Learning Goes On...

When schools closed due to COVID-19, IDRA immediately responded to educators and families so students could continue learning.





Tech Mentors in South Texas Colonias

IDRA launched a partnership with two community organizations — ARISE & CSLAP — in the Texas Rio Grande Valley to help Spanish-speaking families navigate virtual classrooms.*



Bilingual Books to Young Children

IDRA provided 11,000 Semillitas de Aprendizaje bilingual storybooks to families in two school districts to diminish digital divide effects on young learners.**



Video Portal for Immigrant Families

IDRA launched a bilingual online portal for immigrant families on education in the United States to continue assistance with the Mexican Consulate in San Antonio.*



STEM Student Leadership

IDRA supported our Texas Chief Science Officer students as they created new ways to engage their peers in STEM despite school closures.*

In under three months, IDRA produced...

- Email alerts to over 8,000 people with policy updates and resources for education practice and family engagement (12 English, 12 Spanish) as of June 5*
- Bilingual policy updates
- Webinars on equitable practices for online learning with 900 viewers to date*
- Publications and podcast episodes on equity in online learning*
- Online data map on colleges' responses to COVID-19
- New bilingual news dashboard
- Virtual interactive convenings of participants in the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership, the IDRATexas Chief Science Officers Program and Education CAFEs*



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- Launched a set of **bilingual surveys** for students, educators, parents & others about how distance learning impacts education during school closures.*
- Held a virtual meeting with education agency leaders representing five states Arkansas, Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee & Texas engaging with families in the midst of a pandemic.*
- Joined counselors in calling for COVID-19 responses that include **trauma-informed support**.
- Published op-ed in the San Antonio Express-News on the exclusion of DACA students in the CARES Act and other federal COVID-19 assistance.
- Cited in 10 news stories on COVID-19 education impact.
- Provided recommendations to U.S. congressional leaders and state officials in the U.S. South about equitable use and distribution of future COVID-19 emergency education relief funds for schools and students.
- Reported on equity concerns for English learners in response to COVID-19.*
- Analyzed how, without intervention, COVID-19-induced budgetary shortfalls will fall hardest on marginalized students in the U.S. South.
- Advised officials that COVID-19 does not change civil rights protections for students.*
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