

Building Disruption-Resilient Education Systems: Lessons from Research and Practice

PreK–12 RESTART National Network Forum

May 6–7, 2025
1400 Crystal City Drive, 10th Floor
Arlington, Virginia

► Forum Objectives

- Discuss the needs policymakers, practitioners, education community members, and students face in responding to learning disruptions.
- Create opportunities for policymakers, practitioners, education community members, and researchers to share knowledge, insights, and evidence to better understand and address the impact of disruptions on education systems.
- Increase access to emerging evidence from recovery-related research conducted by the Network's Core Research Teams.
- Connect participants to available and upcoming resources created by the RESTART Network which draw on lessons and promising responses to the pandemic and can contribute to building disruption-resilient education systems.

➤ Agenda

Day 1: May 6, 2025

12:30–5:45 p.m.

Start time (ET) and location	Title	Facilitators
12:30 p.m.	<i>Registration</i>	RESTART Network team members
1:00 p.m. Main conference room	Opening Session: Engaging Our Network - Welcome - Our goals and objectives	Susan Therriault and Kylie Klein, American Institutes for Research (AIR)
1:45 p.m. Main conference room	Small-Group Introductions - Icebreaker - Discussion to launch dialogue	RESTART Network team members
2:00 p.m. Main conference room	Session 1 – Developing Conditions for Educators to Thrive - Presentations - Panel discussion, including Q&A - Small-group discussions	Research presenters: Kevin Bastian, University of North Carolina; Cory Koedel, University of Missouri-Columbia Panelists: Dr. Francisco Durán, Arlington Public Schools; Kristy Zaleta, Rogers Park Middle School; Ralph Saint-Louis, Lowell High School Panel moderator: Jonathan Isler, California Department of Education
3:30 p.m.	<i>Break</i> 3:30–3:45 p.m.	RESTART Network team members will direct people to breakout rooms
3:35 p.m. Breakout rooms	Session 2 – Small-Group Discussions - Learning/listening session - Small-group discussions in breakout rooms	RESTART Network team members will facilitate small groups
4:30 p.m. Main conference room	Session 3 – Engaging Parents and Caregivers as Partners Panel discussion and Q&A with parents, caregivers, and parent advocates	Panelists: ShaElla Askew, New Schools for Alabama; Jillian RainingBird, Parent Power Lab; Pascale Small, National Parents Union Panel moderator: Tafshier Cosby, National Parents Union and Parent Impact
5:30 p.m. Main conference room	Closing - Learnings/insights from the day - Things to consider for Day 2	Kylie Klein, AIR
5:45–6:45 p.m. Kitchen area	Reception <i>Sponsored by AIR</i>	

Participants have dinner on their own; AIR to provide a hospitality guide with local options near the meeting location.

Day 2: May 7, 2025

9:15 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Start time (ET) and location	Title	Facilitators
8:30 a.m.	<i>Registration for new attendees</i>	
9:15 a.m.	Welcome Preview of the day and reiteration of goals and setting the focus	Kylie Klein, AIR
9:30 a.m. Main conference room	Session 4 – Implications From Pandemic Recovery Research For Fostering Responsive School Systems • Presentations • Panel discussion including Q&A • Small-group discussions	Research presenters: Thomas Goldring and Salma Mohammad Ali, Georgia Policy Labs; Michael DeArmond, Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER) Panelists: Tia Trahan, Lafayette Parish School System; Kimberly Radostits, Oregon Community Unit District; Heather Perry, Gorham School Department; Jimmy Leak, Guilford County Schools Moderator: Susan Therriault, AIR
11:15 a.m.	<i>Break</i> 11:15–11:30 a.m.	
11:30 a.m. Breakout rooms	Session 5 – Small-Group Discussions • Learning/listening session • Small-group discussions	RESTART Network team members will facilitate small groups
12:45 p.m. Main conference room	Share-Out and Discussion Reconvene and share ideas and reflections	RESTART Network team members
1:00 p.m. Kitchen area	Working Lunch Participants will engage in a working lunch centered around using infographics to inform plans for building disruption-resilient education systems	RESTART Network team members
1:45 p.m. Main room	Session 6 – Learning Forward – Collaborative Insights for Resiliency	Susan Therriault, AIR
2:45 p.m. Main room	Discussion, Closing Remarks, and Wrap-Up All-group discussion and final remarks	Kylie Klein, AIR
3:30/4:00 p.m.	End of Day	