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The Center for Education in Law and Democracy is a non-profit non-partisan educational organization offering programs for teachers and students through grants and contracts with national and state government and non-governmental organizations. The Center promotes and supports the development of responsible citizens committed to democratic principles and active participation in representative government.

CELD offers technical assistance to Colorado school districts interested in developing and enhancing civic education programs. Services include professional development for teachers, identification of resource people, curriculum design, and standards and assessment.

Selected CELD Programs

- **Strengthening Civic Education in Colorado Schools:** Professional development initiative funded by the Colorado Department of Education for teachers in under-served parts of the state to enhance student learning in Colorado's Civic Content Standards.
- **The New Coloradans – Immigration in Colorado:** Professional development for secondary teachers, including new curriculum developed with support from the Piton Foundation on Colorado's immigration history, current immigration trends, and controversial issues related to immigration policy.
- **Deliberating in a Democracy:** international civic education exchange program focusing on the importance of deliberation for young people and providing students and teachers with opportunities to practice discussing controversial issues with teachers and students in Estonia.
- **Civitas Partnership Exchanges:** International Civic Education Exchange Program that provides exchange opportunities among leaders in civic education. CELD has special relationships with three nations in the Civitas network – the Czech Republic, Slovakia and the Dominican Republic.
- **Colorado We the People and Colorado Project Citizen:** Two programs funded by the Education for Democracy Act passed by Congress. *We the People* enables students to develop a comprehensive understanding of the Constitution and Bill of Rights; students study local and state policy making in the *Project Citizen* program.
- **One Nation Under Law:** CELD and Rocky Mountain PBS are partners in an outreach initiative funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for professional development programs for secondary teachers based on the video series, "The Supreme Court."
- **Celebrate Possibility:** A new CELD collaborative program emphasizing art as tool for teaching students about democratic values, civic engagement, and the political process.
- **Representative Democracy in America:** New materials on our political system developed by the Center for Civic Education, Lee Hamilton's Center on Congress, and the National Conference of State Legislatures.