



## Annual Conference 2021 wrap-up

Learning Forward's 2021 Virtual Annual Conference, held in December, was a success, thanks to all of the presenters, hosts, staff, volunteers, and participants. Nearly all (96%) of the attendees who completed a conference evaluation reported that they learned ideas they will implement

or apply in their work, and 99% reported that the full-day preconference sessions they attended will be useful in their practice.

One of the unique features of Learning Forward's conferences is the free Transformation Toolkit that participants can use before, during, and

after the conference to organize, reflect, and follow up on conference learning. More than two-thirds of conference survey respondents said they plan to use the toolkit. Access the toolkit at [conference.learningforward.org/conference-action-toolkit](https://conference.learningforward.org/conference-action-toolkit)

### HOST COMMITTEE RAISES \$1K FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION



Each year, the Learning Forward Annual Conference Host Committee selects a philanthropic project and invites conference participants as well as other friends and supporters to contribute. The 2021 Virtual Annual Conference Host Committee

selected and raised almost \$1,000 for the Second Wind Fund.

The Colorado organization is devoted to decreasing the incidence of suicide in children and youth by removing financial and social barriers to treatment. Second Wind Fund matches children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities. If a financial or social barrier is present, the organization pays for up to 12 sessions of therapy from one of its specialized network providers.

## ADVOCACY WEBSITE LAUNCHES

Learning Forward has launched a new website called Powered by Title II to support your advocacy efforts. Background facts and data on Title II, tools to support your advocacy efforts, the latest federal updates, and links to research supporting the impact of high-quality professional learning can be found on the website at [poweredbytitleii.com/](https://poweredbytitleii.com/)

This website will be a powerful tool for the current federal appropriations process as well as an ongoing tool to support advocacy efforts through the coming months and years. We encourage all Learning Forward stakeholders to check out the "Share Your Story" tool on the website to help us build the case about the impact of high-quality professional learning. For more information, contact Melinda George at [melinda.george@learningforward.org](mailto:melinda.george@learningforward.org).

