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REGION NINE



DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Promoting the development of the region through intergovernmental cooperation, community and human development, long-range planning and technical assistance.

Welcoming Communities...

Investing in our communities

is investing in our economic development

History

2017

- R9DC Commissioners signal interest in this work
- R9DC Rural Equity Initiative Begins in 7 Communities
- Conversations on Race
- Feedback - Need more resources, more conversation, and more education on DEI
- R9DC, Mankato Diversity Council, BCBS, YMCA, Blandin Foundation

2018

- RELC – Rural Equity Learning Community Launch
- 6 Communities Participate in 7 monthly 3-hour sessions around rural equity
- 52 participants
- Completed in September

2019

- Design, test, and launch Welcoming Community Assessment
- Prepare and launch RELC v.2.0 in Brown County
- Host Rural Equity Summit

Partnerships:

- Region 9 Development Commission
- Mankato Diversity Council
- Blandin Foundation
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Bush Foundation
- The McKnight Foundation
- University of Minnesota Extension

Region Nine Partners:



EVERYONE'S STORY MATTERS!





MULTICULTURAL FIESTA



CULTURE THROUGH CUISINE

- Salvadorian * Guatemalan * Mexican * Scandinavian



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: IMMIGRATION STORIES

*There are more stories to be
told – and listened to...*

*Do you know your story? Do
you know your neighbor's
story?*



RIPPLE EFFECTS IN THE COMMUNITY



Working Outloud Circles

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