas State E-rate Coordinator and was responsible for the statewide K-12 network

E-rate application.



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Jenny Miller works at ESH with K-12 education leaders and state government officials, helping them align on a solution where our nation's students get the resources they need to realize their true potential.



Aarti Bhatnagar serves as the leader and main point of contact for ESH's district consulting projects. She works to develop and maintain programs that support districts with their network

upgrades and provide them with high bandwidth, low cost solutions.



As part of ESH's District Team, Jess Stein partners with school districts to upgrade their networks and ensure they have access to high bandwidth, low cost solutions.