Rural Innovations Network

Community of Practice Logic Model

Program Activities

-**Launch** an on-line social network for rural leaders, community partners and funders
-**Organize** and facilitate Issue-based peer learning exchanges
-**Host** and facilitate a rural leaders retreat
-**Host** and facilitate community partners gathering
-**Organize** a series of rural tours
-**Host** quarterly rural issues webinars

Outputs

-**Ongoing** shared social space for people committed to or interested in rural southern issues not bound by geographic or organizational barriers
-**Connections** between rural leaders and community leaders across geographic or sector boundaries
-**Amplification** of the exchange of innovations and strategies used in to strengthen southern rural communities
-A **community of practice** that stimulates new thinking and fosters a process of knowledge transfers and cultural exchanges
-A space for **building stronger more authentic relationships** that transcends lines of difference and creates a new narrative for the rural south

Initial Outcomes

-**new connections** and relationship developed among rural leaders

-**intentional spaces** to share ideas, stories, concepts and innovations

-A **stronger and better connected** network of rural leaders who can mobilize on issues

-**Increased knowledge and skills** to develop asset-based economic development strategies

Long-terms outcomes

- A diverse cadre of rural leaders with the knowledge and skills to better serve rural communities in the American South

- A diverse network of rural leaders with a social change perspective who have authentic relationships that transcend the lines of the difference creating a stronger system of support for rural communities

-A collectively determined sense of the priorities, assets, and opportunities for the rural South

- A powerful collective rural voice for creating change regionally and nationally through strong communication and decision-making channels

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