

Meet the RWL Team

The RWL Team, based at the Kauffman Foundation, is here to support your efforts in creating opportunities for your districts, schools, educators and students. This document outlines the roles and areas of support that each team member can provide.



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RWL SUPPORT ROLE:

- Insight into Regional Priorities & Essential Skill Needs
- Employer Engagement & Connections - Large Projects, Senior Leaders, Civic & Regional Players
- Consult – Future of Work, Hiring, Talent Development, Skills, Capabilities & Common Language
- Facilitate RWL Executive Committee & KC Rising People Committee

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

- Human Resource Executive & Business Partner
- Workforce & Organizational Design
- Change Management
- Leadership & Talent Development



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RWL SUPPORT ROLE:

- RWL Superintendent & Design Team Consulting
- Grant Process Design
- Client Connected Projects Externships & Beyond
- Designer of RWL Learning Network

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

- Design & Build of Real World Learning High School Programming
- Build & Sustain Community + Business Partnerships
- Administrator & Educator Professional Development
- Change Management for Educators
- Human Centered Design Thinking

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RWL SUPPORT ROLE:

- Track & Update Contacts
- Asset Management - File Sharing
- Webinar & Meeting coordination
- General RWL Inquiries



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RWL SUPPORT ROLE:

- Grantmaking Process Design Support
- Lead Support for Grant Applications
- RWL Core Team Liaison with Foundation Education Team

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

- Change Management for Educators
- Classroom Teacher and Arts Liaison for District
- Strategic Communications and Data Analysis



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RWL SUPPORT ROLE:

- RWL Network Building
- Employer Engagement
- Connecting people and practices for quality experiences
- Support B2E District Representatives

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

- Talent development: Internships & Apprenticeships
- Employer-side community engagement
- Industry Advising – Health & Information Technology Curriculum

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RWL SUPPORT ROLE:

- Grantmaking Process Design Support
- Support for Grant Applications
- RWL Core Team Liaison with Foundation Education Team

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

- School Reform and Redesign for District- and School-based Leaders
- Build & Sustain School + Community Partnerships
- Change Management for Educators



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RWL SUPPORT ROLE:

- RWL Superintendent & Design Team Consulting
- Liaison to Public School Support Organizations
- RWL Resource & Network Connector

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

- Public School Superintendent
- Education Governance and Leadership
- Community Partnerships & Educational Innovation
- Organizational Management Supporting the Whole Child
- High School Principal, Classroom Science Teacher



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- Support B2E District Representatives

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

- Corporate Human Resources – Employee Engagement, Talent Development, & D&I
- Classroom Teacher – 9th & 10th Grade Mathematics

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RWL SUPPORT ROLE:

- RWL Branding Support & Asset Development
- Storytelling
- Consulting & Liaison for Student Voice
- Communications and Media
- Peer Learning and Engagement

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

- Journalism & Video Storytelling
- Content & Editorial Strategy
- Social and Community Engagement
- Youth Media & Youth Voice



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RWL SUPPORT ROLE:

- Stakeholder Feedback (surveys & focus groups)
- Identifying Platforms that Facilitate & Track RWL
- Reporting Education & Labor Market Data

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

- Market Research for Fortune 100 Companies
- National Education Data Projects
- Consulting
- Collective Impact



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- Community Partnerships & Educational Innovation