

Every Kid, Every Day, Every Way

The benefits of environmental and outdoor learning cross many landscapes, many subjects, and many ages.



Rural, Open Lands, and Urban Spaces

- 1 Knowledge gains across multiple disciplines, including environmental issues, science, mathematics, and more
- 2 Emotional and social skills, such as self-esteem, character development, team work, and leadership skills
- 3 Environmentally friendly behavior, such as reducing water use, increasing recycling, and participating in community cleanups
- 4 Academic skills (21st Century skills), such as critical thinking, oral communication, analytical skills, problem solving, and higher-order thinking
- 5 Motivation to learn, including enthusiasm for and interest in school
- 6 Civic interest and engagement, including feelings of civic responsibility, feelings of empowerment, and ability to take action

"Stanford Analysis Reveals Wide Array of Benefits From Environmental Education", 29 Sep 2017, <https://naaee.org/eepr/research/eeworks/student-outcomes/>

Education We Need for the World We Want

NAAEE and its 56 Affiliate organizations form the largest network of environmental educators in the country, connecting us to over 150,000 educators annually. Together, we are a driving force for creating a more environmentally literate citizenry through education. We have been working together for decades to build a robust and dynamic community of EE professionals and partners who understand the value and power of EE to ensure an equitable, sustainable, and vibrant world.

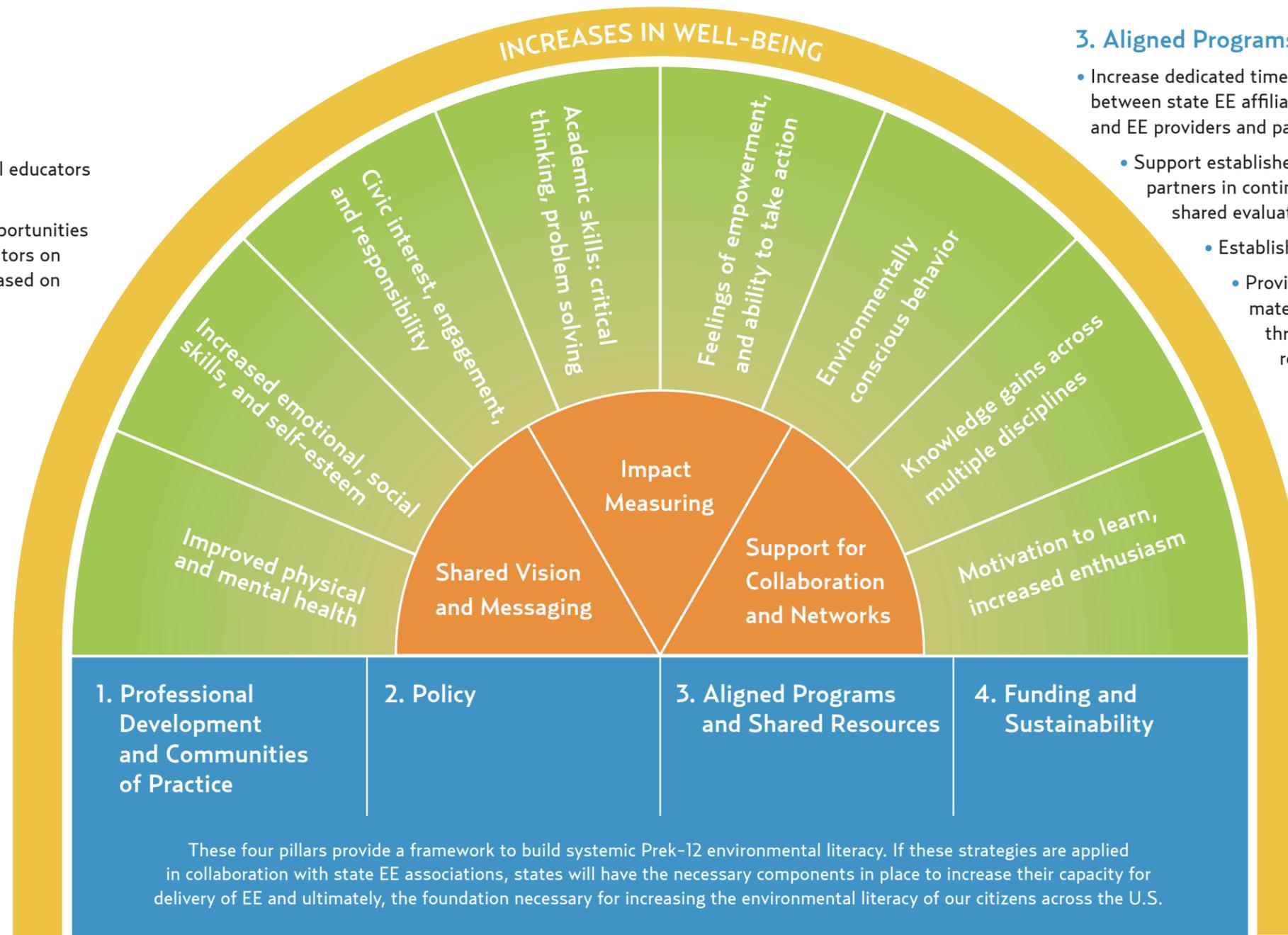


1. Professional Development and Communities of Practice

- Facilitate professional learning opportunities for educators, across states and nationally.
- Provide opportunities for formal and informal educators to collaborate, coordinate and network.
- Provide regular professional development opportunities for preservice, inservice and nonformal educators on best practices for environmental education based on the NAAEE Guidelines for Excellence.

2. Policy

- Integrate EE into existing state educational standards and adopt specific standards for environmental education.
- Adopt requirements for outdoor learning.
- Implement assessments for environmental literacy.
- Support policies at the state or local level which ensure environmental literacy for all students.
- Advance policies at the state or local level that encourage significant outdoor learning opportunities.
- Adopt graduation requirements related to environmental literacy.
- Adopt Career and Technical Education pathways related to the environment.
- Create risk management policies to allow for outdoor learning opportunities.



3. Aligned Programs and Shared Resources

- Increase dedicated time and capacity to foster relationships between state EE affiliate, state departments of education, and EE providers and partners.
- Support established backbone organizations to coordinate partners in continuous communication, collaboration and shared evaluation.
- Establish statewide green schools programs
- Provide access to state and national high quality materials and resources for environmental education through a searchable database, listserv, or other resource-sharing platform.
- Increase access to environmental and outdoor, nature-based programming in early childhood education.

4. Funding and Sustainability

- Leverage public and private sources of funding for systemic EE initiatives.
- Invest in capacity building and leadership development for backbone organizations, key collaborating organizations, and EE providers at the state level.
- Support ongoing innovation in programming.
- Expand engagement of stakeholder networks.

Creating an Ecosystem of Influence

Ensuring ALL Kids Benefit with Environmental and Outdoor Learning

Environmental education helps people learn more about the natural systems we all depend on, and understand what we must do to interact responsibly with our environment and safeguard natural resources for future generations.

Systemic environmental literacy for all requires a number of structural components and the contributions of many working towards a common framework for success.

Our Vision: We believe that every New Mexican should have access to high quality, engaging, and meaningful environmental education opportunities. This will lead to a thriving future for all where environmental and social responsibility drive individual and institutional choices.

Our Mission: Through the implementation of an advocacy-focused movement building along with advancing collaboration and leadership, EEANM will ensure every NM child has equitable access to environmental and outdoor learning.

Population Served: By investing in leaders and collaborators that represent a variety of educational experiences and perspectives, the ultimate recipients of our work will be the heart of New Mexico, our students from preK-12th grade.

We all have a responsibility to ensure PreK-12 students experience environmental and outdoor learning. How can YOU help build a system where every kid has these experiences everyday?

Cultivating the Future of Environmental Education
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