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BOOST CONFERENCE

APRIL 29 - MAY 2, 2025 | PALM SPRINGS, CA

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WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL BOOST CONFERENCE!



On behalf of the 2025 BOOST Leadership Team, I am pleased to welcome you to the BOOST experience. We are honored to have you here as we learn, connect, and celebrate our collective work this week in sunny Palm Springs.

We are proud to convene the largest and most comprehensive global community of in and out-of-school time educators. We hope you will immerse yourself in the diverse offerings- workshops, podcasts, BOOST Film Festival, BOOST Nation: Town Hall meetings, Master Classes, Exhibit Hall, Meet the Authors, Field Trips, and all the special events throughout the week. Take a moment to soak it all in and be intentional about meeting new people- everyone has a story, something to offer, something to learn, and something to share. BOOST is where the magic happens.

We are so grateful to have our BOOST community together this week and we believe that your time here will rejuvenate new learning and connections, link you to the latest tools and research, and provide you with a renewed inspiration to take back to your programs, students, families, and communities.

Thank you for being HOPE DEALERS and a special part of the BOOST community. The work you do every day makes it possible for ALL of us to inspire youth, inspire learning, and inspire change. Together we make a difference and are so proud to have you as a partner in this work.

In gratitude,

Tia Quinn
FOUNDER & CEO • BOOST COLLABORATIVE
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SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

APRIL 29 TUESDAY

8:30AM - 10:00AM
REGISTRATION
(PRE-CONFERENCE ATTENDEES ONLY)

9:00AM - 5:00PM
CONFERENCE ORIENTATION

10:00AM - 4:30PM (3-8 HOURS)
PRE-CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

10:00AM - 5:00PM
REGISTRATION

10:00AM - 2:30PM
BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

1:00PM - 5:00PM
MEET THE AUTHORS

1:00PM - 5:00PM
BOOST SWIM CLUB

5:30PM - 6:30PM
WELCOME RECEPTION

6:30PM - 9:30PM
SPECIAL EVENTS

INSPIRATION STATIONS WEDNESDAY

10:30AM - 11:15AM
11:30AM - 12:15PM
2:45PM - 3:30PM

CAMP INSPIRE SESSIONS WEDNESDAY

10:30AM - 11:15AM
11:45AM - 12:30PM
2:45PM - 3:30PM

THURSDAY

10:00AM - 10:45AM
11:15AM - 12:00PM
1:15PM - 2:00PM

FRIDAY

9:15AM - 10:00AM

APRIL 30 WEDNESDAY

7:00AM - 4:00PM
REGISTRATION

7:30AM
BREAKFAST W/EXHIBITORS

7:30AM - 8:30AM
MORNING RECESS EVENTS

7:30AM - 4:00PM
EXHIBIT HALL GRAND OPENING

8:45AM - 9:45AM
OPENING & GENERAL SESSION

9:45AM - 10:15AM
BOOST BREAK W/ EXHIBITORS

10:00AM - 5:00PM
MEET THE AUTHORS

10:00AM - 5:00PM
BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

10:30AM - 12:15PM (1.75 HOURS)
WORKSHOP SESSIONS
FILM FESTIVAL

12:30PM - 1:30PM
LUNCH & GENERAL SESSION
OSTI AWARDS

1:30PM - 2:30PM
BOOST BREAK W/ EXHIBITORS

2:45PM - 4:45PM (2 HOURS)
WORKSHOP SESSIONS
FILM FESTIVAL

4:45PM - 6:00PM
BOOST LIVE NETWORKING RECEPTION
DUCK DUCK BOOST

6:30PM - 8:30PM
SPECIAL EVENTS

8:00PM - 11:59PM
HOMECOMING PARTY
& SILENT DISCO

MAY 1 THURSDAY

6:45AM - 8:30AM
MORNING RECESS EVENTS

8:00AM
BREAKFAST W/EXHIBITORS

8:00AM - 4:00PM
REGISTRATION

8:00AM - 3:30PM
EXHIBIT HALL

8:45AM - 9:45AM
OPENING & GENERAL SESSION

10:00AM - 12:00PM (2 HOURS)
WORKSHOP SESSIONS
FILM FESTIVAL

10:00AM - 4:45PM
MEET THE AUTHORS

10:00AM - 2:30PM
BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

12:00PM - 1:00PM
NETWORKING LUNCH
W/EXHIBITORS

1:15PM - 2:30PM (1.25 HOURS)
WORKSHOP SESSIONS
FILM FESTIVAL

2:30PM - 3:30PM
BOOST BREAK W/EXHIBITORS
POP UP DEALS

3:31PM
EXHIBIT HALL CLOSING

3:45PM - 5:15PM (1.5 HOURS)
WORKSHOP SESSIONS
FILM FESTIVAL

5:30PM - 7:30PM
SPECIAL EVENTS

6:00PM - 10:00PM
STREET FAIR - DOWNTOWN
PALM SPRINGS

8:00PM - 10:00PM
DIVE-IN MOVIE

MAY 2 FRIDAY

7:30AM
BreakFEST

8:00AM - 10:00AM
REGISTRATION

9:15AM - 11:15AM (2 HOURS)
WORKSHOP SESSIONS
FILM FESTIVAL

9:30AM - 10:30AM
BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

11:15AM - 12:00PM
CLOSING REFLECTION & RAFFLE

1:00PM - 4:00PM
EXTRA CREDIT

Please Note:

This schedule is subject to change. Please see the conference app for real-time updates.

ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR STAY IN BEAUTIFUL PALM SPRINGS!

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BOOST AMBASSADORS

BOOST Ambassadors are global leaders in the expanded learning and in and out-of-school time fields who help support, promote, and bring awareness to services offered by BOOST Collaborative. They are our biggest advocates, passionate about our brand, working hard to spread the word about our cause.

Interested in becoming a BOOST Ambassador? Email communications@boostcollaborative.org for more information.

Thank you to our BOOST Ambassadors for making a difference!

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BECOME A 2025-2026 BOOST AMBASSADOR

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE BOOST CONFERENCE & MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BOOST Ambassadors are part of our street marketing team to support the growth and sustainability of the BOOST Conference. Network with in and out-of-school time global educators and help make a difference.



Inspire Youth, Inspire Learning, and Inspire Change
by partnering with us to provide quality professional development and learning opportunities to our field.



INTERESTED?

<http://bit.ly/AmbassadorTeamInterest>

CONTACT US

communications@boostcollaborative.org

GET ON THE INTEREST LIST

NOW THROUGH JUNE 13

Let us know you're interested - bit.ly/AmbassadorTeamInterest

WEEK OF JUNE 23

Participate in a mandatory informational webinar

JUNE 30

Deadline to submit interest in applying

JULY 7

Deadline to submit application

JULY 10

BOOST Ambassadors Announced



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A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE 2025 BOOST LEADERSHIP, IMPLEMENTATION, & ON-SITE SUPPORT TEAMS- IT STARTS WITH YOU!

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A BIG thanks to our additional team members: Libby Burrows, Sean Daniels, Gabriela Delgado, Chloe Dorworth, Wesley Doyle, Alex Gonzalez, Shantelle Johnson, Terri Miller, and our awesome student worker team: Lina Gates, Natalie Gates, and Aysem Kenan- YOU ALL ROCK!

Honor Roll- Mary Jo Ginty- We miss you!

JOIN THE 2025-2026 BOOST LEADERSHIP TEAM

HELP PLAN THE BOOST CONFERENCE & MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE FIELD

Joining the BOOST Leadership Team (BLT) is a wonderful opportunity to network with in and out-of-school time global educators.

Inspire Youth, Inspire Learning, and Inspire Change by partnering with us to provide quality professional development and learning opportunities to our field.

APPLICATION DATES NOW THROUGH MAY 30

Let us know you're interested - bit.ly/BLTinterestlist

WEEK OF JUNE 2
Participate in a mandatory
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JUNE 13
Deadline to submit application

JUNE 18
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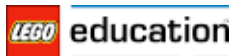
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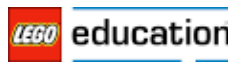


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Long Beach YMCA
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District
San Diego County Office of Education
San Juan Unified School District
Think Together
Utah State Board of Education
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VOLUNTEERS & LEADERS

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WE GIVE BACK!

We believe in making a difference and giving back to the community!
You can make a difference too!

BLOOD DRIVE

Participate in the LifeStream Blood Drive and help save lives.



THINK RED INSPIRE & PAINT

Participate in the Think Red Inspire & Paint night to support HIV & AIDS charities in San Diego County and the Red Dress Party San Diego.



TOUR DE BOOST

Participate in our annual Tour de BOOST Walk/Scavenger Hunt on Thursday morning. All proceeds will benefit **Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert.**



TRASH TO TREASURE PROGRAM

Upon completion of the conference, the Palm Springs Convention Center will donate any leftover items from our Exhibitors and personally deliver them to the **Boys & Girls Club of Palm Springs** and the **Palm Springs Unified School District.**





FIELD TRIPS OFF-SITE LEARNING & EXCURSIONS

BOOST offers several unique opportunities for our attendees to explore Coachella Valley and experience flexible learning at alternative venues throughout the local Palm Springs area. Choose your own adventure!

Interested in a Field Trip? Stop by our On-Site Field Trip booth in the Ballroom Hallway, Renaissance to sign up.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29-THURSDAY, MAY 1

Escape Room Palm Springs

5:30PM - 8:30PM

\$21 per person (includes admission)



TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Noche Tropical (Tropical Night) Salsa Dancing

7:30PM-10:00PM

\$18 (includes round-trip transportation and admission)



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert

2:30PM-5:00PM

\$18 (includes round-trip transportation and admission)



THURSDAY, MAY 1

Pickleball- Open Play at the Rowan Pickleball Courts

10:00AM-12:00PM

\$10 per person (includes admission and equipment)



Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

12:30PM-3:30PM

\$56 (includes round trip transportation and lunch)



Palm Springs Air Museum

2:00PM-4:30PM

\$45 (includes round-trip transportation, admission, and guided tour)



BOOST FIELD TRIPS LEGEND



Walking



Shuttle



On Your Own



Pre-Registration Required

2025 STUDENT HALL OF FAME & ART GALLERY

The BOOST Conference is always proud to highlight student artwork from out-of-school time programs across the nation. This beautiful artwork is displayed in the **Renaissance hallway** throughout the conference. Please take time to walk through the art gallery and enjoy the artwork during your downtime. It is our hope that the artwork in the gallery will remind us all why we do this work and celebrate the incredible talent that we see in our youth each and every day.

Thank you to the student artists at the following programs:

- Action Youth America
- After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, Bell Gardens Intermediate
- After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, Alliance Jack H. Skirball Middle School
- After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, Alliance Kory Hunter Middle School
- After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, Alliance Margaret M. Bloomfield High School
- After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, Alliance Stern Math and Science School
- Alcott Elementary, Pomona Unified School District
- After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, Everest Value School Middle School
- After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, Porter Middle School
- After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, Potrero Heights Elementary School
- After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, Suva Intermediate School
- arc Program, Animo South LA
- arc Program, Equitas Academy
- arc Program, Green Dot Public Schools
- Armstrong Elementary, Pomona Unified School District
- Arroyo Elementary, Pomona Unified School District
- Bay Area Community Resources/Oakland Unified School District
- Boys & Girls Club of Burbank and Greater East Valley, Academy for Enriched Sciences
- Bresee Foundation, Los Angeles Unified School District
- Burlington Unified School District Burlington, KS
- Campbell Union School District
- Champions Before/After School
- City of West Sacramento, Washington Unified School District
- Cortez Elementary, Anaheim
- Delhaven Community Center, HLPUSD
- Elevo Learning/ Covina Valley Unified School District
- Haddon Avenue Elementary
- Julia Lee Performing Arts Academy
- Kellogg Elementary, Pomona Unified School District
- LEAP- Lennox School District
- LEARN
- Lopez Elementary, Anaheim
- Los Angeles Unified School District
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- Para Los Ninos
- Philadelphia Elementary, Pomona Unified School District
- Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District
- Plainville Public School District, MA
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- Realizing Amazing Potential After School Program/ Lawndale Elementary School District, Lucille Smith Elementary School
- Realizing Amazing Potential (RAP) - Lawndale Elementary School District, Mark Twain Elementary
- Solana Beach School District, Solana Vista CDC
- Salida del Sol Academy
- Think Together, Palm Springs Unified
- Washington Elementary, Pomona Unified School District
- Woodcraft Rangers
- Woodcraft Rangers, Beachy Avenue Elementary
- YMCA of Greater Long Beach

STAR, Inc., an after school program in Los Angeles, CA, is donating the use of their art gallery displays along with the staff to hang and arrange the artwork. Thanks STAR, Inc.!

The BOOST Student Hall of Fame was founded in 2009 by Mary Jo Ginty, Region 11 Lead, Los Angeles County Office of Education. We graciously thank Mary Jo and her team for their passion and dedication in honoring the arts and our out-of-school time youth.



Are you interested in submitting digital or physical student artwork or other youth leadership opportunities at the 2025 BOOST Conference?

Please visit www.boostconference.org/youth-leadership for more information.

2025 WORKSHOP STRAND SPONSORS

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Join us for dynamic workshops dedicated to reimagining learning spaces and community leadership. We'll focus on strategies to Enrich partnerships, Empower OST practitioners, Explore tools to advance our field, Elevate community voices, and amplify advocacy for thriving, equitable communities. This engaging experience will inspire action and innovation as we collectively work to build a brighter future for all.

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Best Practices to Promote Whole-Child Enrichment in Out-of-School Time Programs

Join an award-winning out-of-school time provider for six dynamic sessions. We will apply 30 years of lessons learned to deep dive challenges, best practices, research, and dialogue to foster whole-child enrichment that can be easily incorporated into your own programs. This strand will cover the hottest topics and emerging insights in the field, leaving you with promising practices to motivate your students, engage your teachers, deliver results, and make a lasting impact in your communities.

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elevolearning.com



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Programs that Empower: Equity and Inclusion in Action in Expanded Learning

Woodcraft Rangers was founded in 1922 to ensure all youth had access to safe and meaningful enrichment experiences. By centering youth interests and community needs, we've continually evolved to support families across generations. Join us to discover how Woodcraft's programming adapts to meet the ever-changing needs of our communities, and the role expanded learning programs can play in ensuring every youth has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

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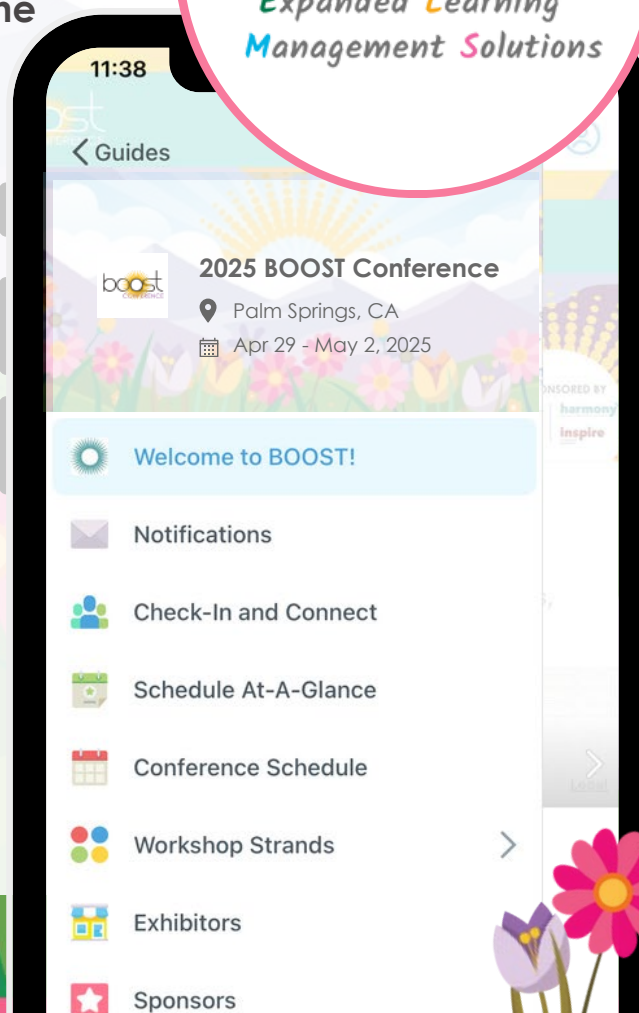
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Please visit www.boostconference.org/meet-the-authors for more information about our Meet the Authors events.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

1:00PM-2:00PM

The Magic of Making a Difference: One CAN Make a Difference

Marlena Uhrig, Ed.D., Consultant, All Ways Learning, LLC, Mather, CA



2:00PM-3:00PM

Forever Moments: Diaries of Daddy's Girls

Emmanuel Molin, Co-Founder, ForeFathers Enterprise, San Diego, CA



3:00PM - 4:00PM

Remember, This is a Memory

Audacious Wilson, Director of Programs, Girls Inc. of the Island City, Alameda, CA



4:00PM - 5:00PM

Are You Okay?

Dwayne Wiggins, Jr., Motivational Coach, A Human. Being!, Philadelphia, PA



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

10:00AM-11:00AM

Healing Your Map - A Guide to Understanding Discernment, Trauma, and Human Behavior

Jodee Gibson, MA, PCC, Human Behavior Expert & Master Coach, Human Behavior Architects™, Novi, MI



11:00AM-12:00PM

Next Time You See a Snowflake

Emily Morgan, Moonshot Ohio Coordinator, Ohio Afterschool Network, West Chester, OH



3:00PM - 4:00PM

I Am Different.

Crystal Patterson, Author, "Inspired to Be...", Sacramento, CA



4:00PM - 5:00PM

The Confidence Project: A Journey Through the Confidence Constellation

Joshua Faden, President & Founder, Community of Teachers, Kensington, MD



THURSDAY, MAY 1

10:00AM-11:00AM

Connecting Through Conversation: A Playbook for Talking With Students

Erika Bare, M.Ed., Superintendent; Tiffany Burns, Principal, Author, Ashland School District, Ashland, OR



1:30PM-2:30PM

The Ed Branding Book

Lynette White, Communications Consultant, Lynette White Social, LLC, Corona, CA



3:45PM-4:45PM

"I Can't Wait!" Rainy, Windy, Sunny, Snowy

Michele Palmer, Children's book Author/Parapro/Musician, Dirt Pixie Books, La Mesa, CA



BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

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BOOST Live Podcast Lounge is held in Mojave Learning Center, Renaissance



TUESDAY, APRIL 29

2:00PM-3:00PM

Ignite Your Leadership: Using the 4 Roles of Great Leaders to Develop Your Team!

Laurie Brooks, M.Ed., FranklinCovey Client Partner, FranklinCovey Education, Vista, CA; Lynne Fox, MA, Global Educational Developer, Innovator, Strategic Planner, and Coach, FranklinCovey Education, Harrisburg, PA

www.leaderinme.org/podcasts



3:00PM-4:00PM

Inclusive Education Project Podcast: The State of Public Education in 2025

Amanda Selogie, Executive Director; Vickie Brett, Executive Director, Inclusive Education Project, Huntington Beach, CA

www.inclusiveeducationproject.org/podcast



4:00PM-5:00PM

Evenings of Empowerment

Richmond Brown, Creative Educational Architect, Enriched by Richmond, Los Angeles, CA

www.podcastics.com/podcast/7882/link



7:00PM-8:00PM

#iAmImpact Presents: Unleashing Your Social Impact at BOOST

Nathan Houston, Founder/CEO, IAMIMPACT, Sacramento, CA

www.nathanhouston.com



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

10:00AM-11:00AM

A Human. Being! Are You Okay? A Mental Health & Well-being Check-in & Conversation

Dwayne Wiggins, Jr., Thought Leader & Motivational Coach, A Human. Being! LLC., Philadelphia, PA

www.youtube.com/@ahumanbeingtv



3:00PM - 4:00PM

Social Chats: Shaping Minds and Brands

Lynette White, Communications Consultant, Lynette White Social, LLC, Corona, CA

www.socialchats.buzzsprout.com



4:00PM - 5:00PM

The Dee Hankins Show

Dee Hankins, Professional Speaker, Dee Hankins Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, CA

www.youtube.com/DeeHankins



THURSDAY, MAY 1

10:00AM-11:00AM

Real Talk with Dr. Toledo: Empowering Resilience: The Crucial Role of Emotional Intelligence in Self-Awareness and Self-Management

Dr. Sonia Toledo, Founder & CEO, Dignity of Children, Inc., New York, NY

www.dignityofchildren.com/resources/real-talk-with-dr-sonia-toledo-podcast

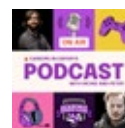


11:00AM-12:00PM

Careers in Esports- Meet an After-School Esports Educator

Peter Polygalov, Director of Marketing; Alan Sitomer, CEO & Founder, Mastery Coding, Thousand Oaks, CA

www.usacademicsports.com/resources/career-webinars



1:30PM-2:30PM

The Relevant Development Podcast: Why Being A Great and Hard Worker Sucks & the 3 Difficulties These People Face

Juan Alvarado, CEO and Founder, Raize The Bar LLC, Visalia, CA

www.buzzsprout.com/1911255



FRIDAY, MAY 2

9:30AM-10:30AM

Leave it at the Door

Annie Middlemist, Associate Dean, School of Education, Annie Middlemist Consulting, Phoenix, AZ; Dr. Robin Elliott, Associate Dean School of Education, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY

www.podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/leave-it-at-the-door/id1800371273



BOOST NATION: TOWN HALL



BOOST NATION: Town Hall meetings are informal public meetings scheduled throughout the conference with national leaders. Anyone in the expanded learning and in and out-of-school time community is invited to attend, voice their opinions, share issues and challenges, share promising practices, and hear the responses from public figures and elected officials about shared subjects of interest.

All BOOST Nation: Town Hall meetings will take place in the Madera Room.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

10:30AM-12:15PM

Expanding Student Success: The State of Expanded Learning in CA

Michael Funk, Director, Expanded Learning Division, California Department of Education, Sacramento, CA; Heather Williams, Director, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA; Vanessa Hernandez, Senior Specialist, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Fresno, CA

Join CDE, CAN, and others from the System of Support for Expanded Learning for a rich discussion on California's current Expanded Learning landscape, including the latest on ELO-P funding, federal policy implications, and the launch of a new strategic design process that leverages this complex landscape to help build thriving communities. Participants will have the opportunity to hear the latest updates from state leadership and engage in dialogue to help shape the future of Expanded Learning.

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2:45PM - 4:45PM

Inclusive Policies & Gender Support Plans for Transgender & Non-Binary Youth

Ellen Kahn, MSS, Senior Vice President, HRC Equality Programs, Human Rights Campaign, Washington, DC; Lisa Stanton, Development Director/Parent, Havaya Summer Programs / HRCF Parents for Transgender Equality Council, Denver, CO

Over the last two years, over 500 anti-LGBTQ+ laws have been introduced in state houses across the country leaving youth-serving professionals questioning how to best support transgender youth in the current political landscape. Join HRC for a discussion of real-world best policies to support transgender, non-binary, and gender-expansive youth and practice creating Gender Support Plans for individualized support including hearing from the parent of a transgender kid why these are so important.

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Strand: BOOST Nation Town Hall; Program Design, Development & Quality, Staff Leadership

THURSDAY, MAY 1

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Bridging the Gap: Promoting Well-Being Between Early Childhood and Adolescence

Philip Steigman, MS, MPP, Brookline, MA; Carlos Santini, CEO, Mizzen Education, Los Angeles, CA

During middle childhood, roughly the years of 6-12, key developmental outcomes like agency and belonging bode well for a child's long-term well-being. This is where afterschool programs shine! And now they can play a lead role in promoting thriving in their ecosystems when kids need it the most. This session will highlight new efforts to bring youth-serving systems together around collective well-being frameworks that leverage the latest developmental research.

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Strand: BOOST Nation: Town Hall; Program Design, Development & Quality

1:15PM - 2:30PM

#AfterschoolWorks – Opportunities and Challenges in the Trump Administration

Jodi Grant, JD, Executive Director; Maria Rizo, Sr. Communications Associate, Afterschool Alliance, Washington DC; Lisa Lucheta, Principal, Torani/R. Torre & Co., San Leandro, CA

How does the 2024 election impact afterschool? This Town Hall will discuss opportunities and challenges our field will face under the Trump administration, the nongovernmental DOGE committee, and at the state level. It will also focus on messaging: what works and what doesn't when communicating about afterschool and how to engage local businesses as advocates and allies.

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Strand: BOOST Nation Town Hall; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Sustainability

3:45PM - 5:15PM

Storytelling for Advocacy

Mike de la Rocha, Co-Founder, Revolve Impact, Los Angeles, CA

Storytelling for Advocacy: Stories as Medicine, Healing & Transformation" is an interactive Town Hall designed to explore the power of storytelling in advocacy work. Participants will dive into the "Self, Us, Now" methodology, learning how to harness personal, collective, and present-day narratives to drive change. Through creative exercises and best practices, participants will discover how storytelling can serve as a powerful tool for healing, empowerment, and transformation in their advocacy efforts."

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Strand: BOOST Nation: Town Hall; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

FRIDAY, MAY 2

9:15AM - 11:15AM

Winning Settlement Dollars to Support Engagement, Community, & Connections in the Age of Social Media

Elizabeth Gaines, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Children's Funding Project, Washington, DC; Erica Lim, Ed.L.D., Senior Program Officer, The Eli & Edythe Broad Foundation, Los Angeles, CA; Jennifer Dietrich, MA, Director of Policy, Partnership for Children and Youth, Sacramento, CA; Diana Carrillo, MBA, Vice President of Programs, arc, Torrance, CA; Eleanor Blume, Special Assistant Attorney General for Economic Justice, Office of the Attorney General, State of California Department of Justice, San Francisco, CA

Children's Funding Project, along with the Afterschool Alliance and CA3, is leading a coalition to ensure potential settlements from social media lawsuits are directed toward youth development programs. The antidote for addictive social media platforms is the abundance of people and programs that protect youth, prevent harm, and promote their well-being. Help us lift up how youth programs support young people in the age of social media, and weigh in on how settlement dollars should be invested.

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Strand: BOOST Nation Town Hall; Sustainability

BOOST FILM FESTIVAL



The mission of the BOOST Film Festival is to support the work of talented and dedicated filmmakers and to share their work so that it may inspire, educate, and transform youth and educators.



The BOOST Film Festival offers attendees the opportunity to view films highlighting relevant topics in the education field including issues relating to today's youth. Many of the featured films offer supplemental materials, such as curriculum, to take back and implement at your school or program. When available, the BOOST Film Festival also offers the opportunity for post-film discussion with the filmmakers and/or representatives from the film company.

The BOOST Film Festival will be held in the Horizon Ballroom, Hilton

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

10:30AM-12:15PM

#KIDS ON TECH

Moderator: Ryan McCarthy, Executive Director, Global Kindness Initiative, San Francisco, CA



2:45AM-4:45PM

PURPLE DREAMS

Moderator: Sonia Toledo, Ph.D., Founder & CEO, Dignity of Children, Inc., New York, NY



THURSDAY, MAY 1

10:00AM-12:00PM

THE TRUTH ABOUT READING

Moderator: Lynne Fox, M.A., Global Educational Developer and Consultant, FranklinCovey Education, Harrisburg, PA



1:15PM-2:30PM

INVENTING TOMORROW

Moderator: Jamecca Marshall, MA, Deputy Executive Director, Los Angeles STEM Collaborative, Los Angeles, CA



3:45PM-5:15PM

REBOUND

Moderator: Lindsay Brewster, MS.Ed., MSW, Social Worker & Teacher, B.A.S.E. Enrichment Workshop for Children, Morrisville, PA



FRIDAY, MAY 2

9:15AM-11:15AM

ZERO GRAVITY

Moderator: Mara Wold, Program Coordinator II, Region 5, Expanded Learning, Monterey County Office of Education, Salinas, CA

CAMP INSPIRE WORKSHOP SESSIONS



Camp Inspire workshop sessions are an intimate way to bring a group of participants together for an in-depth conversation to share perspectives about specific area(s) of interest or specific ideas. Camp Inspire workshops are 45-minutes and set in the grand entrance of the [Palm Springs Convention Center Lobby](#) amongst the beautiful landscape of Palm Springs.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

10:30AM - 11:15AM - STATION 1

Put Your Hands Together for Hands-On STEM Education

Susan Wells, M.Ed., CEO and Founder, TechTerra Education, Chapel Hill, NC

10:30AM - 11:15AM - STATION 2

Sport Stacking - An Inclusive Activity for ALL Students!

Matt Burk, Vice President, Speed Stacks, Inc., Larkspur, CO

11:45AM - 12:30PM - STATION 1

Growing Youth Voice, Engagement, and Leadership through Service-Learning

Amy Meuers, MS, Chief Executive Officer, National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC), Saint Louis Park, MN

11:45AM - 12:30PM - STATION 2

Lesson Planning Made Easy

Curlen Phipps, Co-Founder / Co-CEO, Resource Portal, Fresno, CA

2:45PM - 3:30PM - STATION 1

Building STEM Without Screens: Hands-On Engineering & Robotics with Strawbees

Jody Nova, MA, VP of Curriculum, Brains & Motion Education (BAM!), Arlington, VA

2:45PM - 3:30PM - STATION 2

Transforming Expanded Learning Teams: Simplifying Onboarding & Staff Training Processes

Ellie Honardoost, Psy.D., CEO/FOUNDER, INNOVED INC, Fresno, CA

THURSDAY, MAY 1

10:00AM - 10:45AM - STATION 1

Play, Perform, Persevere: The Power of Laughter in Life

Alireza Ghaemian, MA, CEO; Italia Carmona, Chief of Staff, Levity Live | The IMPROV, Los Angeles, CA

10:00AM - 10:45AM - STATION 2

Exploring Ways to Make Math Fun

Mary Curry, MA, Founder, MANGO Math, Palm Desert, CA

11:15AM - 12:00PM - STATION 1

It's Not Rocket Science-or Is It?-Engaging Kids with Hands-on Science and Storytelling!

Terri Johnson, MS, Owner/Developer of Creative 3 Publishing Company, Creative 3, LLC-Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science Series, Springfield, MO

11:15AM - 12:00PM - STATION 2

School Yard Rap: Engage, Educate, Empower

Brandon "Griot B" Brown, M.Ed., Chief Entertainment Officer (CEO), School Yard Rap, Fresno, CA

1:15PM - 2:00PM - STATION 1

The Prime Time Games: A Truly Inclusive Interscholastic Sports League

Peter Straus, Executive Director; Atonye Nyingifa, Prime Time Games Regional Director, Team Prime Time, Los Angeles, CA

1:15PM - 2:00PM - STATION 2

Enhancing Afterschool Programs: Effective Strategies for Setting Up Engaging Center Stations & Dynamic Small Groups

Chandra Roughton, M.Ed., Administrative Program Director, Luminous Minds, Roseville, CA

FRIDAY, MAY 2

9:15AM - 10:00AM - STATION 1

Strengthening Quality Using the Latest in Professional Development Solutions

Jennifer Merrill, Director of Strategic Partnerships, California School-Age Consortium, El Sobrante, CA; Steve Stookey, Co-Founder & Chief Client Officer, CypherWorx, Kirkland, CA

9:15AM - 10:00AM - STATION 2

The Importance of Healthy Eating for Children and Accessing Impact LA's Meal Programs

Courtney Lockridge, Executive Director, Impact LA, Los Angeles, CA

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Your constructive and specific feedback is important to us so that we can improve our services and support you in your professional development needs. Please remember to complete an evaluation after each workshop session using the QR code provided by your Room Host.

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The workshop presentation slides and handouts are available on the BOOST Cafe website. To access the conference materials, please set up a FREE profile at <https://boostcafe.org>. You will need to wait 24-48 hours for your profile to be approved. Once your profile is approved, you can log in, click on RESOURCES > CONFERENCE MATERIALS, and search for the content you are interested in. Questions? Email hello@boostcafe.org for support.

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The health and safety of our BOOST Community are of the utmost importance and our goal is to provide a safe experience for everyone. We recommend that everyone conforms to their own comfort level which may include wearing a face mask throughout the conference facilities. We recommend regular hand washing, and using hand sanitizer throughout the event, and encourage you to communicate your social distancing comfort level with others.

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2025 BOOST CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

FIND YOUR MATCH CONTEST

All participants pre-registered for BOOST have a number in the corner of their name badge. Guess what? Two other attendees have the same number! If you can find your matches before the end of the conference, you may have the chance to win free conference registration for the 2025 BOOST Conference. We encourage you to mingle, seek out your matches, and make new friends. All matching trios must come together at the [BOOST Collaborative Booth \(0101 & 0105\)](#) in the Exhibit Hall to announce their successful match and to be entered to win. Winners will be announced on Thursday morning during the General Session. Please note that gift certificates are non-transferable and are valued at the 2025 Standard Registration fee only. Have fun!

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ONLINE NETWORKING

Want to coordinate a meet-up with other like-minded professionals during BOOST? Do you have recommendations for your favorite restaurant or tourist spot in Palm Springs? Does your spouse need a golf buddy or want to hang out at the outlets, pool, or casino while you're in workshops? Looking to connect? Leave a message for friends and colleagues on the conference app and connect!

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Please stop by the Concierge Desk in the [PSCC Lobby](#) for information about local restaurants, shopping, events, public transportation, and other attractions in Palm Springs and Coachella Valley. We recommend that you make reservations for your preferred restaurants in advance to ensure seating. Enjoy your stay!

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Nursing mothers can also stop by the Concierge/Guest Information Desk to request access to the Mother's Room. A refrigerator is available in this room.

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Thursday, 7:00AM-5:30PM
Friday, 7:00AM-11:30AM

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2025 INSPIRATION STATIONS

Wednesday and Thursday only in the Exhibit Hall, Primrose A & B

Inspiration Stations are an informal way to bring a more intimate group together to share perspectives about specific area(s) of interest. Attending an Inspiration Station is a chance to learn something new, outside the traditional workshop setting, and to join groups of your peers who share similar challenges or questions that you have. It's a great chance to build connections and create opportunities for collaboration. It is also a great opportunity to share best practices, discuss new ideas, get feedback through a focus group, or participate in Make-It, Take-It sessions. Each Inspiration Station is chaired by a designated person and offers explorations aligned with the BOOST Conference core values:

Inspire Youth. Inspire Learning. Inspire Change.

Inspiration Stations will be offered on Wednesday and Thursday in the Exhibit Hall—look for signage and bright yellow tables. (Each Inspiration Station is limited to 10 attendees—space is limited).

Wednesday

10:30AM – 11:15AM

11:30AM – 12:15PM

2:45PM – 3:30PM

Thursday

10:00AM – 10:45AM

11:00AM – 11:45AM

1:15PM – 2:00PM



WEDNESDAY

10:30AM-11.15AM

Station A- Join Us For A Quick Eye & Ear On The Fundamentals Of Funtology, Barbertology, Nailtology and Skintology

TeQuilla Holloway, Founder, Funtology Fundamentals, Augusta, GA

Station B- Domino Math Games + Pizza = An Awesome Family Math Games Night

John Felling, Consultant & Author, Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks, Edmonton, Alberta, CA

Station C- STEAMVentures: Cultivating Curiosity and Innovation in Young Learners

Suzy Haislip, Director of Business Development & STEM Education Specialist, PCS Edventures, Boise, Idaho

Station D- Kindness Rocks!

Elle Essenmacher, Account Executive, Harmony Academies @National University, Windsor, CO

Station E- Café O Yea! Demo for Teens "Bust My Stress"

Alexis Woodward, Associate Director, HealthCorps, New York, NY

Station F- Eliminating Exclusionary Discipline

Brett Garner, Director, High Tech High, San Diego, CA

11:30AM - 12:15PM

Station A- Add Bilingual Learning to Your Program, Even Without Bilingual Teachers

Anne-Louise Nieto, Co-Founder, Habbi Habbi Bilingual Books & Toys, San Francisco, CA

Station B- Engineering in Motion: Hands-On Creations with Strawbees

Jody Nova, Vice President of Curriculum, Brains & Motion (BAM!), Arlington, VA

Station C- Adding Fun to Math to Multiply Outcomes

Mary Curry, Math Enthusiast, MANGO Math, Palm Desert, CA

Station D- Empowering All Students for Success: Multimodal Instruction & Game-Based Learning

Diana Christopherson, Account Manager, Legends of Learning, Laurel, MD

Station E- Nurturing Students' Love of Sports: Increasing Attendance Through Physical Activity

Sydney Smith, Manager of School Programs, High Performance Academy, Fresno, CA

Station F- Building Better: Activities to Enhance Group Connections

Raynee Russell, Operations Manager/Lead Teacher, Global Kindness Initiative, San Francisco, CA

2:45PM-3:30PM

Station A- Books, Bubbles, & Beakers-Teaching Science the Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Way!

Terri Johnson, Owner/Developer, Creative 3, LLC-Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science Series, Springfield, MO

Station B- Playing for Keeps, Hands-on Materials for Math and Reading

Rich Stuart, Director, Learning Wrap-ups, a Division of EDC, Layton, UT

Station C- Piper Make and Take

Chris Bouman, CMO, Play Piper, San Francisco, CA

Station D- Hands-on is Minds On in Science

Denise Phillips, Solution Architect, LEGO Education, Groveland, CA

Station E- How to Make Access and Equity Actionable in Expanded Learning Programs

Rod Hsiao, CEO, InPlay, San Mateo, CA

Station F- Queer & Quizzical: Brain-Teasers and Brainstorming for Inclusive Classrooms

Basel Touchan, Learning and Development Consultant, History UnErased, Lowell, MA

THURSDAY

10:00AM - 10:45AM

Station A- Creating Tomorrow's Legends Today, Through the Magic of Drones

Scott Buell, Founder/CEO, Drone Legends, Cherry Hill, NJ

Station B- Build-A-Bot, Save a Species

Marci Klein, Owner/President, 3duxdesign, Fairfield, CT

Station C- Sight Word Fun: Engaging Activities for Afterschool Programs

Chandra Roughton, Administrative Program Director, Luminous Minds, Loomis, CA

Station D- Your Guide to Planning the Perfect Expanded Learning Camp

Amy Bernhard, Vice President, California Adventure Camps, Redding, CA

Station E- Get Hands-On with Purpose-Driven STEM: Explore the Climate Action Coding & Robotics Kit

Jeremy Hedges, CEO, Forward Education, Kitchener, Ontario Canada

Station F- Give STEM a Sporting Chance

Jeff Golner, President & CEO, STEM Sports®, Phoenix, AZ

11:00AM - 11:45AM

Station A- Multisensory Language Learning Kits

Connie Romaniuk, Co-Founder & Creative Director, Communakit, Ardrossan, Alberta, Canada

Station B- Recruiting and Retaining Great Staff

Adam Rosen, CEO, Radar Talent Solutions, Minneapolis, MN

Station C- Science Unlocked - Open the World of Learning with Hands-On Science

Scott Burns, National Educational Sales Director, Home Science Tools, Billings, MT

Station D- How to use ELO-P to Close the Expanded Learning Gap

Helen Wang, CEO/Co-Founder, 6crickets, Inc, Bellevue, WA

Station E- Voices & Visions: Storytelling and Activism Through Zines

Brooke Newman, Director K-8 Programs, Outside the Lens, San Diego, CA

Station F- Bigger Than Play! - Get in the Game to Experience How Play Inspires & Why Play Matters

Leah Ewbank, Regional Partnership Manager, Playworks, Oakland, CA

1:15PM - 2:00PM

Station A- Crafting Change: Multicultural Prevention Crafts to Make and Take

Carol Coyne, Tobacco Use Prevention and Education Program Manager, Corona - Norco Unified School District, Norco, CA

Station B- Building Character through Movement and Mindfulness

Jess Wadleigh, Physical Activity Specialist, Skillastics, Corona, CA

Station C- Electric Exploration: Motorized Pinwheels for Purposeful Learning

Dr. Ellie Honardoost, CEO/Founder, InnovEd, Fresno, CA

Station D- Speak with Multilingual Brenda, TeachMe TV®'s Proprietary AI Learning Assistant

Carolyn Sloan, Founder/CEO, TeachMe TV®, Brooklyn, NY

Station E- The Prime Time Games: A Truly Inclusive Interscholastic Sports League

Peter Straus Executive Director, Team Prime Time, Los Angeles, CA

Station F- Unlock Your Child-Like Mindset

James Howell, CEO, CF Fitness, Inc, Inglewood, CA



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- PK** Pre-Kindergarten
- E** Elementary School
- M** Middle School
- H** High School
- HE** Higher Education
- ULA** Upper-Level Administration (e.g., manage an organization, manage a budget, fundraise, and/or work with a governing board)
- MLA** Mid-Level Administration (e.g., manage/direct one or more program sites)
- CB** Capacity Building (e.g., provide professional development, provide technical assistance, monitor programs, evaluate programs, and/or conduct research)
- DS** Direct Service (e.g., work directly with children/youth)

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Some of the workshops are geared specifically for California's After School Education and Safety (ASES) Programs and 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Programs. These workshops are indicated with a CA FOCUS icon.

Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions.



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WORKSHOP LEGEND

2025 BOOST CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



TUESDAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

REGISTRATION

8:30AM-5:00PM

PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER LOBBY

(8:30am-10:00am Pre-Conference Attendees only)

PRE-CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

10:00AM-4:30PM

PASADENA, CATALINA, MADERA, SIERRA, SANTA ROSA

(Pre-registration is required)

BOOST CONFERENCE ORIENTATION

9:00AM-5:00PM

PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER LOBBY

(Every hour on the hour)

FRIENDSHIP CORNER

10:00AM-4:00PM

GREATROOM

BOOST SWIM CLUB

1:00PM-5:00PM

POOLSIDE RENAISSANCE

MEET THE AUTHORS

1:00PM-5:00PM

SMOKETREE F

BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

2:00PM-8:00PM

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER, RENAISSANCE

ZEN DEN (Sound Bath & Chill)

3:00PM-5:00PM

TAHQUITZ

OPENING WELCOME RECEPTION

5:30PM-6:30PM

ROCKS LOUNGE/POOLSIDE RENAISSANCE

SPECIAL EVENTS & FIELD TRIPS

6:00PM-9:00PM

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

PRE-CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

10:00AM-4:30PM

Foundations in Courageous Conversation®

Glenn Singleton, Founder & President, Courageous Conversation®, Washington, D.C.



This one-day, Pre-Conference Academy is an experience that acquaints individuals with a set of tools known as The Protocol™, to engage, sustain and deepen dialogues about race. Participants will be introduced to the three components of the Protocol™: The Compass, Four Agreements, and Six Conditions. This initial engagement with Courageous Conversation® guides an exploration of the life impact of race, and promotes an essential literacy and consciousness to examine our personal, professional, and organizational ways of being. Designed to meet participants at whatever their level of experience, Foundations in Courageous Conversation® will enhance any effort to promote racial equity.

Pasadena

1:00PM-4:00PM

Back to the Basics: 21st CCLC Cohort 16 Changes and an Overview of ELOP Attendance Recovery

Michael Funk, Director; Daniela Solley, Education Program Consultant; Kelly Faustino, MA, Education Programs Consultant; Susie Morikawa, MA, Education Programs Consultant; Joshua Brady, MA, Program Administrator, California Department of Education, Sacramento, CA



The team at the Expanded Learning Division of the California Department of Education (CDE) will host a session to provide an overview of the ELOP Attendance Recovery Program and review the potential changes for the next 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) RFA. The first part of the session will briefly cover the RFA process and application requirements, and the second part of the session will provide a foundational understanding of Attendance Recovery requirements, including the role of Expanded Learning Programs in supporting Attendance Recovery.

Sierra

1:00PM-4:00PM

Building and Strengthening Developmental Relationships with Young People

Nanyamka Redmond, Ph.D., Research Scientist, Search Institute, Minneapolis, MN



Developmental relationships help young people forge identities, learn new skills, and strengthen the roots of their success, so they can withstand the storms of life. Educators can help young people figure out who they are and who they can become. This workshop helps participants learn to intentionally build developmental relationships with young people to powerfully benefit youth learning and development.

Catalina

1:00PM-4:00PM

Light Up Hats & Headpieces: A Beginner's Guide to STEAM Fashion

Nancy Coddington, Founder, SciComm Solutions, Brooktondale, NY

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Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop, no prior experience in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math), sewing, or circuits is needed! You'll learn how to create simple circuits and turn them into wearable accessories like hats or headpieces. Circuits have been part of fashion for years—now it's your turn to add your own STEAM Fashion electric twist as you design your own light-up creation! This Pre-Conference Academy is designed to be fun, creative, and welcoming to all. Explore how playful design, fashion, and STEAM go hand-in-hand.

Madera

1:00PM-4:00PM

Staff Wellness - A Softness Break for You with Tara Stiles

Tara Stiles, Co-Founder, Strala Yoga, Sharon, CT

Our time together will include easy-going practices that combine the movement and healing wisdom of tai chi with the practice of yoga, tai chi, and qigong, to help release stress, heal, and move more easily through challenge. It begins with a mindset that says our best way to get where we're going is to feel good along the way.

Santa Rosa

MEET THE AUTHORS

1:00PM-5:00PM

Meet the Authors provides an intimate setting where attendees are a part of a live Author read which will also include a Q&A and an opportunity to meet the author, purchase their book(s), and get them signed.

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SWIM CLUB

1:00PM-5:00PM

Catch some rays, good BOOST vibes, and gear up for the BOOST experience. Dance to the grooves of our resident DJ Walt White and play water games during this pre-conference networking mixer! Sunscreen not included.

Sponsors:



POOLSIDE RENAISSANCE

MAKE A SPLASH: OMNIKIN POOL PARTY GAMES & ACTIVITIES!

3:00PM-4:00PM

Get ready to make a splash! Join us poolside for exciting activities and games featuring OMNIKIN's giant inflatable products that will amaze you and guarantee a soaking good time. From giant tubes to thrilling individual team challenges, this event is packed with fun, laughter, and a boost of motivation to kick off your time at BOOST! Don't forget to bring your towel, sunscreen, and, most importantly, your smile—we can't wait to see you there!

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MAKE A SPLASH WITH BUCKETGOLF!

4:00PM-5:00PM

Grab a club and join us poolside for a round of BucketGolf—the exciting, portable par-3 golf game that brings a whole new twist to learning and playing golf! With lightweight targets, customizable courses, and safe plastic balls, it's perfect for golfers of ALL ages and skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned pro or picking up a club for the first time, get ready for friendly competition, plenty of laughs, and a ton of fun in the sun. See you on the course!

BUCKETGOLF

BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

2:00PM-8:00PM

BOOST Live Podcast Lounge provides an intimate setting where attendees are a part of a live podcast audience. Podcasters will interview thought leaders, facilitate Q&A sessions, and expert panels all in front of a live audience! Be a part of the conversation, learning, and podcast community, live at BOOST.

Mojave Learning Center



ZEN DEN

3:00PM-5:00PM

Take a break and recharge, BOOSTers! Pop into our designated oasis curated to sit down and relax, unwind, meditate, decompress, casually connect with others, or just chill out.

Join us during this time for a Sound Bath & Chill experience for deep relaxation, rejuvenation, and introspection.

Tahquitz



TUESDAY

OPENING WELCOME RECEPTION

5:30PM-6:30PM

Join us for our early evening opening reception poolside. Connect with colleagues and make new friends while the sun sets against the San Jacinto mountains. A perfect way to start the conference!

Stop by and strike a pose with ZTAG—snap a Polaroid with your team, then spin the prize wheel for a chance to win AirPods, retro lunch bags, sunglasses, and more fun giveaways!

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ROCKS LOUNGE/POOLSIDE RENAISSANCE

OPENING RECEPTION & HAT CONTEST

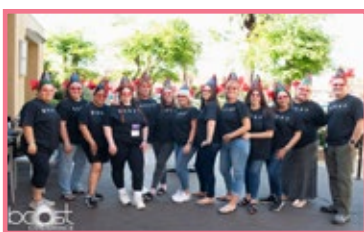
Join the annual creative and fun tradition at our Opening Reception and get ready to celebrate in style. Show up at the opening poolside reception and show off your style. Don't forget to bring a hat! Glamorous headpieces, outrageously themed headwear, fancy floral arrangements, sports-themed caps or boost your company/program flair! Be entered into one of three different Hat Contest categories: Most Glamorous, Best Theme, and Most Creative. The opening reception is truly a day to celebrate in Palm Springs with colleagues from all over the globe.



Hat Contest Judging will take place between 5:30-5:50PM

Hat Contest Winners will be announced at 6:00PM

Must be present during judging and announcements to be eligible to win.



POP-UP DINNERS

6:15PM-8:00PM

Looking for dinner plans while at the BOOST Conference? Want to meet and network with new, awesome, and like-minded BOOSTers? Join our Pop-up Dinners for just that purpose! If you pre-registered for this event, please meet your group in the **Renaissance lobby** at **6:15PM** sharp!



LGBTQ+ AND ALLIES MIXER

7:00PM-9:00PM

Join us for a fun mixer and the opportunity to meet and hang out with other members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies. Please wear your BOOST name badge to receive food and drink specials.

In partnership, BOOST Collaborative and Human Rights Campaign are dedicated to creating safe, inclusive, and welcoming communities.



V LOUNGE & MARTINI BAR

V Lounge & Martini Bar, 600 E Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

FIELD TRIPS- CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!

Escape Room

5:30PM-8:30PM

A fun and exciting team building experience where you and your team will work together to achieve a common goal, and in doing so, bond, strengthen your relationships, and improve communication and teamwork. Each game is 60-minutes in length and includes an orientation and debriefing after each game. Who will escape first? Escape Room Palm Springs is located at 2500 North Palm Canyon Drive, Suite B3, Palm Springs, CA 92262. BOOSTers are responsible for their own transportation. Special BOOST Rates offered Sunday - Thursday, 5:30PM - 8:30PM



Noche Tropical (Tropical Night) Salsa Dancing

7:30PM-10:00PM

It's a night to spice things up! Enjoy Salsa Dancing at Agave Caliente Tequila Bar at Agua Caliente Cathedral City. Salsa Lessons from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Watch and learn from experienced Salsa Performers and instructors! Must be 21 years of age and over. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

REGISTRATION

7:00AM-4:00PM

PSCC LOBBY

BOOST CONFERENCE ORIENTATION

7:30AM-8:30AM

PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER LOBBY

MORNING RECESS (Indoor & Outdoor)

7:30AM-8:30AM

PSCC, EAST LAWN & PRIMROSE C & D

BREAKFAST & NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

7:30AM

EXHIBIT HALL

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7:30AM-4:00PM

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BLOOD DRIVE

8:00AM-1:00PM

PSCC, EAST LAWN

OPENING/GENERAL SESSION

8:45AM-9:45AM

OASIS 3 & 4

BREAKFAST & NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

7:30AM-8:30AM

Mingle with our exhibitors and enjoy a healthy breakfast in the Exhibit Hall. It's a great way to start your day!

RELAXATION STATION

7:30AM-4:00PM

Pop by the Relaxation Station for a free massage and gain a sense of calm. Peace!

MORNING RECESS ACTIVITIES

7:30AM-8:30AM

5 NEW ACTIVITIES IN 45 MINUTES: Sunrise Recess on the Lawn with Leading To Change

Eric Rowles, CEO, Leading To Change, Huntersville, NC

Come kick off the day and join us for an example-filled showcase of FIVE easy, try-these-at-your-site games and challenges! The weather will still be cool, the energy will be high, and the music will be playing—what a way to celebrate the sunrise and kick off your morning!

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Stretch, Breathe, Thrive: Yoga and Mindfulness for Teachers and Students

Rebekah Cordell, Director of Environmental Education, Yogativity Learning, Carmel, CA

Join us for a yoga break and an introduction to the transformative power of student yoga, mindfulness, and breathwork. In this interactive session, you'll experience simple, yet powerful yoga stretches designed to help students cultivate focus, self-regulation, and emotional balance. Yogativity after school programs benefit students by improving attention, reducing anxiety, and fostering resilience. Don't miss this opportunity to explore how small changes in a student's daily approach can lead to big benefits for everyone involved. Participants will enjoy simple stretches and breathwork, and leave feeling refreshed and recharged.

PSCC, PRIMROSE C & D: THE PLAYGROUND



BOOST COFFEE BAR

7:30AM-11:30AM



Mix and mingle with other BOOSTers at the BOOST Coffee Bar. This hosted Coffee Bar will serve up all of your favorite specialty caffeinated drinks such as lattes, cappuccinos, and espresso drinks. Elevate your day!

PSCC, EXHIBIT HALL, PRIMROSE A & B

BOOST BLOOD DRIVE

8:00AM-1:00PM

Join us at BOOST and donate blood this year for a worthy cause! We are continuing our partnership with LifeStream to bring their donor truck to Palm Springs with one valued mission that we support - to help save lives by connecting donors and patients through the gift of blood.
PSCC East Lawn



CONFERENCE OPENING & GENERAL SESSION

8:45AM-9:45AM

OASIS 3 & 4

WELCOME TO BOOST

Tia Quinn, Founder & CEO
BOOST Collaborative, San Diego, CA



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GLENN SINGLETON

Founder & President, Courageous Conversation®, Washington, D.C.

Erasing The Story of Us to Rewrite Who Belongs in the Story of Now

32 years ago, esteemed legal scholar and professor Cheryl I. Harris helped us to understand racial identity and property as deeply interrelated concepts. Mr. Singleton will guide and engage us in Courageous Conversation® on why the assumed ownership of the American story has been claimed as the property of racial privilege and power, and how the holders of the same are exercising both to erase America's true story, control its future, establish what gets told, who belongs in it and how.

Learn more about Glenn Singleton here www.boostconference.org/courageous-conversations

BOOST BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS & KEYNOTE MEET & GREET AND BOOK SIGNING

9:45AM-10:15AM

Join your colleagues in the Exhibit Hall and mingle with Exhibitors while learning about the latest resources, curriculum, and services to enhance your program.

EXHIBIT HALL

KEYNOTE MEET & GREET AND BOOK SIGNING

9:45AM-10:15AM



Courageous Conversations About Race - A Field Guide for Achieving Equity in Schools and Beyond

Deepen the dialogue to address racial disparities in your organization.

Schools, like all organizations, face a nearly insurmountable hurdle when addressing racial inequities—the inability to talk candidly about race. In this timely update, author Glenn Singleton enables you to break the silence and open an authentic dialogue that forges a path to progress for racial equity. The third edition offers new coverage of the structural inequities in schools and society that have been exposed by the pandemic as well as heightened public awareness of racial injustice.

This guide empowers you with practical tools and insights to successfully challenge racist policies and practice in schools and beyond. It is your call to leadership—one that will impact student achievement and drive systemic transformation.

BOOST Booth (0101 & 0105), Oasis 1 & 2

If you have pre-purchased a book, you can pick it up at the BOOST Booth. There will also be a limited supply of books to purchase.

MEET THE AUTHORS

10:00AM-11:00AM

SMOKETREE F

Healing Your Map - A Guide to Understanding Discernment, Trauma, and Human Behavior

Jodee Gibson, MA, PCC, Human Behavior Expert & Master Coach, Human Behavior Architects™, Novi, MI

11:00AM-12:00PM

Next Time You See a Snowflake

Emily Morgan, Moonshot Ohio Coordinator, Ohio Afterschool Network, West Chester, OH

BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

10:00AM-11:00AM

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER

A Human. Being! Are You Okay? A Mental Health & Well-being Check-in & Conversation

Dwayne Wiggins, Jr., Thought Leader & Motivational Coach, A Human. Being! LLC., Philadelphia, PA

#KIDSONTECH

Moderator: Ryan McCarthy, Executive Director, Global Kindness Initiative, San Francisco, CA

Parents and teachers around the world struggle with their kids' dependence on devices. #KIDSONTECH looks at the impact this is having on children's developing bodies and brains. Voices from around the world, including parents and teens, a Google designer, a German brain scientist, and New York Times journalist, Matt Richtel ask: "Who is responsible?" and, "How can we help our children cope with the challenges posed by tech today?"

Strand: BOOST Film Festival

Horizon 1

ALL HANDS ON DECK- Elementary Math Games

Jane Felling, M.Ed., Consultant/Author, Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

This hands-on math games workshop will show you how to build: operational fluency, basic facts, place value including decimals and integrate engaged practice into your afterschool programs. Games integrate the use of cards and dice and all games are easy to differentiate to meet the needs of all students in regular, ELL, Special Ed and afterschool programs. Handout will contain games and ideas for teaching in multi-graded settings. COME PREPARED TO PLAY! Use your ELO-P and ASES budgets.

Strand: Small Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality

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The Connecting Adolescent Brain: Developmental Science Insights to Help Middle and High School Youth Thrive

Elise Brumbach, MPP, JD, Director of Policy and Practice; Natalie Saragosa-Harris, Ph.D., Research Associate, UCLA Center for the Developing Adolescent, Los Angeles, CA

During adolescence—ages 10 to 25—we are primed to make new connections in our schools and communities, which in turn build connections within our developing brains. In this scientist-led session, we will share practical insights from adolescent development research, including the neuroscience underlying the rapid connections that occur during this age. Together, we'll consider how out-of-school time experiences can equitably support the developmental needs of our youth in middle and high school.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Older Youth

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Pasadena

Cultivating Youth Voice through Entrepreneurship!

Moderator: Katrena Perou, Executive Director, Inspiring Minds NYC, Brooklyn, NY

Panelists: Kylie Richardson, CEO, Chucks Round Table, Brooklyn, NY; Arnold Ludd, CEO, Jiggabite Gloves Up Guns Downs, Brooklyn, NY; Sikirat Mustapha, CEO, Sikirat Tutors, Brooklyn, NY; Andrea Ishmael, CEO, Granny and Me, Brooklyn, NY; Joshua Applewhite, CEO, Japplejuice Productions, Brooklyn, NY

Education activist Paulo Freire once said that education should nurture our youth as agents of change—empowering them to transform the world they've inherited instead of conforming to it. Our IMCEO program is dedicated to supporting high school students in launching businesses that tackle pressing issues in their communities. Hear directly from our young CEOs as they share how they created impactful businesses that resonate deeply with their communities.

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Strand: Panel Session; Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Older Youth
Smoketree A-C

Diagnosing Situations, Not Students: A Strengths-Based Approach to Support Needs Assessment

Robert Illingworth, Director of Inclusion; Matt Mazon, Inclusion Specialist; Angelica Morales, Senior Director of Student Support Services, Woodcraft Rangers, Los Angeles, CA



In this workshop, participants will learn strategies to conduct comprehensive, strengths-based needs assessments that focus on the environment and context, rather than labeling students. Explore practical tools for identifying support needs, creating responsive action plans, and fostering inclusive, equitable learning environments. This approach empowers educators to meet students where they are and create a foundation for success in expanded learning programs.

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Strand: Woodcraft Rangers; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Ventura

Empowering Educators: Building Confidence to Inspire Lifelong Learners

Joshua Faden, M.A.T., President/Founder, Community of Teachers, Kensington, MD

Empower after-school leaders and all educators to build student confidence using the Confidence Constellation model. Participants will explore the Challenge Cycle's phases—Receptivity, Awareness, Frustration Management, Valuing Effort, and Valuing Challenge. Through hands-on activities from The Confidence Constellation Activities Handbook, attendees will gain strategies to create environments that inspire students to embrace challenges and become confident learners.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality, Staff Leadership, Partnerships & Building Relationships

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WEDNESDAY

Expanded Learning, Students with Disabilities, the Law, and the Opportunity

Kristen Henry, PPS, Ed.D., Sr. Vice President of Curriculum and Training, Elevo, San Diego, CA; Kari Adams, MA, Inclusive Leadership Center Director, Thompson Policy Institute, Orange, CA



Join us for "Expanded Learning, Students with Disabilities, the Law, and the Opportunity," a workshop designed to empower educators and stakeholders with essential knowledge about legal obligations and inclusive practices for students with disabilities. Explore the intersection of expanded learning funding and special education law, and discover strategies to enhance learning opportunities for all students.

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Strand: Elevo; Program Design, Development & Quality; CA Focus
Mesquite B

Expanding Student Success: State of Expanded Learning in CA

Michael Funk, Director, Expanded Learning Division, California Department of Education (CDE), Sacramento, CA; Heather Williams, Director, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA; Vanessa Hernandez, Senior Specialist, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Fresno, CA

Join CDE, CAN, and others from the System of Support for Expanded Learning for a rich discussion on California's current Expanded Learning landscape, including the latest on ELO-P funding, federal policy implications, and the launch of a new strategic design process that leverages this complex landscape to help build thriving communities. Participants will have the opportunity to hear the latest updates from state leadership and engage in dialogue to help shape the future of Expanded Learning.

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Strand: BOOST Nation Town Hall; Program Design, Development & Quality, Staff Leadership, Partnerships & Building Relationships, Sustainability; CA Focus
Catalina/Madera

From Distraction to Action: Boosting Students' Executive Functioning Skills

Sonia Toledo, Ph.D., Founder & CEO, Dignity of Children, Inc., New York, NY

Managing a classroom where students struggle with focus, organization, and following instructions can be challenging. This workshop explores essential executive function skills like working memory, planning, and self-regulation. Gain practical strategies to create a supportive learning environment, foster student success, and address common classroom challenges related to poor executive functioning.

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The Kids Are Ready: Play as a Tool for Social Change

Simone Gamble, MSW, Lead Consultant, OAAARS, New York, NY

In this workshop, participants will discover how play can serve as a powerful tool to engage youth in conversations about social identity, power, social justice, and allyship in educational settings. They will gain practical strategies for fostering inquiry-driven, safe spaces where young people can explore real-world issues and be empowered to become agents of change.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality
San Jacinto

Leading with Purpose: How Empowered Staff Drive Student Success

Ayodele Coker, M.Ed., Training and Development Specialists III, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA



Research highlights a powerful link between educator efficacy and student achievement. This session explores how staff empowerment fosters student success by creating an environment where staff feel purpose, ownership, and autonomy. Participants will gain practical strategies to inspire and support their teams, boosting motivation and helping students reach their full potential.

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Strand: Think Together; Staff Leadership
Mesquite E/F

LEGO® EDUCATION Maker's Station

Denise Phillips, M.Ed., Solution Architect, LEGO Education, Boston, MA



The LEGO Education Maker's Station Mini-Strand is a hands-on exploration of learning, research, and possibilities. Done at your own pace you can even earn some fun LEGO swag!!! Jump in any time during the sessions and come back, again and again, to complete as many tasks as you can.

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Strand: LEGO® Education Mini Strand
Primrose Foyer

Passion to Possibilities: Strategies for Successful Programs

Danny Martinez, MS, Senior Consultant, SCRI, Austin, TX

In this immersive session, participants will examine a holistic approach to strategic design for OST programs and learn the basic components of strategic planning. This will include assessing specific community needs, understanding the importance of stakeholder input, developing a program vision and goals, and planning for program evaluation and continuous improvement. Participants will leave with fresh ideas, effective tools, and a simple framework for creating a comprehensive strategy.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality
Plaza B

Practical Everyday Habits: Creating Intentional Spaces

Meghan Belknap, Area Manager, Champions® Before- and After-School Programs, Bothell, WA; Jordan Leonard, Area Manager, Champions® Before- and After-School Programs, Portland, OR

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Curating learning environments with supportive curriculum enhances play, exploration, emotional safety, self-respect and gives students a sense of value and belonging. Explore how simple environmental changes and scaffolded tools can lead to a high-quality program with differentiated approaches. Intentionally led programs, utilizing universal supports, enhance engagement and learning outcomes for teachers and students. Learn plug-and-play tactics to elevate your program, improve collaboration between staff and students, and maximize opportunities for children.

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Strand: Champions® Before- and After-School Programs; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Mesquite C

Physical Activities and Games for Groups of All Sizes

Jeff Mushkin, MAE, Content Development Manager, SPARK, Owatonna, MN

Physical activity is a powerful way to bring kids together, build skills, foster friendships, and boost self-esteem. Join this interactive session where you'll discover valuable resources to help kids be active, engaged, and have fun from start to finish. Experience activities that build skills, and improve fitness and cooperation. Content is designed to be inclusive for kids of all ages, abilities, and skill levels for all group sizes. Walk away with fresh ideas to re-energize your program!

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Strand: Large Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Primrose C&D

Reignite & Redefine: Reimagining the Site Coordinator Network

Lupita Perez, Senior Specialist, Equity & Quality; Troy Selvey, Manager, Equity & Quality; Bill Fennessy, Senior Specialist, Equity & Quality, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA



Site Coordinators are vital to the success of staff, families, & youth in quality programs. This session invites participants to discuss, explore, and share innovative strategies & insights that empower leaders at all levels to take action. Together, we will elevate our impact in Expanded Learning, share the evolution of the Site Coordinator Network, and foster collaboration. Join us as we celebrate our roles, share our experiences, and build a stronger future for our communities together!

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Strand: California AfterSchool Network; Program Design, Development & Quality; CA Focus

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Reimagining Career Exploration and Durable Skills Development for Youth

Jing Cox-Orrell, Philanthropy Program Manager, American Student Assistance, Boston, MA; Lexi Ortiz, Digital Partnerships Manager, Big Picture Learning, Providence, RI

Ensuring young people are prepared for what comes next is increasingly the purview of community partners and out-of-school time educators who work in tandem with schools to ensure young people have skills for education and career. This session will explore several innovative programs, tools and resources available to professionals outside the school environment who seek to help students explore their passions and interests, learn about real world careers, and develop workplace skills.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Pueblo A/B

Safeguarding the Rights of Undocumented Students and Educators

Aleah Rosario, Co-CEO, Partnership for Children and Youth, Sacramento, CA; Danny Salas, Chief Program Officer, Woodcraft Rangers, Los Angeles, CA; Nico Espiritu, Deputy Director, Legal; National Immigration Law Center, San Francisco, CA; Maria Ramirez, Sr. Program Manager, Partnership for Children and Youth, Sacramento, CA

Attacks on immigrant communities are threatening education for all. Engage with immigrant justice leaders to explore the connections between immigration policy, out-of-school time, and educational equity. Two major issues we must understand include: the need to protect the rights of undocumented students to access public education; and the need to retain the thousands of members of the education workforce whose ability to teach and educate is threatened by the likely end of DACA in 2025.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Sustainability

Palm Canyon A&B

STEAM-Powered Learning: Play-based Activities for Young Innovators

Jan Zatloukal, Instructional Designer, PCS Edventures, Meridian, ID

Elevate your program with PCS Edventures' STEAM-Powered Learning: Play-based Activities for Young Innovators workshop! Discover interactive stations tailored to each grade band: TK/K with STEAMventures, sparking curiosity through play-based learning Gr. 1-3 with Rockin' Robots using Sphero indi, combining coding and music Gr. 4-8 with Ready Set Drone!, building teamwork, and engineering skills through mini-drone challenges.

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WEDNESDAY

Strength and Restore

Bill Michener, MAC, CEO; Brandon McWilliams, MAC, Clifton StrengthFinders Coach, Lighthouse, Lincoln, NE

The strand blends Restorative Practices with the Clifton StrengthsFinder for a unique approach to building healthy relationships, resolving conflict, and repairing harm. The Clifton StrengthsFinder helps individuals understand their natural talents, while Restorative Practices focus on community and relationship-building. Together, these tools offer a powerful way to align personal strengths with the goals of restorative practices, enhancing engagement and meeting the needs of your organization.

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Strand: Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Plaza A

Summer Teen Late Night: Providing Safe Options for Teens through Collaboration

Sheryl Blessing, Youth Services Recreation Supervisor, Metro Parks Tacoma, Tacoma, WA

The surge of violent activity in the City of Tacoma impacted children and youth post-pandemic, and Summer Late Nights offered opportunities to create safe environments for teens during the summer months. Find out how county, city, non-profits, multiple youth-service providers and the philanthropic community pulled resources together to open 12 different locations throughout the City of Tacoma for middle and high school youth during the summer months; offering positive and safe options for teens.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Older Youth

Plaza C

TSP's Simple Games, Big Teamwork, More Impact!

Fred Rasuli, CEO; Anthony Malik, Operations Director; Ryan Johnson, Afterschool Site Supervisor, TSP Afterschool Programs, Turlock, CA

Discover how to create engaging, budget-friendly activities and games that promote teamwork, fun, and friendly competition among kids. This hands-on workshop provides practical ideas for designing games with minimal equipment and resources. Learn to adapt activities for various ages, foster collaboration, and build a positive team spirit. Perfect for educators, coaches, and leaders looking to inspire creativity and maximize impact on a budget!

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Strand: Outdoor Activity Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality, Partnerships & Building Relationships

PSCC East Lawn

Unsilenced Spirits: Fostering Strength in Mental Health Journeys

Kaden Mattinson, Executive Director/Motivational Speaker, Mending Minds Village, Springville, UT

Empowering youth voices through mental health treatment and recovery is crucial for creating healthy adults and families. Our SING framework—Support, Inclusion, Nurturing, and Growth—supports this journey, fostering an easily

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Strand: Partnerships & Building Relationships; Older Youth

Plaza D

Using Boardgames to Foster Critical Thinking and Emotional Stability

Greg Thatcher, MSPH, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Fresno State University, Clovis, CA

We are not talking about Monopoly or Sorry! Today's board games are proven to teach adolescents valuable skills and procedures utilized throughout their entire lifetimes. Board gaming is proven to develop leadership skills, build critical thinking skills, and improve skills referred to as "executive function."

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Winning the Hearts of Every Student

Kevon Lee, MA, Empowerment Speaker, Kevon Empowers & Group, LLC, Loma Linda, CA

Winning a student's heart means reaching the whole child. This workshop shares the journey of a young person who faced homelessness, foster care, bullying, and educational barriers. Our words shape students' choices and aspirations. No one succeeds alone; it's our duty to help each reach their potential. Let's be the support students need, as our engagement can make all the difference. True understanding comes from earning their trust.

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Strand: Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Storytellers Café

Tapestry

Yoga Animals

Tara Stiles, Co-Founder Strala Yoga, Sharon, CT

We will explore ideas in leading yoga with kids inspired by animals, art, and the power of imagination. We'll focus on creating a harmonious and peaceful connection with ourselves and each other, gain strength, balance, a healthy range of mobility and coordination.

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Strand: Staff Leadership

Santa Rosa

#STUDENTQUOTES



If you could make one rule that everyone in the world had to follow, what rule would you make?

"To treat people equally. Many people think they are better than others but in reality we are all equal, but it makes me mad that people are treated differently just because where they come from.

Luna, 11 years old

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Whittier, CA

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This is what I want to do to make a difference in the world:

Kids and adults can do everything that they want to help people out and be nice to everyone.

Aiden, 9 years old

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#StudentQuotes

I stay after school because...

Its fun and they help me with all my homework.

Kateryn, 12 years old
Bresee, Los Angeles, CA

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Station A

Join Us For A Quick Eye & Ear On The Fundamentals Of Funtology, Barbertology, Nailtology and Skintology

TeQuilla Holloway, Founder, Funtology Fundamentals, Augusta, GA

Join us for a dynamic and engaging session as we give you a quick "Eye & Ear" on the essentials of Funtology, Barbertology, Nailtology, and Skintology. Learn the foundational skills, techniques, and industry insights that make these programs an exciting pathway for students in grades 3-12. Whether you're interested in beauty, grooming, or personal care, this session will introduce you to innovative, hands-on learning opportunities designed to inspire and empower the next generation.

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Station B

Domino Math Games + Pizza = An Awesome Family Math Games Night

John Felling, Consultant & Author, Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks, Edmonton, Alberta, CA

Come prepared to play our favorite domino math games that are perfect for hosting an Elementary Math Games Night. If you pair it up with "Pizza" you have a perfect recipe for Success! Handouts and games supplied.

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Station C

STEAMVentures: Cultivating Curiosity and Innovation in Young Learners

Suzy Haislip, Director of Business Development & STEM Education Specialist, PCS Edventures, Boise, Idaho

An innovative approach to engage TK/K students through hands-on activities centered on Flight, Transportation, and Food. This workshop integrates STEAM principles into early childhood education, fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Educators will gain strategies to create inclusive learning environments and lead captivating STEAM explorations, preparing students for lifelong curiosity and success in elementary school.

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Station D

Kindness Rocks!

Elle Essenmacher, Account Executive, Harmony Academies @National University, Windsor, CO

We will review the Harmony Academy Glossary of SEL words for inspiration to paint "Kindness Rocks" to share kindness with fellow BOOSTERS and friends at home.

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Station E

Café O Yea! Demo for Teens "Bust My Stress"

Alexis Woodward, Associate Director, HealthCorps, New York, NY

This fast-paced activity teaches teens about the different types of stress, the effects on their physical/mental health, as well as tools to help manage stress. Participants will leave with an easy-to-replicate lesson, our "Bust My Stress" habit tracker & a stress-busting tool: Beaded Fidgets. Using a fidget, such as the one we will create in this activity, induces a meditative mindfulness state which can help with nervous system regulation, increase focus, and alleviate stress & anxiety.

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Station F

Eliminating Exclusionary Discipline

Brett Garner, Director, High Tech High, San Diego, CA

During this session, attendees will be challenged to dismantle archaic mindsets and approaches to school discipline. Through relatable story-telling and practical strategy sharing, attendees will leave with concrete approaches to design a tiered, school-wide intervention response plan rooted in the ideals of social-emotional learning and restorative practices.

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Station A**Add Bilingual Learning to Your Program, Even Without Bilingual Teachers***Anne-Louise Nieto, Co-Founder, Habbi Habbi Bilingual Books & Toys, San Francisco, CA*

Think multilingualism is a superpower? Want to add language to your program, but struggle to find fun, approachable materials or bilingual teachers?

Learn how other programs (afterschool, public, private, dual language & more) use Habbi Habbi's books, toys & magical talking Reading Wand® to foster a multilingual, multicultural environment - even without bilingual teachers! Independent play, small group or teacher-led; 7 languages. Plus take home a free bilingual book (while supplies last).

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Station B**Engineering in Motion: Hands-On Creations with Strawbees***Jody Nova, Vice President of Curriculum, Brains & Motion (BAM!), Arlington, VA*

Discover the power of screen-free STEM with our "Engineering in Motion" workshop. After-school teachers will dive into a hands-on experience using Strawbees to build imaginative structures, modeling how kids engage in open-ended engineering challenges. This interactive session highlights the benefits of our STEM Without Screens approach, emphasizing creativity, problem-solving, and real-world engineering concepts that spark curiosity and collaboration among students.

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Station C**Adding Fun to Math to Multiply Outcomes***Mary Curry, Math Enthusiast, MANGO Math, Palm Desert, CA*

In this workshop, educators will discover creative ways to make math engaging and fun for students. Through games, hands-on activities, and real-world examples, you'll learn how to turn math lessons into dynamic learning experiences. The focus will be on boosting student motivation, improving retention, and deepening understanding. Whether you're a seasoned teacher or new to math, you'll leave with practical tools to enhance student success!

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Station D**Empowering All Students for Success: Multimodal Instruction & Game-Based Learning***Diana Christopherson, Account Manager, Legends of Learning, Laurel, MD*

Afterschool and out-of-school time (OST) programs provide opportunities to engage students beyond the classroom. Game-Based Learning (GBL), paired with multimodal instruction, offers an engaging solution by fostering active participation and deeper understanding. This approach helps OST educators enhance student achievement and engagement. Join this session to learn how GBL can revolutionize your program and drive student success.

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Station E**Nurturing Students' Love of Sports: Increasing Attendance Through Physical Activity***Sydney Smith, Manager of School Programs, High Performance Academy, Fresno, CA*

This engaging and interactive workshop explores the impact physical activity has on student attendance, engagement, and well-being. Whether you're looking to add new activities, enhance current offerings, or simply learn more about how physical activity can positively influence student engagement, this workshop provides actionable ideas and resources to help you get started. Join us to explore how sports can be a key to improving student attendance and creating a more vibrant school community!

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Station F**Building Better: Activities to Enhance Group Connections***Raynee Russell, Operations Manager/Lead Teacher, Global Kindness Initiative, San Francisco, CA*

Join us as we discover engaging, easy-to-do activities designed to strengthen relationships and group dynamics with both Youth and staff! This 45-minute session is designed to teach creative, interactive, hands-on activities that foster trust, communication, and collaboration, and empower participants to build deeper connections with staff and Youth to work more effectively as a group.

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Station 1

Put Your Hands Together for Hands-On STEM Education

Donna Gates, Director of Sales, TechTerra Education, Chapel Hill, NC

Become immersed in hands-on STEM exploration through our Stations of STEM® session. This interactive session models STEM learning stations and the benefits of hands-on learning-by-doing. Leave this session ready to transform your STEM program into a dynamic initiative where all learners are highly engaged and working collaboratively to explore STEM, develop voice and choice, and problem-solve while discovering their interests and passions. Includes a make-and-take activity.

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Station 2

Sport Stacking - An Inclusive Activity for ALL Students!

Matt Burk, Vice President, Speed Stacks, Inc., Larkspur, CO

This workshop will feature hands-on interactive learning of Sport Stacking. We'll incorporate movement-based activities and games to get your students mentally and physically fit through our seamless grade-based lesson plan. Proven results to develop your students' math and reading skills and many more benefits! Come see why more than 50,000 schools have adopted Sport Stacking with Speed Stacks! Each attendee will receive a complimentary set of Speed Stacks and instructor materials.

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11:45AM - 12:30PM

Station 1

Growing Youth Voice, Engagement, and Leadership through Service-Learning

Amy Meuers, MS, Chief Executive Officer, National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC), Saint Louis Park, MN

Service-learning is a powerful approach for out-of-school time programs to foster youth leadership, collaboration, and community engagement. This workshop explores integrating service learning to amplify youth voices, develop leadership skills, and address real-world issues. Participants will learn strategies to empower students as changemakers while promoting personal growth and civic responsibility in dynamic out-of-school time environments.

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Station 2

Lesson Planning Made Easy

Curlen Phipps, Co-Founder / Co-CEO, Resource Portal, Fresno, CA

This workshop is a hands-on workshop designed to simplify and streamline the lesson planning process for educators. Participants will explore user-friendly tools and techniques for creating engaging lesson plans with ease. From organizing materials to using digital resources, this workshop equips educators with practical skills and resources to make lesson planning efficient and effective. Join us to transform your planning process and focus more time on teaching and student connection!

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10:30AM-12:00PM

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Take a break and recharge, BOOSTers! Pop into our designated oasis curated to sit down and relax, unwind, meditate, decompress, casually connect with others, or just chill out. Quiet ambiance- No phones or laptops are permitted.

BOOST COFFEE BAR

12:00PM - 4:00PM

PSCC, EXHIBIT HALL, PRIMROSE A & B

Mix and mingle with other BOOSTers at the BOOST Coffee Bar. This hosted Coffee Bar will serve up all of your favorite specialty caffeinated drinks such as lattes, cappuccinos, and espresso drinks. Elevate your day!

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LUNCH & KEYNOTE

12:30PM-1:30PM

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Grab your lunch in Primrose A&B and mix and mingle with your colleagues. Table seating is available outside on the Esplanade and in the General Session room. **Our Program begins at 12:45PM.**

2025 OSTI AWARDS

Created in 2007, the global OSTI Awards honors expanded learning, after school, and in and out-of-school time individuals and programs that are providing innovative approaches to support students, families, and communities. Don't miss an opportunity to hear first-hand from individuals and programs that are creatively and successfully going above and beyond to Inspire Youth, Inspire Learning, and Inspire Change.



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The purpose of this award is to honor a person who has proven outstanding accomplishments as a leader in the field and has the ability to inspire and motivate others through student and/or teacher innovation, mentorship, and/or partnership building.



Stephanie Costner

Chief Education and Innovation Officer, New York Edge, New York City, NY

Stephanie Costner, Chief Education and Innovation Officer. Costner joined New York Edge in 2021 to provide strategic leadership in the areas of educational equity, curriculum design, learner outcomes, and social-emotional support. A former professor, Costner has dedicated her entire career to ensuring that students receive the education they deserve. She believes that college degrees are essential and necessary for expanding careers and ending generational poverty. Costner graduated from Medaille College, with a Bachelor of Science degree in government services and a Master of Arts degree in higher education administration from Louisiana State University.

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Jodi Grant, JD

Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance, Washington DC

NOW is the time to amplify your afterschool advocacy voice as afterschool funding is in grave danger. Let's use our voices to ensure the message regarding the importance and value of afterschool and summer programs. We are stronger together!



The Afterschool Alliance is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization in the United States whose mission is "to ensure that all children have access to affordable, quality afterschool programs." It uses communications and advocacy strategies to increase public and private investments in afterschool programs.

Learn more: www.afterschoolalliance.org

BOOST BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

1:30PM-2:30PM

EXHIBIT HALL

Join your colleagues in the Exhibit Hall for snacks, networking, and lots of awesome raffle prizes! Mingle with Exhibitors and have the opportunity to learn about the latest resources, curriculum, and services to enhance your program.

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1:30PM-3:30PM

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AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

2:45PM-4:45PM (2 HOURS)

#iAmImpact Healing Circles (It Starts with Me)

Nathan Houston, Founder/CEO, #iAmImpact, Sacramento, CA

Get ready for #iAmImpact's interactive, high-energy workshop that uses restorative practices to challenge the status quo of professional development. Through transformative conversations, participants at all levels learn to foster accountability, deeper connections, and collective healing. This experience empowers educators to break away from outdated norms and unleash their full impact in both personal and professional settings, sparking real growth and change. You won't be disappointed!

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15 FREE OMG THESE ARE SO COOL TOOLS: Rockstar Resources To Raise Your Youth Engagement Game

Eric Rowles, MS, CEO, Leading to Change, Huntersville, NC

Get ready for a LIGHTNING round of **NEW** tools and strategies to raise your youth engagement game. We'll cover the BEST of technology (like a free gamification app for 2000 participants), program design (how to use the roller coaster method to life), and media (including FREE mashed-up mixes of today's music and movies). You'll leave with your head spinning, a listing of resources, and NEW ideas to take back to your program! Hold on as this presentation will roll at warp speed and showcase 15+ FREE resources that you'll be excited to use immediately!

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Build Your Own Do-It-Yourself Finger Basketball

Aidan King, M.Ed., Associate Director, Program Implementation, Elemental Hardware DIY Enrichment, Ventura, CA

Discover how building a wooden Finger Basketball game engages students in creating their own entertainment, exploring the history of basketball, and learning about kinetic and potential energy. Elemental Hardware Enrichment empowers students to develop confidence, gain exposure to skilled trades, and connect learning to life. Our DIY project kits integrate Core Curriculum and SEL principles, offering hands-on learning opportunities that inspire curiosity and build valuable life skills.

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Coaching with Empathy

Marti Reed Love, Director of National Partnerships & DEI Programming Manager, Positive Coaching Alliance, Pasadena, CA

This research-based, highly interactive workshop provides coaches and after-school providers with the tools to build meaningful, understanding relationships amongst their teams. Attendees will learn about the impact of stress on young people, how their own experiences impact their relationships with their students/athletes, and the role of empathetic coaches, teachers, and caregivers.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Pueblo A/B

Evolution of Out-of-School Programs: How to Tailor Your Programming to Fit the Needs of Your Students and Community

Theresa Maves, Sr. Director of Education Programs, Champions® Before- and After-School Programs, Portland, OR; Nicole Kooiker, Superintendent of Schools, Glenwood Community School District, Glenwood, IA

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Join us as we explore how to use research to evaluate your out-of-school experience and evolve your curriculum to ensure fidelity in your programs. From literacy frameworks to cultural activities, discover how district leaders evolved their programs to elevate their standards of quality. Through group dialogue and shared best practices, this session will encourage creative solutions and evolved practices to meet your students' educational and cultural needs.

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Strand: Champions® Before- and After-School Programs; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Mesquite C

From Teens to Leaders: Empowering the Next Generation to Inspire and Lead

Tobie Pace, M.Ed., Senior Director of Extended Learning, San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, CA; Laurie Brooks, M.Ed., Client Partner, FranklinCovey Education, Vista, CA

Forget flipping burgers! Come learn how SDUSD is using a game-changing program that empowers teens with essential leadership skills to lead both in and out of the classroom. Discover how our teens have become mentors and role models, inspiring younger students and fostering a culture of leadership across their schools. Join us to see how we're building confident, capable leaders who are ready to make a positive impact in their communities!

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Strand: Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Older Youth

Plaza C

Four Years & Counting: Making the Case for Continued Summer Enrichment Funding

Moderator: Joanna Colunga, Portfolio Manager, Los Angeles, Ballmer Group, Los Angeles, CA
Panelists: Dr. Ana Ponce, Chief Executive Officer, GPSN, Los Angeles, CA; Dee Ann Rivera, Chief Operating Officer, LA's BEST, Los Angeles, CA; Debe Loxton, M.A., Executive Director, LAUSD Beyond the Bell Branch, Los Angeles, CA

Learn about a first-of-its-kind report on the impact of annual summer enrichment programs to help close academic and opportunity gaps in low-income communities. Through a case study of the Summer of Joy initiative, led by GPSN in collaboration with LAUSD and the City of LA, this workshop will cover how partnerships can expand summer enrichment and staff PD to improve student experiences and outcomes. Attendees will learn insights for sustaining partnerships and amplifying success stories.

PK E M H ULA MLA CB DS

Strand: Panel; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Smoketree A-C

Get FAST and FURIOUS with Omnikin!

Scotty Williams, M.Ed., US Coordinator; PJ Hamel, International Trainer, Omnikin, Charlottesville, VA

Join in this fast-paced, action-packed 120 minutes of FUN that will leave your students begging for more! With everything from intense fitness games to hilarious partner tag activities to the ultimate cooperative team sport of Kin-Ball, this session will have it all! These activities and products will solidify the gym as the place to be in your school. Come join Team Omnikin today and blow your students away!

PK E M H ULA DS

Strand: Large Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Primrose C&D

Harness the Power of Connection to Transform Student Behavior

Tiffany Burns, M.Ed., Principal, Professor & Author, Ashland SD, Southern Oregon University & Connecting Through Conversation, Ashland, OR; Erika Bare, M.Ed., Superintendent & Author, South Umpqua School District & Connecting Through Conversation, Ashland, OR

Everyone knows why building connections with our students is so important, but couldn't we all benefit from the playbook on how to do it? Join Erika Bare and Tiffany Burns, authors of Connecting Through Conversation: A Playbook for Talking with Students, for a powerful workshop where you'll gain practical and immediately applicable strategies to: Transform student behavior; Avoid power struggles; De-escalate situations; Strengthen and repair relationships. You will leave with strategies, sentence stems, and tools today that you can use tomorrow! Join us to build a culture of connection where students and educators truly thrive.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality

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Improve Program Effectiveness with an Afterschool Management Software

Sanjeev Yamdagni, M.S. Vice President, EZReports Afterschool Management Software, Sugar Land, TX

Come see why 10 State DOEs and 5,000 schools/CBOs nationwide rely on registration, live attendance, and reporting using EZReports, the comprehensive afterschool management software for grant-funded programs. EZReports meets the data collection and reporting requirements mandated for Federal 21st CCLC programs. EZReports also supports ASSES, ASSETS, ELOP, and other grants with live attendance on mobile devices (parent PIN or badge scan), early release codes, automated student uploads, and surveys.

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Strand: Medium Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality, Sustainability

Mesquite G/H

Inclusive Policies & Gender Support Plans for Transgender & Non-Binary Youth

Ellen Kahn, MSS, Senior Vice President, HRC Equality Programs, Human Rights Campaign, Washington, DC; Lisa Stanton, Development Director / Parent, Havaya Summer Programs / Human Rights Campaign Foundation (HRCF) Parents for Transgender Equality Council, Denver, CO

Over the last two years over 500 anti-LGBTQ+ laws have been introduced in state-houses across the country leaving youth-serving professionals questioning how to best support transgender youth in the current political landscape. Join HRC for a discussion of real-world best policies to support transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive youth and practice creating Gender Support Plans for individualized support including hearing from the parent of a transgender kid why these are so important.

E M H ULA MLA CB DS

Strand: BOOST Nation: Town Hall; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

Madera

An Introduction to Neurodiversity and Universal Design for Learning

Kristen Henry, PPS, Ed.D., Sr. Vice President of Curriculum and Training, Elevo, San Diego, CA; Kari Adams, MA, Inclusive Leadership Center Director, Thompson Policy Institute, Orange, CA



In California's Expanded Learning Programs, students with disabilities (SWD) represent a critical group that should be considered in the design and provision of programs. This session will explore how we can leverage this unique opportunity to actively create inclusive environments that foster belonging and success for all students.

PK E M H MLA DS

Strand: Elevo; Program Design, Development & Quality; CA Focus

Mesquite B

It Takes Two: Partners Who Innovate Together, Succeed Together

Jaclyn Aviles, Senior Strategist, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA; Brian Stevens, MFA, Director of Community Engagement, Orange County School of the Arts, Santa Ana, CA



This session equips leaders with tools to collaborate with community partners, developing innovative experiences for youth. With increased funding for expanded learning, organizations may find it challenging to maximize resources and provide dynamic activities. Participants will learn strategies to build meaningful partnerships, ensuring they don't have to manage alone. The session offers examples and best practices for effective communication, organizational alignment, and collaboration.

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Strand: Think Together; Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Mesquite E/F

LEGO® EDUCATION Maker's Station

Denise Phillips, M.Ed., Solution Architect, LEGO Education, Boston, MA



The LEGO Education Maker's Station Mini-Strand is a hands-on exploration of learning, research, and possibilities. Done at your own pace you can even earn some fun LEGO swag!!! Jump in any time during the sessions and come back, again and again, to complete as many tasks as you can.

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WEDNESDAY

Person-Centered Approach to Individual Needs: A Universal Design Framework

Helen Morales, Director of Outdoor Education and Camp Woodcraft; Kimberly Morales, Inclusion Specialist; Diana Gonzalez, Outdoor Educator, Woodcraft Rangers, Los Angeles, CA



Unlock the potential of every student by embracing a person-centered approach rooted in Universal Design for Learning (UDL). This workshop will explore how to craft inclusive, flexible learning environments that honor the diverse strengths and abilities of all students. Participants will discover practical strategies for designing programs that adapt to varied learning styles and needs, ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive.

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Strand: Woodcraft Rangers; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Ventura

PURPLE DREAMS

Moderator: Sonia Toledo, Ph.D., Founder & CEO, Dignity of Children, Inc., New York, NY

African American youth challenge stereotype and barriers in this inspirational documentary shadowing six talented high-school students on an emotionally powerful, three-year journey of transformation in a racially biased city. With access to arts and academic mentors, and especially under the leadership of theater teacher and director Corey Mitchell, they are chosen to be the first high school permitted to perform *The Color Purple*—the Broadway musical adaptation of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. Arts education and the student's own perseverance become pathways out of poverty, homelessness, and gang-related violence. PURPLE DREAMS bears witness to the need for equitable and culturally relevant arts education, especially in underserved communities.

Strand: BOOST Film Festival

Horizon 1

Resources for Quality, A 360° Conversation for Staffing and Programs

Tiffany Gipson, Director, Equity & Quality; Lupita Perez, Senior Specialist, Equity & Quality; Troy Selvey, Manager, Equity & Quality, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA



Join the CAN team for a comprehensive conversation on Quality for the OST field. We will explore the relationship between high-quality staff, meaningful professional development, and intentional program assessment and how that results in high quality programmatic experiences for all children and youth in our field.

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Strand: California AfterSchool Network; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; CA Focus Smoketree D/E

Sacred Lessons: The Transformative Power of Love

Mike de la Rocha, Co-Founder of Revolve Impact, Los Angeles, CA

In this deeply moving and inspiring session, Mike de la Rocha explores how inherited definitions of manhood profoundly impacted his ability to connect with his father, his family, and ultimately himself leading to a transformative journey of self-discovery, forgiveness & love. He will explore the difficulty in communicating with his father and loved ones—a byproduct of a toxic culture that prohibits men from truly expressing themselves, and purposely doesn't teach men how to give and receive love. He delves into the struggle men face in connecting with themselves and others, offering tools for personal growth and ways to build meaningful and authentic relationships in their lives and an affirmation of the transformative power of love.

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Strand: Storyteller's Café; Staff Leadership

Tapestry

Take Back Their Brains! How to Fight Disconnection, Disinformation & Digital Addiction

Ryan McCarthy, Executive Director, Global Kindness Initiative, San Francisco, CA

In a world saturated with screens, misinformation, and digital distractions, many students are at risk of disconnection from real-world relationships and critical thinking skills. Come learn effective strategies and tips to empower your students to regain focus, think critically, and cultivate healthy digital habits for a more connected and informed future!

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Transforming Academics with AI: Creating Interest-Driven, Real-World Learning Experiences for K-12 Students

Kenyatta Funderburk, MS, Executive Director, Community Change, Inc., Bronx, NY

Explore how the Community Change Pedagogy, powered by AI, can transform K-12 education by creating engaging, real-world learning experiences tailored to students' interests. This workshop will dive into innovative strategies for using AI to connect academics with real-world applications, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and deeper engagement. Join us to discover practical approaches that make education more relevant and meaningful through interest-driven, hands-on learning.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality

Pasadena

Trauma Informed Care in Early Education: From Surviving to Thriving

Lindsay Brewster, MS.Ed., MSW, Social Worker & Teacher, B.A.S.E. Enrichment Workshop for Children, Morrisville, PA

Educators will learn what trauma-informed care is within a systems-based perspective that explains the larger influences and implications of trauma, then we will shift to a person-in-environment perspective that focuses on the needs at hand in their educational settings.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships
San Jacinto

Understanding the Foster Care System and the Shift from Mandated Reporter to Community Supporter

Michelle Lustig, Ed.D., Program Director; Mindy Corless, Program Coordinator, Foster Youth Services Technical Assistance Program; Rachelle Touzard, Ph.D., Director, Student Support Services, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Downey, CA

This interactive workshop will provide an overview of the foster care system with an emphasis on how entering and living in foster care affects students. Information will be provided on the recent shift from mandated reporting of suspected abuse and/or neglect to a holistic approach and community support. The majority of reports of neglect are related to poverty. Participants to explore their biases as well as gain an understanding of how we can all better support families and children.

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Strand: Partnerships & Building Relationships
Sierra

WE>ME: How to Get Students, Caregivers, and Staff to Work as a Team

Lance Loya, MS, CEO, The Good Teammate Factory, Windermere, FL

Teamwork might make the dream work, but it is the teammates who make the team work! The biggest challenges are always best attacked through a team effort. Learn how to use the concept of being a good teammate to engage families, improve student-parent-school relationships, and provide marginalized, at-risk children with an attainable and socially revered identity. Prepare to exit this session with practical takeaways and a rejuvenated sense of purpose!

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Strand: Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Older Youth
Plaza B

INSPIRATION STATIONS

2:45PM - 3:30PM

PRIMROSE A & B

Station A

Books, Bubbles, & Beakers-Teaching Science the Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Way!

Teri Johnson, Owner/Developer, Creative 3, LLC-Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science Series, Springfield, MO

Do you want to be the educator that kids remember for a lifetime? Create experiences instead of just lessons. Sounds hard? It's NOT! Come and learn how to integrate fun hands-on science with fun storytelling. Learning has never been more engaging or relevant. Eggs will fly, cans will lean and water will disappear all while teaching science standards. Great for summer and afterschool programs. We've done the work for you! Just teach and have fun!

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Station B

Playing for Keeps, Hands-on Materials for Math and Reading

Rich Stuart, Director, Learning Wrap-ups, a Division of EDC, Layton, UT

Attendees will play with and keep materials that will help elementary students master critical Math and Reading skills. All materials are hands-on, self-correcting and FUN!

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Station C

Piper Make and Take

Chris Bouman, CMO, Play Piper, San Francisco, CA

Join our Piper Make and Take workshop, where each person will do a hands-on project building a circuit and blinking an LED with block coding! Each attendee will receive a Piper Make Starter Kit which they may take home.

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Station D

Hands-on is Minds On in Science

Denise Phillips, Solution Architect, LEGO Education, Groveland, CA

Join us for an engaging, hands-on building session where we will explore ways students can discover, interact, and play while developing scientific skills and knowledge. Students in your afterschool programs will be cooperating, collaborating, communicating, and problem-solving while having fun.

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Station E

How to Make Access and Equity Actionable in Expanded Learning Programs

Rod Hsiao, CEO, InPlay, San Mateo, CA

School districts often miss hidden barriers to access that prevent students from signing up and attending programs. Participants will share best practices with each other on how to streamline outreach, targeting, and registration to successfully enroll a disproportionately high percentage of underserved students. InPlay is a nationally recognized nonprofit that will share its research findings from having worked with dozens of cities and school districts across the US. (www.inplay.org)

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Station F

Queer & Quizzical: Brain-Teasers and Brainstorming for Inclusive Classrooms

Basel Touchan, Learning and Development Consultant, History UnErased, Lowell, MA

Grab your thinking caps for a quick-fire trivia round on lesser-known LGBTQ+ moments that shaped America! Together, we'll learn, celebrate everyday successes, and swap creative ways to tackle challenges in K-12 inclusive education. This interactive session offers fresh ideas and fun connections—no stuffy lectures allowed. Join us for trivia, collaboration, and a dash of rainbow inspiration!

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STATION 1

Building STEM Without Screens: Hands-On Engineering & Robotics with Strawbees

Jody Nova, MA, VP of Curriculum, Brains & Motion Education (BAM!), Arlington, VA

Join us for an interactive workshop on the future of screen-free STEM learning! Discover how Brains & Motion (BAM!) inspires creativity with hands-on projects like the "Strawbees Frog" lesson, an engaging activity that introduces students to robotics, mechanics, and design. Explore practical strategies to bring screen-free STEM to after-school programs and see how our approach fosters critical thinking and innovation without digital devices. Get ready to build, create, and see STEM in action!

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STATION 2

Transforming Expanded Learning Teams: Simplifying Onboarding & Staff Training Processes

Ellie Honardoost, Psy.D., CEO/FOUNDER, INNOVED INC, Fresno, CA

Looking to enhance your program's onboarding and staff training strategies? Join our workshop where you'll explore solutions designed to elevate your professional development efforts. This session isn't just about listening—it's about doing! You'll engage in practical activities and collect tools and resources for immediate use. Discover new ways to improve staff confidence and boost your program's impact. Join us and take your team's performance to the next level!

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FIELD TRIP

2:30PM-5:00PM



Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert

The newly remodeled Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert is a valuable community resource for children and families to experience the joy of learning about themselves and the world around them. The museum inspires personal growth by engaging curiosity and creativity through hands-on explorations of exhibits and programs. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the Executive Director before exploring the hands-on learning museum on your own.

www.cdmod.org

\$18 (includes round-trip transportation and admission)

Visit the Field Trip Hub in the Renaissance Ballroom Hallway to purchase your ticket!

MEET THE AUTHORS

3:00PM-4:00PM

I Am Different.

Crystel Patterson, Author, "Inspired to Be...", Sacramento, CA

4:00PM-5:00PM

The Confidence Project: A Journey Through the Confidence Constellation

Joshua Faden, President & Founder, Community of Teachers, Kensington, MD

BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

3:00PM-4:00PM

Social Chats: Shaping Minds and Brands

Lynette White, Communications Consultant, Lynette White Social, LLC, Corona, CA

4:00PM-5:00PM

The Dee Hankins Show

Dee Hankins, Professional Speaker, Dee Hankins Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, CA

BOOST LIVE NETWORKING RECEPTION

4:45PM-6:00PM

Whether you're relaxing after a long day or ready for a night out, take the time to connect with your team and meet new colleagues at our poolside BOOST Live Networking Reception. Light snacks and a cash bar are available.

Live music featuring DJ Walt White



DJ WALT WHITE

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER

ROCKS LOUNGE & TERRACE

DUCK DUCK BOOST RELAY RACE

6:00PM

Oh yes, it's a new twist on the classic Duck Race! Get your ducks in a row and cheer on our duck racers in the Duck Duck BOOST Relay Race in the pool! Who will be the lucky duck?! Come cheer on your favorite team and have a chance at winning some money!



RENAISSANCE HOTEL POOL



LOUNGE EVENT

7:00PM-8:00PM

Trivia & Toast: A Fun Night with TSP

Unwind and connect at BOOST with a fun-filled trivia night hosted by the TSP Afterschool Programs Team! This lively event is the perfect way to relax, meet new people, and put your knowledge to the test. Compete in exciting team-based trivia challenges for a chance to win gift cards, custom t-shirts, drink tickets, and more!



Grab a drink, bring your competitive spirit, and get ready for a night of laughter, prizes, and unforgettable memories. See you there!

BOOST HOMECOMING PARTY

8:00PM-11:59PM

Join our annual Homecoming celebration to welcome former BOOST attendees and newcomers alike!

BOOST in Wonderland

By the order of The Queen of Hearts...Don't be late for this very important date! It is a BOOST in Wonderland Homecoming party so come down the rabbit hole to the Rocks Lounge where 90s Hip Hop meets a Mad Hatter's Tea Party...We're all mad here!



Still feel like dancing? Wireless headphones will be available to rent so you can keep your groove going a little bit longer! The music will be silent to everyone except those with headphones. Dance on!

8:00PM - Bring your VIP ticket to the Rocks Lounge and redeem it for a free beer (while supplies last)
*VIP tickets can be obtained at our Homecoming sponsor booths in the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday.

8:00PM-10:00PM - Homecoming Dance Party

9:30PM - Headphone distribution for Silent Disco (license as collateral required)

10:00PM - Silent Disco- The After Party

11:30PM-11:59PM-Return Headphones

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MORNING RECESS- TOUR DE BOOST

6:45AM-8:30AM

MEET @ PSCC EAST LAWN

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7:00AM-8:00AM

PSCC EAST LAWN

BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

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FIELD TRIPS

10:00AM-4:30PM

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

TOUR de BOOST WALK/SCAVENGER HUNT

MEET @ PSCC EAST LAWN

Join fellow BOOSTers on a fun and adventurous Tour de BOOST walk and a scavenger hunt for charity around Palm Springs. This 2-mile hunt through scenic Palm Springs will lead you around the Palm Springs area as you and your teammates search for famous statues, art installations, the Palm Springs Walk of Stars, and notorious landmarks of the rich and famous!

Enjoy a beautiful Palm Springs morning, get some exercise, and best of all, connect with other BOOSTers as you raise money for a local charity.

All Tour de BOOST participants will meet on the Palm Springs Convention Center East Lawn at 6:45AM. Teams will receive their clues and start the scavenger hunt promptly at 7:00AM. Late arrivals will not be accommodated. Please wear comfortable clothing, and closed-toe shoes, and bring your Smartphone. Complimentary bottled water and snacks will be provided.

To sign up, visit the [On-Site Registration Booth in the PSCC lobby](#) and make your payment of \$40.

Proceeds to Benefit:



MORNING RECESS

7:00AM - 8:00AM

PSCC EAST LAWN

Get up! Wake up! Rejuvenate! Bring your friends (and meet new friends) at the Morning Recess session. Maximize your morning and set the tone for the day.

Together We Thrive: A Creative Team Building Experience

Felix Bobo, MA, Coach, Unlimited University, Perris, CA

Join us for an engaging and interactive morning recess designed to enhance collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and creativity within your teams. Participants will embark on a series of hands-on activities and learn to leverage each other's strengths, develop innovative solutions, and communicate effectively to overcome challenges that allow you to work together to realize your program's vision and achieve specific project goals.

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BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

8:00AM

EXHIBIT HALL

Mingle with our exhibitors and enjoy a healthy breakfast in the Exhibit Hall. It's a great way to start your day!



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: PRIYA PARKER

Gathering to Create Belonging

There is a growing “belonging” crisis in modern, diverse workplaces where work happens via remote and hybrid formats. When we’re not in the same room as our colleagues and the workforce is in the midst of drastic changes, how do leaders create a sense of meaning, belonging, and purpose for their teams? How do we create a sense of belonging without all having to be the same? How do we honor our differences? In this provocative, funny, and warm moderated conversation, conflict resolution facilitator and author Priya Parker provides candid, practical, lens-shifting advice on vital 21st-century leadership skills. As a seasoned group facilitator, educator, and researcher, she breaks down the anatomy of meaningful connections and gives us the skills needed to create meaningful shared experiences, one gathering at a time.

Learn more about Priya Parker here

www.boostconference.org/priya-parker

KEYNOTE MEET & GREET AND BOOK SIGNING

9:45AM- 10:15AM

OASIS 1 & 2



The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters

In *The Art of Gathering*, Priya Parker argues that the gatherings in our lives are lackluster and unproductive—which they don’t have to be. We rely too much on routine and the conventions of gatherings when we should focus on distinctiveness and the people involved. At a time when coming together is more important than ever, Parker sets forth a human-centered approach to gathering that will help everyone create meaningful, memorable experiences, large and small, for work and for play.

Drawing on her expertise as a facilitator of high-powered gatherings around the world, Parker takes us inside events of all kinds to show what works, what doesn’t, and why. She investigates a wide array of gatherings—conferences, meetings, a courtroom, a flash-mob party, an Arab-Israeli summer camp—and explains how simple, specific changes can invigorate any group experience.

The result is a book that’s both journey and guide, full of exciting ideas with real-world applications. *The Art of Gathering* will forever alter the way you look at your next meeting, industry conference, dinner party, and backyard barbecue—and how you host and attend them.

BOOST Booth (0101 & 0105), Oasis 1 & 2

If you have pre-purchased a book, you can pick it up at the BOOST Booth. There will also be a limited supply of books to purchase.

FIELD TRIP

10:00AM-12:00PM

Pickleball- Open Play at the Rowan Pickleball Courts

Serve, smash, score – pickleball galore! Rowan Courts, Kimpton Rowan Hotel’s pickleball paradise in Palm Springs, is here. Get ready to step up your game! This unique outdoor venue boasts six expansive pickleball courts (over 11,000 square feet) and an unforgettable atmosphere adjacent to our downtown hotel. Break a sweat surrounded by our desert dreamscape. Whether you’re an experienced pro or brand-new to the scene, nothing will compare to Palm Springs’ premier pickleball courts!

\$10 per person (includes admission and equipment)

Visit the Field Trip Hub in the **Renaissance Ballroom Hallway** to purchase your ticket!



MEET THE AUTHORS

10:00AM-11:00AM

Connecting Through Conversation: A Playbook for Talking With Students

Erika Bare, M.Ed., Superintendent; Tiffany Burns, Principal, Author, Ashland School District, Ashland, OR

SMOKETREE F

BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

10:00AM-11:00AM

Real Talk with Dr. Toledo: Empowering Resilience: The Crucial Role of Emotional Intelligence in Self-Awareness and Self-Management

Dr. Sonia Toledo, Founder & CEO, Dignity of Children, Inc., New York, NY

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER

11:00AM-12:00PM

Careers in Esports- Meet an After-School Esports Educator

Peter Polygalov, Director of Marketing; Alan Sitomer, CEO & Founder, Mastery Coding, Thousand Oaks, CA

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THURSDAY

#iAmlImpact Healing Circles (It Starts with Me)

Nathan Houston, Founder/CEO, #iAmlImpact, Sacramento, CA

Get ready for #iAmlImpact's interactive, high-energy workshop that uses restorative practices to challenge the status quo of professional development. Through transformative conversations, participants at all levels learn to foster accountability, deeper connections, and collective healing. This experience empowers educators to break away from outdated norms and unleash their full impact in both personal and professional settings, sparking real growth and change. You won't be disappointed!

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

Santa Rosa

9 Square in the Air - Better Together!

Liz Belser, Sales Representative, 9 Square in the Air, Manchester, MO

Discover the excitement of 9 Square in the Air! Join us for an engaging and highly interactive session where you'll master the popular 9 Square in the Air game and explore its many thrilling variations. This dynamic activity combines elements of volleyball and 4 Square, creating a fast-paced and fun experience that's perfect for bringing students together. Whether you're looking to enhance teamwork, and social skills, or just have a blast, this game has it all. Don't miss out on the fun!

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Strand: Outdoor Activity Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships

PSCC East Lawn

Addressing Challenging Behaviors

Tyrecia Elliott, Manager Inclusion Services; Ashley Itani, MA, Inclusion Services Advisor; Carter Peters, Inclusion Services Advisor, Champions® Before- and After-School Programs, Portland, OR

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Have you ever had a child exhibit physical behaviors in your program? Have you had a child elope (leave the designated space) out of frustration or feeling overwhelmed? In this workshop participants will learn proactive and in the moment behavior support strategies. Attendees will walk away with a better understanding of their impact, the why behind the behavior, and how to implement best practices in teaching to prevent challenging behavior in the first place.

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Strand: Champions® Before- and After-School Programs; Program Design, Development & Quality

Mesquite C

After-school STEAM Workshops with KiwiCo

Courtney Morgan, Senior Curriculum Specialist; Emma Zang-Schwartz, MPH, Senior Sales Operations Manager, KiwiCo Education, Mountain View, CA

See what hands-on STEAM learning could look like in your program. This workshop will provide you with the tools, strategies, and resources needed to implement engaging STEM activities that spark curiosity and creativity in students, all while keeping them unplugged. Participants will get to build along with us to see a sample of programming that could be easily integrated into their own afterschool curricula, appealing to diverse learning styles and age groups.

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Strand: Medium Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality

Mesquite G/H

Bridging the Gap: Promoting Well-Being Between Early Childhood and Adolescence

Philip Steigman, MS, MPP, Brookline, MA; Carlos Santini, CEO, Mizzen Education, Los Angeles, CA

During middle childhood, roughly the years of 6-12, key developmental outcomes like agency and belonging bode well for a child's long-term well-being. This is where afterschool programs shine! And now they can play a lead role in promoting thriving in their ecosystems when kids need it the most. This session will highlight new efforts to bring youth-serving systems together around collective well-being frameworks that leverage the latest developmental research.

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Strand: BOOST Nation: Town Hall; Program Design, Development & Quality

Madera

Building Organizational Culture through a Positive Youth Development Lens

Marc Fernandes, MS, Director, Youth INC, New York, NY

Every adult in a youth-serving organization impacts the SEL development of both participants and staff. Therefore, it is critical to focus on the ecosystem and culture of an organization rather than just programmatic elements. Organizational culture can either promote or hinder SEL development. We will share strategies for cultivating leaders as learners in organizations that engage ALL staff in creating a PYD culture that leads to SEL development and greater outcomes for young people and staff.

M H ULA MLA DS

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

Plaza B

Building Resilience: The Role of Education and Expanded Learning in Supporting Youth Mental Health

Julie Brooks, MFA, CEO; Danny Salas, Chief Program Officer, Woodcraft Rangers, Los Angeles, CA; Denise Diaz, Senior Director of Public Affairs, The Chicago School, Los Angeles, CA; Dr. Debra Garcia, Director Adolescent Stress & Wellness Research Lab, CAL State LA, Los Angeles, CA



Youth mental health is a growing concern, with rising rates of anxiety, depression, and bullying, especially among LGBTQ+ and immigrant youth. Research highlights the role of youth development in fostering SEL skills and executive functioning. By leveraging intentional partnerships and data-driven strategies, expanded learning programs can provide safety, support, and opportunities for growth. Join us to explore innovative approaches that promote mental health and reduce stress in youth.

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Strand: Woodcraft Rangers; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Sustainability

Ventura

Cultivating Ecosystems of Well-Being: Shaping the Strategic Design for Expanded Learning

Vanessa Hernandez, Senior Specialist, Equity & Quality; Heather Williams, Director, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA



Join us for a generative design process empowering expanded learning practitioners to shape an inclusive effort leveraging expanded learning as a catalyst for systemic healing. Grounded in California's third Expanded Learning Strategic Plan, this session invites reflection on successes, visioning opportunities, and co-creating strategies for impactful partnerships aligned with the knowledge and leadership of youth and their communities.

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Strand: California AfterSchool Network; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Sustainability; CA Focus
Smoketree D/E

Differentiating Sports and Physical Activity for Universal Access

Connor Nodell, Program Manager of Physical Wellbeing, Elevo, Costa Mesa, CA; Malaiya Patton, Regional Program Manager, Elevo, Palmdale, CA



Join us for an interactive workshop where we'll explore common obstacles for students with disabilities in organized sports and games. Learn how to differentiate physical activities to ensure Universal Access for all students. Led by folks from the field, this session will explore strategies to adapt activities for diverse abilities, foster inclusion, and promote equitable participation. Learn practical tools to create engaging, accessible programs that ensure that each student belongs.

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Strand: Elevo; Program Design, Development & Quality; CA Focus

Mesquite B

Divine Connections: Harnessing the Power of the Divine Nine for Revolutionary K-12 Family Engagement

Krystal Clemons, Ph.D., Founder/CEO, Our Village Consulting, LLC, Charlottesville, VA

This session explores innovative strategies for partnering with historically Black Greek-letter organizations to bridge the gap between schools and Black American families. Learn how to leverage the Divine Nine's extensive networks, community influence, and commitment to service to enhance student success and foster a more inclusive educational environment. Join us to explore this powerful alliance and its potential to transform family engagement in K-12 education.

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Strand: Partnerships & Building Relationships

Pasadena

Dust Off Your Data! Building Capacity to Use Data to Make an Impact

Haley Umans, Ph.D., Senior Director of Evaluation & Insights, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA



Expanded learning programs invest significant time collecting data from students, families, and partners. Once the data is in, what can we do with it to make an impact? This session explores practical strategies to maximize your data's impact—improving program quality, elevating youth voice, showcasing outcomes, and more. Don't let your data gather dust - learn how to turn it into actionable insights that drive meaningful change.

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Strand: Think Together; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

Mesquite E/F

Emotional First Response: Supporting Youth in Acute Distress through Resilience

Jamaal Williams, Assistant Director of Training; Gil Noam, Ed.D., Dr. Habil., Chair, Partnerships in Education and Resilience (PEAR), Cambridge, MA

As youth struggle with their mental wellness, many educators find themselves in situations where big emotions and challenging behaviors emerge. All caring adults can provide strengths-based solutions to help youth develop ways to manage times of distress. In this workshop, participants will learn strategies from cognitive behavioral therapy that any educator can use to mitigate youth's stress responses and practice skills for youth to better self-regulate and cope, building their resilience.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Older Youth

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THURSDAY

High Quality Facilitation: Staff Practices for Program Success

Nathaniel Hilliard, Director, Training & Program Implementation; Crystal Smith, Director, Teen Connection Project, Wyman Center, Inc., Eureka, MO

Being intentional matters! High Quality Facilitation enhances participant engagement, learning, & program success. Join us to explore proactive and strength-based strategies for designing implementation, setting routines with youth, and ensuring use of the experiential learning cycle to reinforce the understanding of lessons and ideas. Participants will identify intentional staff practices for use with any programming or curricula, and consider how to incorporate these techniques into their work.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Older Youth

San Jacinto

LEGO® EDUCATION Maker's Station

Denise Phillips, M.Ed., Solution Architect, LEGO Education, Boston, MA



The LEGO Education Maker's Station Mini-Strand is a hands-on exploration of learning, research, and possibilities. Done at your own pace you can even earn some fun LEGO swag!!! Jump in any time during the sessions and come back, again and again, to complete as many tasks as you can.

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Strand: LEGO® Education Mini Strand

Primrose Foyer

Lights on Afterschool 101

Tiyana Glenn, MS, Project Manager; Maria Rizo, Sr. Communications Associate, Afterschool Alliance, Washington, DC

Launched in October 2000, Lights On Afterschool (LOA) is the only nationwide event celebrating afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families, and communities. The effort has become a hallmark of the afterschool movement and generates media coverage nationwide each year. This interactive workshop provides insights into how to plan a successful Lights On Afterschool event showcasing your program.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Sustainability

Pueblo A/B

Mind-Body Enrichment: Harnessing the Power of Group Rhythm

Johanna Unger, Lead Facilitator and Training, Rhythms of Life, Salt Lake City, UT

Engaging, Energetic, and Inspiring session of group drumming, games, and conversation. Come ready to play, laugh, and have a great time making music with your colleagues. The curriculum integrates activities from group drumming and group counseling to build core social-emotional strengths such as maintaining focus and attentive listening, impulse control, team building, positive risk-taking, self-esteem, awareness of others, leadership, expressing feelings, managing anger/stress, empathy, and gratitude. Be ready to play and leave feeling rejuvenated—no musical experience is necessary!

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Strand: Staff Leadership

Mesquite A

Mindfulness, STEAM & Art: Strategies to Center Community Voice

Daniel Hatcher, MPH, Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships, Healthier Generation, Washington, DC

Join Healthier Generation and friends for an interactive workshop to explore strategies that improve outcomes for those who have experienced adversity. We'll emphasize how creative art and STEAM activities can center youth and family voice. A few activities attendees will be invited to participate in include All-About-Me bracelet making, DIY Affirmation Cards, and Healthy Day Checklist Vision Boards. Of course, we'll practice easeful movement and maybe even make a healthy snack together.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Chino A/B

MLB Players STEM League Program & MLS STEM Goals Program

Hunter Strickland, Regional Outreach Senior Coordinator, Learn Fresh, Philadelphia, PA

Through the training, educators will learn best practices for implementing the STEM Goals program and curriculum, gain free access to the Learn Fresh program management platform and all program materials, and learn about opportunities to extend students' learning through virtual and in-person community events. Educators will immediately gain access to all materials needed to begin implementing with students in their programs and classrooms.

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Strand: Small Exhibitor Showcase

Mesquite D

Open Space, Open Minds- The Unworkshop

Connect, reflect, and network by stopping by this informal, flexible, and open community space. Use this time to meet with your team or meet new peers, reflect on your learning, and strategize on how you will take action and implement the learning from BOOST. No facilitators, no agenda, just an open space to convene and independently collaborate and create new paths forward in your classroom or program.

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Strand: Program Development, Design & Quality

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Project THRIVE: The Necessity of LGBTQ+ Inclusion

Moderator: Ellen Kahn, MSS, Senior Vice President, HRC Equality Programs, Human Rights Campaign, Washington, DC
Panelists: Anthony Brisson, Senior Policy Analyst and Program Specialist for the Center for Racial and Social Justice, National Education Association (NEA), Washington, DC; Dr. Janell Catlin, Vice President of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, FIRST, Manchester, NH; Robert Marcus, Chief Strategy and Impact Officer, Positive Coaching Alliance, Oakland, CA

The CDC's 2023 YRBS data spotlighted the crisis facing LGBTQ+ youth today where 41% of LGBTQ+ youth seriously considered suicide at least once in the past year compared to just 13% of their heterosexual cisgender peers. HRC's Project THRIVE is a multi-year national campaign of over 30 organizations that pledge to work towards the thriving of LGBTQ+ youth. Join HRC and Project THRIVE partners from NEA and FIRST to hear more about the necessity of LGBTQ+ supportive programs for youth.

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Strand: Panel; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Smoketree A-C

Resilience is Everything!

Dee Hankins, Entrepreneur, Dee Hankins Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Once a troubled youth in foster care, lost and hopeless, Dee Hankins was often recognized for his "bad" behavior. Everything changed when an educator saw his potential and activated his resilience. Come get POV into the life and struggles of students in broken homes on your campus. Reflect on the curveballs that life has thrown at you and learn how your resilience can turn life's curveballs into amazing stories.

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Strand: Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Sierra

Skillastics Physical Activity Made Simple! Let's Move & Have Fun

Jess Wadleigh, National Accounts Manager, Skillastics, Maple Grove, MN

Looking for quick, effective ways to get your students moving? Active, healthy kids excel academically, develop confidence, and are less likely to have behavioral challenges. Join us for an energizing session where you'll discover Skillastics—fun, easy-to-implement activities designed to engage every student. Walk away with ready-to-use strategies that make movement simple and exciting. Don't miss out—boost student engagement and physical activity in your program today!

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Strand: Large Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality

Primrose C&D

Transforming Adversity into Achievement

Raynee Russell, Operations Manager / Lead Teacher, Global Kindness Initiative, Paradise, CA

Discover how to harness resilience and transform personal adversities and challenges into opportunities for growth and success. Through shared insights and actionable techniques, participants will be guided on a journey of self-discovery and empowerment. The focus is on their stories, their strengths, and their potential for transformation. While Raynee shares her journey from obstacles to opportunities as a starting point, this Storyteller Cafe's emphasis is on equipping each participant with the skills and perspective needed to write their own success story.

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Strand: Storyteller's Cafe

Tapestry

Transforming Leadership: Elevate Team Performance and Foster Growth

Tennille Woodward, Ed.D., Lead Learner, GrowLeadEmpower, Muskegon, MI

Discover the power of John Maxwell's Leadership Game in this interactive workshop designed to elevate leadership and team performance. Through engaging activities and thought-provoking discussions, participants will gain valuable insights into their leadership styles, enhance communication, and foster a culture of accountability and trust within their teams. Join us to experience how this dynamic tool can inspire positive change and strengthen your organization.

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THURSDAY

THE TRUTH ABOUT READING

Moderator: Lynne Fox, M.A., Global Educational Developer and Consultant, FranklinCovey Education, Harrisburg, PA

From Emmy-Award® winning director Nick Nanton comes a new eye-opening documentary, THE TRUTH ABOUT READING. Literacy experts from across America, including Emily Hanford of Sold a Story: How Teaching Kids to Read Went So Wrong and Lacey Robinson of UnboundEd, emphasize the gravity of the illiteracy crisis and share how the implementation of science and evidence-based practices can transform lives and ensure that every child learns how to read. The documentary highlights the stories of David Chalk and John Corcoran, two men who didn't learn how to read and write until they were adults. Following their stories gives a glimpse into the hard truth of how illiteracy and sub-literacy impede a person's ability to truly thrive. While the film illustrates the painful reality of life for individuals impacted by illiteracy, it also reminds viewers that the issue is not one that affects just a few struggling readers, but one that affects countless children and adults and weakens the very fabric of our society. Filled with powerful emotion, a deep sense of urgency, and an overarching spirit of hope, THE TRUTH ABOUT READING brings light to a hidden crisis and compels audiences to take action to end illiteracy once and for all.

Strand: BOOST Film Festival

Horizon 1

Uncover Your Purpose: Discovering and Defining Your Why!

Dwayne Wiggins, Jr., Thought Leader & Motivational Coach, A Human. Being!, Philadelphia, PA

Embark on a transformative journey to uncover the core of your motivation! This engaging workshop presentation invites participants to dive deep into their values, passions, and aspirations. Through interactive discussions, thought-provoking exercises, and collaborative activities, you will learn how to articulate your personal "WHY"—the driving force that shapes your decisions and fuels your ambitions. It guides participants through a structured exploration of their personal motivations.

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Palm Canyon A&B

INSPIRATION STATIONS

10:00AM – 10:45AM

PRIMROSE A & B

Station A

Creating Tomorrow's Legends Today, Through the Magic of Drones

Scott Buell, Founder/CEO, Drone Legends, Cherry Hill, NJ

Buckle up for an exhilarating ride with our Action Labs workshop! You'll team up to pilot classroom-friendly drones on a real-world mission. Discover firsthand the transformative power of drones, their academic relevance, and the potential future careers for students. Ignite your teaching and catapult your classroom into the 21st century!

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Station B

Build-A-Bot, Save a Species

Marci Klien, Owner/President, 3duxdesign, Fairfield, CT

Engineering design meets environmental science in this Bot Safari workshop! Design and build a motorized bot, then join fellow conservationists to create habitats that protect these endangered creatures. This session fosters team building and explores real-world challenges through playful, hands-on, engineering activities. We will share a variety of ways to weave in cross-curricular learning opportunities based on learning goals. (yes- you can keep your bots!)

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Station C

Sight Word Fun: Engaging Activities for Afterschool Programs

Chandra Roughton, Administrative Program Director, Luminous Minds, Loomis, CA

Ready to make sight word practice fun for your afterschool program? Join us for a hands-on workshop with creative games, multisensory activities, and strategies to help students master sight words. From catchy songs to partner games, fluency grids, and interactive worksheets, you'll learn playful techniques to boost retention and engagement. Perfect for Directors or care providers, this workshop offers adaptable tools to support student success in a fun, low-pressure environment!

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Station D

Your Guide to Planning the Perfect Expanded Learning Camp

Amy Bernhard, Vice President, California Adventure Camps, Redding, CA

Come to this inspiration station to learn about how to plan, organize, and execute an expanded learning program camp for your district, school, and students that they will be excited to sign up for and attend. Be inspired by various camp activities in various verticals such as STEM, Creative Arts, Outdoor Wilderness, Athletics, and more, that you can incorporate into your programs to create a robust and fun learning environment for your students. Let's think outside the box together.

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Station E

Get Hands-On with Purpose-Driven STEM: Explore the Climate Action Coding & Robotics Kit

Jeremy Hedges, CEO, Forward Education, Kitchener, Ontario Canada

Join our 45-minute interactive presentation to explore how Climate Action Kits help afterschool program managers teach STEM through climate and environmental sustainability. Designed for ages 8-18, these kits are accessible for all learners with lessons that cater to both beginners and advanced students. Get hands-on experience and see how the kits connect STEM learning to real-world applications, making science engaging and relevant for all students.

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Station F

Give STEM a Sporting Chance

Jeff Golner, President & CEO, STEM Sports®, Phoenix, AZ

Learn how your program can utilize STEM education to engage and enrich the youth you serve. All participants will receive free plug-and-play tools that can be implemented instantly without needing training or PD. Takeaway lessons cover playing with accuracy, stretching to prevent injuries, and discovering the STEM behind students' favorite sports. Bonus item: everyone will receive a deck of playing cards to facilitate healthy exercises for all youth!

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11:00AM - 11:45AM

Station A

Multisensory Language Learning Kits

Connie Romaniuk, Co-Founder & Creative Director, Communakit, Ardrossan, Alberta, Canada

Explore these incredible kits, expertly designed by an SLP to foster early language development. Each kit offers a multisensory, multilevel, and multipurpose approach, making them accessible and beneficial for all learners. These kits help children enhance their communication skills in a fun, interactive way that engages all their senses. Learning a language never felt so good!

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Station B

Recruiting and Retaining Great Staff

Adam Rosen, CEO, Radar Talent Solutions, Minneapolis, MN

Learn practical strategies to attract top talent and keep them engaged long-term. Discover how to create compelling job postings, improve the candidate experience, and foster a culture that drives retention. Explore the role of onboarding, leadership, and key metrics like turnover rates to refine your approach.

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Station C

Science Unlocked - Open the World of Learning with Hands-On Science

Scott Burns, National Educational Sales Director, Home Science Tools, Billings, MT

In today's dynamic educational landscape, students need more than textbooks to spark a love for learning—they need experiences. Join us as we explore how Science Unlocked, a comprehensive and hands-on science curriculum from Home Science Tools, opens the door to curiosity and discovery for students of all ages. You'll learn how to foster critical thinking, inspire creativity, and meet educational standards.

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Station D

How to use ELO-P to Close the Expanded Learning Gap

Helen Wang, CEO/Co-Founder, 6crickets, Inc, Bellevue, WA

(ELO-P) is an unprecedented opportunity to close the opportunity gap and to bring innovative, quality, and choice-driven learning to every student, but with great funding comes great responsibility. We will discuss how to implement student choice, measure results, and promote engagement. Additionally, we'll share challenges, triumphs, and creativity in meeting ELO-P intent, tackling staffing shortages, engaging both students and parents, and managing operations efficiently and effectively.

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Station E

Voices & Visions: Storytelling and Activism Through Zines

Brooke Newman, Director K-8 Programs, Outside the Lens, San Diego, CA

Create zines to share what matters to you, and inspire others to take action. This session creates a space of shared understanding, where participants' diverse voices and experiences converge. By crafting zines that spotlight meaningful causes, attendees will share their personal narratives and listen to one another's stories. We'll weave a collective tapestry that honors individual perspectives and nurtures a genuine sense of belonging, where every voice is valued and every story matters.

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Station F

Bigger Than Play! - Get in the Game to Experience How Play Inspires & Why Play Matters

Leah Ewbank, Regional Partnership Manager, Playworks, Oakland, CA

Learn about how Play does more than improve students physically. Experience new, inclusive, games and activities that focus on SEL. Take away key strategies to run a fast, smooth, program. Play benefits the whole child (physically, emotionally, academically, and socially) and also supports adult interactions & relationships.

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STATION 1

Play, Perform, Persevere: The Power of Laughter in Life

Alireza Ghaemian, MA, CEO; Italia Carmona, Chief of Staff, Levity Live | The IMPROV, Los Angeles, CA

Learn how the principles of improv; playfulness, adaptability, and resilience, can help kids navigate real-life challenges with confidence and creativity. Through fun games, group exercises, and spontaneous storytelling, participants will learn the value of teamwork, problem-solving, and embracing mistakes as stepping stones to success. With laughter as their guide, kids can build communication skills, boost self-esteem, and develop a growth mindset.

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STATION 2

Exploring Ways to Make Math Fun

Mary Curry, MA, Founder, MANGO Math, Palm Desert, CA

What can we do to make learning and doing math enjoyable? Join MANGO Math's Founder Mary Curry in a workshop designed to show the ways we can make math fun for students and encourage a positive attitude towards the subject. Learn about how we can use exciting and engaging hands-on games and lessons to promote student communication and collaboration with each other about math- without even realizing it!

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11:15AM-12:00PM

STATION 1

It's Not Rocket Science-or Is It?-Engaging Kids with Hands-on Science and Storytelling!

Terri Johnson, MS, Owner/Developer of Creative 3 Publishing Company, Creative 3, LLC-Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science Series, Springfield, MO

Covid did a number on us all! Prolonged use of technology has damaged the curious minds and imaginations of our students. How do we fix this? It's not rocket science, but sometimes it seems that way! Let's bring back some good storytelling and fun, engaging science activities. Yes, eggs will fly, water will disappear, and human circuits will be made, all while making science concepts relevant to today. Get your kids actively involved again with science! You won't regret it!

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STATION 2

School Yard Rap: Engage, Educate, Empower

Brandon "Griot B" Brown, M.Ed., Chief Entertainment Officer (CEO), School Yard Rap, Fresno, CA

Don't miss this chance for an unforgettable experience of joy and learning with School Yard Rap. Join us for a workshop that is not just entertainment—it's an educational celebration of African Americans, Latinos/a, Asians & Pacific Islanders, Women, and more. In this session, you will learn how we have supported over 2000 schools in 23 states with their efforts to improve literacy and bring cultural awareness to their kiddos. Perfect for anyone who wants EVERY student to aspire to greatness!

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BOOST COFFEE BAR

11:30AM-3:30PM

Mix and mingle with other BOOSTers at the BOOST Coffee Bar. This hosted Coffee Bar will serve up all of your favorite specialty caffeinated drinks such as lattes, cappuccinos, and espresso drinks. Elevate your day!



NETWORKING LUNCH

12:00PM-1:00PM

Lunch will be served in the exhibit hall. Grab your lunch and take this opportunity to mix and mingle with exhibitors throughout the exhibit hall.

EXHIBIT HALL

FIELD TRIP

PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAMWAY

12:30PM-3:30PM

The iconic Palm Springs Aerial Tramway—the world's largest rotating tram car—travels over two-and-one-half miles along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon, transporting riders to the pristine wilderness of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park. During your approximately ten-minute journey, tram cars rotate slowly, offering picturesque and spectacular vistas of the valley floor below. Once you reach the Mountain Station—elevation 8,516 feet—enjoy observation decks, natural history museum, two documentary theaters, gift shop, and over 50 miles of hiking trails.



Cost includes: Round-trip shuttle transportation, lunch in PINES CAFÉ, a casual, cafeteria-style café. The menu features a choice from two daily specials, served with salad, vegetables, roll & butter, a non-alcoholic beverage, and dessert.

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\$56 (includes round trip transportation and lunch)

#AfterschoolWorks – Opportunities and Challenges in the Trump Administration

Jodi Grant, JD, Executive Director; Maria Rizo, Sr. Communications Associate, Afterschool Alliance, Washington DC; Lisa Lucheta, Principal, Torani/R. Torre & Co., San Leandro, CA

How does the 2024 election impact afterschool? This Town Hall will discuss opportunities and challenges our field will face under the Trump administration, the nongovernmental committee, and at the state level. It will also focus on messaging: what works and what doesn't when communicating about afterschool and how to engage local business advocates and allies.

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Strand: BOOST Nation Town Hall; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Sustainability

Madera

An Ecosystem Approach to Environmental Learning

Moderator: Meg Ramey, MA, Senior Consultant, Education First, San Francisco, CA

Panelists: Heather Rossetti, Senior Manager, Outdoor Access Initiatives, San Diego Foundation, San Diego, CA; Jeni Barajas, Director of Youth Programs, Olivewood Gardens & Learning Center, National City, CA; Brooke Wilder, Program Manager, EcoLogik Institute, San Diego, CA; Lacey Cannon, Founder and Executive Director, Indigenous Regeneration, Valley Center, CA; Jamie Cosson, Executive Director, YMCA of San Diego Overnight Camps, San Diego, CA

Participants will learn about the Community of Practice (CoP) model for strengthening local ecosystems of environmental-focused expanded learning programs. Expanded learning providers from the CoP will share the unique partnerships and projects they designed and piloted together and will lead participants through a hands-on activity making Yucca ('aakuull) cordage, which is a traditional Kumeyaay practice that can foster deep connection with the natural world. The agenda for the session is: Connector; Overview of the Community of Practice model; Presentation and Panel on New Partnerships/Projects Developed through the CoP; Hands-on Activity: Yucca ('aakuull) Cordage Making—Traditional Kumeyaay Skills for All Ages.

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Strand: Panel; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Smoketree A-C

Answering the CALL: How a Federal Survey & Community Partnership Supports Student Achievement

Susie Estrada, M.Ed., MPA, Family and Community Engagement Specialist, Utah State Board of Education, West Valley, UT

During this workshop, participants will receive information regarding Utah's strategies with the Indicator 8, Parent Involvement Survey & the CALL survey to support inclusion, parental involvement, and a culture shift that supports positive academic outcomes for students. Strategies will include an overview of effective community partnerships and day-school alignment.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Sustainability

Pueblo A/B

Beyond the Game: Equity Driven Community Partnerships

Hamza Al Haidari, Chief Growth Officer, America Scores, San Francisco, CA; Georgia Tyrrell, M.Ed., Expanded Learning Assistant Director, Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD), Watsonville, CA

The partnership between SCORES & PVUSD has gone from service provider to community member. This session will explore assessing local resources through an equity lens and how to mutually grow sustainable partnerships while providing quality enrichment opportunities. This real-life example of developing capacity-building programs that prioritize equity of access will cover different models for incorporating services that empower students by fostering creativity, teamwork, and community engagement.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Plaza B

BOOSTing Belonging: Empowering Inclusive School Environments for LGBTQ+ Youth

Basel Touchan, M.D., Learning and Development Consultant, History UnErased, Lowell, MA

We will examine data on LGBTQ student wellness and belonging, focusing on five key tenets of inclusive schools: psychological safety and authenticity, trusted relationships, staff training, data tracking, and inclusive curriculum. This session uses appreciative inquiry and storytelling to build empathy, belonging, and student-centered spaces. Participants will explore success stories from diverse schools and learn strategies to support student identity, connection, and well-being.

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THURSDAY

Empathy in Education: Lessons from Life and Loss

Sheila James, STEM Consultant, Ohio Afterschool Network, Conway, SC

In Empathy in Education, I reflect on my journey through loss and resilience and how it transformed my approach to teaching and mentoring. Grief taught me that education goes beyond knowledge; it's about nurturing the whole person—heart, mind, and soul. Together, we'll explore how empathy, active listening, and compassionate support can create positive ripple effects, inspiring educators to build communities where everyone feels valued and empowered.

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Strand: Storyteller's Café

Tapestry

Engaging Teens through School-Based Peer-to-Peer Wellness Programming

Sarah Martin, MPH, Chief Program & Evaluation Officer; Alexis Woodard, MBA, Associate Director of Southern California, HealthCorps, New York, NY

HealthCorps' interactive workshop equips participants with the skills & knowledge to facilitate peer-to-peer learning, empowering middle & high school students to become changemakers. We focus on developing youth-led health-promoting initiatives that emphasize peer-leadership, community involvement & critical thinking. The hands-on workshop guides participants through creating and presenting health promoting & leadership events, tailored to the specific needs of their school environment.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Older Youth

Palm Canyon A&B

Game On: Setting You Up for Success During Gym and Outdoor Games!

Gregg Lauderdale, MS, Founder; Lisa Damon, Account Manager, GameTime Activity Kit by GL Consulting, Afton, MN

Are you looking for ways to help elevate and energize your staff during gym and outdoor games? During this interactive and engaging session, we will teach you how to develop a consistent gym or outdoor routine, introduce new game and classroom management tips, and how to incorporate SEL into your games. This is a great session for getting ideas on how to train your out-of-school time staff. Wear gym shoes – fun games will be played!

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Strand: Large Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality

Primrose C&D

How to Create a Comprehensive Foster Youth Support Program

Jenna Mendez, MA, PPS, LPCC, District Foster Youth Counselor/Liaison; Kara McDonnell, MS, PPS, Intermediate School Counselor, Corona-Norco Unified School District, Norco, CA

Foster youth are often the "invisible" underserved population. Participants will learn how to create a comprehensive academic and social/emotional program serving the needs of today's foster youth. The presentation will include data, academic supports, on campus programs, mentorships, district and community outreach, career readiness, resources, and how to build meaningful relationships for this at-risk population. Financial options and how to continue growing the program will be discussed.

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Andreas

How Words Work™: Unlock Stuck Students, Access Potential & Communicate Differently

Jodee Gibson, MA, PCC, Human Behavior Expert & Master Coach, Human Behavior Architects™, Novi, MI

Words are more than just communication—they expose our beliefs, shape our possibilities, and unlock untapped resources. This presentation completely transforms the way you view language, communication, and human behavior. You'll walk away changed. You will be able to deeply impact your students, deliver content that resonate, and influence like never before.

You will gain eye-opening insight on how words create barriers, reinforce limiting beliefs and impact performance. Change your language – Change your student's lives. Lead differently.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality, Staff Leadership, Partnerships & Building Relationships

Catalina

Inventing Tomorrow

Moderator: Jamecca Marshall, MA, Deputy Executive Director, Los Angeles STEM Collaborative, Los Angeles, CA

INVENTING TOMORROW follows young scientists from Indonesia, Hawaii, India, and Mexico as they tackle some of the most complex environmental issues facing humanity today – right in their own backyards. Each student is preparing original scientific research that he or she will defend at ISEF, the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Framed against the backdrop of the severe environmental threats we now face, we immerse the audience in a global view of the planetary crisis, through the eyes of the generation that will be affected by it most. Considered the Olympics of high school science fairs, ISEF is the largest gathering of high school scientists in the world, attracting approximately 1,800 finalists from over 75 countries, regions, and territories. All the finalists want to do a good job, but the heart of the story isn't about whether they go home with an award. As they take water samples from contaminated lakes, dig up the dirt in public parks, board illegal pirate mining ships, and test their experiments in a lab, we see each student display a tenacious curiosity, and a determination to build a better future. Motivated by the desire to protect their homes, these young people are asking questions about the issues they observe in their communities and proposing innovative solutions to fix them.

Strand: BOOST Film Festival

Horizon 1

Layers of Protection: A Multi-Tiered Approach to Prevent Peer-to-Peer Abuse

Lori Huggins McGary, MBA, National Director, Safety Training & Quality Assurance; Stacey Brooks, MS, National Director, Quality Assurance, BGCA, Atlanta, GA

Dive into the concept of using a Safety Management system by incorporating layers of protection, ranging from individual actions to institutional policies and how they work together to create a safer environment and prevent peer-to-peer abuse. By the end of this workshop, participants will have a robust understanding of a multi-tiered approach to preventing peer-to-peer abuse and be equipped with actionable strategies to implement in their own contexts.

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Plaza C

LEGO® EDUCATION Maker's Station

Denise Phillips, M.Ed., Solution Architect, LEGO Education, Boston, MA



The LEGO Education Maker's Station Mini-Strand is a hands-on exploration of learning, research, and possibilities. Done at your own pace you can even earn some fun LEGO swag!!! Jump in any time during the sessions and come back, again and again, to complete as many tasks as you can.

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Strand: LEGO® Education Mini Strand
Primrose Foyer

Mind-Body Enrichment: Harnessing the Power of Group Rhythm

Johanna Unger, Lead Facilitator and Training, Rhythms of Life, Salt Lake City, UT

Engaging, Energetic, and Inspiring session of group drumming, games, and conversation. Come ready to play, laugh, and have a great time making music with your colleagues. The curriculum integrates activities from group drumming and group counseling to build core social-emotional strengths such as maintaining focus and attentive listening, impulse control, team building, positive risk-taking, self-esteem, awareness of others, leadership, expressing feelings, managing anger/stress, empathy, and gratitude. Be ready to play and leave feeling rejuvenated—no musical experience is necessary!

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Strand: Staff Leadership
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Music and SEL: The Psychological Effects of Music

Ava Johnson, CEO; Jamie Moreen, Music Producer, Her? Records, Inc., Atlanta, GA

"The Psychological Effects of Music" teaches how music affects human behavior and emotions. Participants will learn how to use music as a tool to manage their emotions. A study conducted at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine noted that the average adolescent is exposed to approximately 30,732 references per year. "We have the ANSWER on how to get through to the average at-risk student. This workshop is extremely interactive & transformative.

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Strand: Small Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality
Mesquite D

OST Shark Tank: Making the Case for Investing in the OST Workforce

Rebecca Goldberg, Impact Group Facilitator, Grantmakers for Education, San Francisco, CA; Aleah Rosario, Co-CEO, Partnership for Children & Youth, Sacramento, CA

Like entrepreneurs on ABC's Shark Tank, out-of-school time (OST) leaders must "pitch" policymakers and funders to support our incredible OST workforce. Workshop participants will learn about 3 field resources: the Power of Us Workforce Survey, the OST Cost Study, and the Afterschool & Summer Workforce Solutions Database. In groups, participants will use these resources to develop their own "pitch" for investing in the OST workforce and present to the "shark tank" room. Let the best pitch win!

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Strand: Sustainability
San Jacinto

Panel Discussion with District Partners and Innovators in Inclusive Practices

Moderator: Karin Wu, M.Ed., SVP, Marketing, Learning & Development and Employee Experience/DEIB,  Elevo, San Diego, CA

Panelists: Mike Taylor, Expanded Learning Program Coordinator, San Rafael City Schools, San Rafael, CA; Esther Garcia, Coordinator of Special Projects, Rowland Unified School District, Rowland Heights, CA; Monik Vega, Senior Program Manager, Partnership for Children & Youth, Sacramento, CA

Join us for an engaging panel discussion, moderated by Karin Wu, featuring district partners and innovators dedicated to advancing inclusive practices in education. This session will explore successful strategies, collaborative efforts, and innovative solutions that promote equity and access for all students. Panelists will share their experiences, insights, and best practices. Don't miss this opportunity to learn and collaborate!

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Pathways to Powerful Partnerships

LeAnn Binford, MM, MA, MBA, Senior Director, Consulting Services, Big Thought, Dallas, TX

Explore the power of partnerships to expand possibilities for students and families, increase engagement and connect to resources. Elements required for successful collaborations will be examined through interactive activities, while strategies that support partnership development and maintenance will be shared. From targeting a need and identifying potential partners, to nurturing the trust required for long term collaboration, attendees will leave prepared to build partnership pathways.

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Plaza D

QUEST for Engagement: Discover Purposeful Play!

Julie Porter, Education Support Specialist, ProSolve, Chula Vista, CA

Unlock purposeful play and problem-solving with QUEST, an innovative K-8 enrichment program combining literacy, STEM, character building, and 21st-century skills. This immersive, game-based experience fosters creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication while building community and belonging. In this hands-on workshop, explore strategies to spark engagement, inspire learning, and combat absenteeism. Join QUEST to lead impactful programs that capture students' minds and hearts!

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Reimagining SEL in School Sports

Christopher Reed, MBA, Director of National Partnerships, Center for Healing and Justice through Sport, (CHJS), Chicago, IL

Join us for an engaging workshop exploring the mental health crisis and its effect on student's brains and behavior. This session enables educators to examine concepts of trauma-informed care and develop a deep, applicable understanding of how sport is uniquely suited to help young people heal while building SEL competencies. Attendees will hear from experts on neurobiology research and its symbiotic connection to SEL while nurturing and embracing students for every bit of who they are.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

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SACRED LESSONS: Men's Healing Circle

Mike de la Rocha, Co-Founder, Revolve Impact, Los Angeles, CA

In a world where men are often taught to "tough it out" and keep emotions hidden, the pressures of life can feel isolating and overwhelming for many of us. Studies show that 1 in 5 men experience mental health challenges such as depression or anxiety, yet many never seek support. Men are also statistically more likely to experience high levels of work-related stress and less likely to share their struggles with others. Join award-winning author and strategist Mike de la Rocha as he facilitates an intimate and transformative healing experience designed to cultivate connection and community among men and masculine-identifying individuals. This immersive experience will feature guided breathwork, introspective journaling, and opportunities to forge deep and meaningful bonds.

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Set Up for Your Step Up: Executive Coaching for Youth

Ruth Mercado-Zizzo, MFA, Vice-President, Programs and Equity; LaVonia Montoute, M.Ed., Senior Director, Career Pathways, EdVestors, Boston, MA; Muadi Dibinga, Life Coach, Muadi Dibinga Unlimited, Washington, DC

Experience a youth-focused executive coaching curriculum aimed at boosting students' workforce skills. Implemented during an arts summer program with nearly 200 high school students, it enhances goal setting, success habits, and networking resources. Led by an experienced Executive Coach and Life Strategist, leave this hands-on session with a personal vision statement, the curriculum playbook, instructional videos, and new network contacts. Join us and get your mind right and your game tight!

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Sierra

Sourcing and Partnership for Retention

Allison Lyon, Director of Talent Acquisition; Jessica Trujillo, Director of Talent Acquisition Strategic Initiatives, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA; Ruben Acevedo, Ph.D., Director of Strategic Operations, California Schools Talent Collaborative, Santa Ana, CA



Engaged, reliable employees are vital to OST program success. Identifying and hiring such candidates is challenging in a competitive market, and ensuring their job satisfaction early on is crucial for retention. This session reviews the candidate lifecycle, offering strategies for sourcing and screening that enhance retention. We'll also discuss post offer actions to ensure new hires are aware of resources, partners, and feedback platforms.

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Strand: Think Together; Program Design, Development & Quality; Sustainability

Mesquite E/F

Tailoring Activities for Early Learners: A Brain-Based Approach

Rachel Carrasco, Early Education Manager; Marissa Veloz, Early Learning Associate; Heidy Lam, Early Learning Associate, Woodcraft Rangers, Los Angeles, CA



This session explores designing brain-based activities that align with young children's developmental needs. Participants will learn strategies to stimulate growth, foster creativity, and build foundational skills. Administrators will gain insights into supporting staff with training, resources, and systems to implement these practices effectively, ensuring engaging, developmentally appropriate learning environments that nurture early learners' potential.

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Take on Tough Challenges with Data-Informed Confidence

Sarah Cusey, MBA, Nexus Project Manager and Lead Trainer; Vicki Wodarczyk, Ed.D., Senior Director of Research and Evaluation; Najmo Abdi, B.A., Research and Evaluation Coordinator, Monarch School Project, San Diego, CA

How do we take a strengths-based approach to evaluation and problem-solving? Join us as we engage in an Appreciative Inquiry interview process, reflecting on successful experiences. We'll use a modified coding process, identifying key elements that made success possible, and apply these elements to a current challenge. We will also present a few evaluation practices we have found to be effective at Monarch School Project, a 501c3 exclusively serving unhoused children and families.

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The Why Behind the Importance of Integrating Social and Emotional Learning into Your Out-of-School Time Programs

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Keri Kubacki, Strategic Quality Business Partner, Jennifer Fairburn, Strategic Quality Business Partner; Bonnie Rogers, Sr. Manager Quality and Accreditation, Champions® Before- and After-School Programs, Portland, OR

Join us for an interactive workshop on Social and Emotional Learning in out-of-school time programs. You will learn what SEL is and our "Why" behind the importance of integrating it into programs. Lay the foundation to support your children in learning and practicing skills that set them up for academic success, fulfilling careers, healthy relationships, and responsible civic engagement. As well as leave with practical hands-on activities that you can implement immediately in your programs.

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Youth Development: The Anchor AND the Sail for the Future of the Workforce

Lupita Perez, Senior Specialist, Equity & Quality; Leslye Lugo, Senior Specialist, Equity & Quality; Bill Fennesy, Senior Specialist, Equity & Quality, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA



Join us to explore the crucial role of youth development in shaping future career pathways within Expanded Learning and beyond. Building on last year's insights, we'll discuss our commitment to fostering a diverse workforce to meet today's youth needs. Together, let's elevate youth development as a nationally recognized field and inspire the next generation of leaders in education and human services, emphasizing a relationship-first approach!

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INSPIRATION STATIONS

1:15PM – 2:00PM

PRIMROSE A & B

Station A

Crafting Change: Multicultural Prevention Crafts to Make and Take

Carol Coyne, Tobacco Use Prevention and Education Program Manager, Corona - Norco Unified School District, Norco, CA

Create meaningful change while exploring diverse cultures through prevention crafts and games you can make and take home. This hands-on workshop fosters connection, creativity, and cultural understanding, giving you fun, impactful tools to inspire positive change in your community. Learn how to share your prevention messages in a natural and engaging way. Join us and craft the difference!

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Station B

Building Character through Movement and Mindfulness

Jess Wadleigh, Physical Activity Specialist, Skillastics, Corona, CA

When we combine physical activity, character trait building and mindfulness, it has a powerful impact on children! This combination helps them to grow as healthy individuals with positive character traits. Our Inspiration Station will focus on integrating these three components into your program, that can be used both virtually and on-site. Get ready to move, and calm your body, all while having some fun!

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Station C

Electric Exploration: Motorized Pinwheels for Purposeful Learning

Dr. Ellie Honardoost, CEO/Founder, InnovEd, Fresno, CA

Dr. Ellie Honardoost, with over 25 years of experience in STEAM, is an expert in hands-on learning & how to tackle classroom management challenges. This workshop features building a motorized pinwheel, showcasing key principles of electricity & purposeful learning. You'll also get to take home your pinwheel, a tangible example to inspire similar projects in your own programs. See how projects boost engagement & ease classroom management. Join us to empower your students through active learning!

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Station D

Speak with Multilingual Brenda, TeachMe TV®'s Proprietary AI Learning Assistant

Carolyn Sloan, Founder/CEO, TeachMe TV®, Brooklyn, NY

Ever wonder if you could get your students to be more curious? Have you ever wanted your students to ask better questions? Here's your chance to talk to TeachMe TV®'s AI Study Buddy to practice formulating great questions that yield the most informative and directive answers. Brenda is voice-activated, age-appropriate, and multilingual! Come try her out at our Inspiration Station Workshop!! Guidance will be given and then you can play all you want with Brenda, and maybe even learn something!

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Station E

The Prime Time Games: A Truly Inclusive Interscholastic Sports League

Peter Straus Executive Director, Team Prime Time, Los Angeles, CA

The Prime Time Games is a fully inclusive, evidence-based, interscholastic sports model that gives students with and without disabilities the chance to compete together in the only league of its kind. It is a single program that satisfies two educational priorities: Social Emotional Learning and Inclusion/Access.

This workshop will detail everything needed - from funding opportunities to CBO integration to student and staff training - in order to start a Prime Time league of your own.

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Station F

Unlock Your Child-Like Mindset

James Howell, CEO, CF Fitness, Inc, Inglewood, CA

Join us for an inspiring and interactive workshop designed to help you rediscover the wonder, creativity, and joy inherent in a child-like mindset. In a world that often prioritizes seriousness and routine, this workshop invites you to reconnect with the playful spirit within. Unlock the door to creativity, joy, and a deeper connection with your inner child. Let's embark on this playful journey together and rediscover the beauty of seeing the world through child-like eyes!

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CAMP INSPIRE WORKSHOPS

1:15PM-2:00PM

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STATION 1

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Peter Straus, Executive Director; Atonye Nyingifa, Prime Time Games Regional Director, Team Prime Time, Los Angeles, CA

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STATION 2

Enhancing Afterschool Programs: Effective Strategies for Setting Up Engaging Center Stations & Dynamic Small Groups

Chandra Roughton, M.Ed., Administrative Program Director, Luminous Minds, Roseville, CA

Join us for an engaging, hands-on workshop designed to empower Directors and care providers in setting up and managing center stations and small groups with efficiency and effectiveness. Through role-playing and interactive activities, participants will learn strategies for classroom management, smooth transitions, and station planning. Walk away with fun, practical tools to boost student engagement, accountability, and progress monitoring.

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BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

1:30PM-2:30PM

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER

The Relevant Development Podcast: Why Being A Great and Hard Worker Sucks & the 3 Difficulties These People Face

Juan Alvarado, CEO and Founder, Raize The Bar LLC, Visalia, CA

MEET THE AUTHORS

1:30PM-2:30PM

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The Ed Branding Book

Lynette White, Communications Consultant, Lynette White Social, LLC, Corona, CA

FIELD TRIP
2:00PM-4:30PM

Palm Springs Air Museum

Join us for an inspiring and educational field trip to the Palm Springs Air Museum. This field trip offers a unique opportunity to explore the intersection of technology, history, and education within the context of military aviation. The field trip includes a 2-hour Guided Tour by knowledgeable docents through all 5 hangers discussing the history and background of the Museum's aircraft.

www.palmspringsairmuseum.org

\$45 (includes round-trip transportation, admission, and guided tour)

Visit the Field Trip Hub in the **Renaissance Ballroom Hallway** to purchase your ticket!

BOOST BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

2:30PM-3:30PM

EXHIBIT HALL



Join your colleagues in the Exhibit Hall for snacks, networking, and lots of awesome raffle prizes! Mingle with exhibitors and learn about the latest resources, curriculum, and services to enhance your program.

Enjoy an hour of exclusive promotions and discounts from selected vendors in our Exhibit Hall. Shop 'Til You BOOST!

MEET THE AUTHORS

3:45PM-4:45PM

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"I Can't Wait!" Rainy, Windy, Sunny, Snowy

Michele Palmer, Children's book Author/Paraprofessional/Musician, Dirt Pixie Books, La Mesa, CA

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS II

3:45PM – 5:15PM (1.5 HOURS)

25 Fabulous Enrichment Ideas & Where to Get More

Marisa Miller, Consultant/Writer, Afterschool Publishing, Santa Barbara, CA

Need fresh ideas for your enrichment programming, clubs, and student engagement? Come explore a list of 25 fabulous enrichment ideas and a workshop on how to make them work at your site or in your larger multi-site program. We'll cover numerous low-cost and completely free resources to keep the fabulous ideas flowing once you are back home as well. A hands-on interactive experience as you customize a fabulous enrichment idea just right for your program!

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Pasadena

Bring JOY Back Into Classrooms: The Arts-Integrated Approach to Two Award-Winning Programs

Ana Zandarin, MPS, Director, Summer Arts for Learning Academy; Cathleen Horan, MFA, Director, After School Arts for Learning Academy; Mark King, Ed.D., Chief Education Officer, Arts for Learning Maryland, Baltimore, MD

Participants will engage in an interactive workshop that will provide clarity on the difference between arts integration and the more commonly known arts enrichment. We will demonstrate the effectiveness of our approach by sharing practical scenarios from our partnership with school districts and exemplify program effectiveness with relevant data. We will also propose best practices for effective program design through an arts-integrated lens, before opening the floor to participants' questions.

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Come Play Jeopardy: Academic Esports Edition

Alan Sifomer, M.Ed., CEO & Founder, Teacher of the Year, Mastery Coding, Thousand Oaks, CA

Esports Jeopardy is back by popular demand! Try your luck with categories of questions like Careers in Esports while learning about the benefits of academic esports and how to use esports to engage after-school students. Win prizes and walk away with exclusive gamer swag. We've adapted the game to work in a team-based setting instead of the classic three contestants so everyone can participate.

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Connecting STEM to Career Pathways: Integrating Afterschool Programs with Workforce Development

Jamecca Marshall, MA, Deputy Executive Director; William Rochester, MA, Director of Programs, Los Angeles STEM Collaborative, Los Angeles, CA

This workshop presents a model for creating robust career pathways in STEM fields by integrating OST programs into workforce development systems. Our approach addresses the growing demand for skilled STEM workers by targeting underserved youth and providing them with access to high-demand, high-wage. The program aims to build sustainable, systems-level partnerships among OST programs, school systems, employers, and community organizations to support career readiness in STEM fields.

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Creating and Communicating with Impact: Telling the Story of OST

Nat Rosales, Specialist, Policy & Outreach; Heather Williams, Director, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA



Everything we do communicates something, intentional or not, and all communication serves a purpose. Join us for a generative conversation on purposefully designing communications that highlight the transformative impact of OST programs. Explore communication strategies rooted in accessibility and strategic design. Learn about statewide efforts to collect data and craft narratives that advocate for OST programs. Participants will gain tools to tell their OST story with purpose and clarity.

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Culture, Content & Connections: Unlocking the Secret Sauce of Expanded Learning Success

Ray Trinidad, CEO, Impact People, Chula Vista, CA, Co-Founder, Impact Players, Chula Vista, CA, Dean of Students, High Tech High Media Arts, San Diego, CA

What's the secret to an after-school program that kids want to attend? It all comes down to three key ingredients: culture, content, and connections. In this fast-paced and interactive session, we'll break down what makes expanded learning programs truly impactful—where students feel seen, learning is meaningful, and the vibe keeps them coming back. Through hands-on activities, collaborative discussions, and real-world examples from industry professionals, you'll walk away with practical strategies to build strong relationships, deliver engaging content, and create a culture that inspires an "all-in" attitude.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

Santa Rosa

Empowering After School Leaders: Cultivating Leadership and Engagement

Lynne Fox, M.A., Global Educational Developer and Consultant, FranklinCovey Education, Harrisburg, PA; Laurie Brooks, M.Ed., FranklinCovey Client Partner, FranklinCovey Education, Vista, CA

This workshop is designed to equip after school leaders with the tools, strategies, and mindset needed to foster leadership skills and active engagement among youth. By exploring best practices and innovative techniques, participants will learn how to create an empowering and inclusive environment where students can thrive within a strong sustainable program. Let's help students discover their potential and develop essential life skills.

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Empowering the Future: How the RACECAR Program Prepares Students for the World of Autonomous Vehicles

Lisa Kelley, Program Manager; Christopher Lai, Assistant Technical Staff; Sigrid Flender, Administrative Assistant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA

Ready to dive into the world of autonomous vehicles? The RACECAR program gives anyone the tools to learn, teach, and experiment with self-driving technology in a hands-on, engaging way! This isn't just about coding—it's about critical thinking, problem-solving, and real-world applications that prepare you for the future. Built on an MIT-developed curriculum, RACECAR integrates coding, sensor technology, and teamwork to inspire creativity and adaptability. Join us for an interactive demo where you'll experience firsthand how this program makes advanced technology accessible and exciting. Whether you're new to autonomous systems or looking to enhance your skills, this session will empower you to explore cutting-edge tech in an exciting, hands-on way. Don't miss this chance to jump into the world of AI and robotics!

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From Expanded Learning to Educator: Paid Pathways to Teaching

Moderator: Guillermo Castillo, MA, Senior Director Future Educator Support, Butte County Office of Education, Oroville, CA

Panelists: Eduardo Caballero, Executive Director, EDMO, Berkeley, CA; Jaqueline Garcia Pelayo, M.A., Lead Instructor, Butte County Office of Education, Oroville, CA; Sera Hernandez, Ph.D., Department Chair, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) offers a statewide online PAID teacher pathway program to any Expanded Learning (EXL) staff in CA. Whether you are a field staffer curious about becoming a teacher or an EXL organization looking to offer a turnkey teacher pathway program for your staff - this is your workshop. Join BCOE, SDSU, and EDMO, an after-school and summer provider, to learn more and brainstorm challenges facing future educators and resources to overcome them in your community.

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Get Up and Move: Building Confidence and Connection in Youth

Sami Kader, Founder, Sami's Circuit, Roseville, CA

Sami's Circuit is a motivational movement experience that helps students build resilience, emotional strength, and confidence. In this session, Sami shares his personal story of overcoming childhood challenges and explains how movement, breathing, and mindset can support emotional regulation and recovery from stress. Participants will experience a live demonstration and leave with simple, impactful strategies as well as a free resource that they can bring back to their programs.

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Strand: Large Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality

Primrose C&D

How to Utilize Distributive Leadership to Develop Student Leaders in Afterschool

Eddie Barragan, After School Coordinator, Vallejo City Unified School District, Vallejo, CA

This workshop is based on proven strategies to empower students to take on leadership roles in the afterschool program. Grounded in personal experiences of a former after school teacher who now works in the program she participated in as a student and her site coordinator who has developed a sustainable distributed leadership model. Built on a strong foundation of student voice and youth empowerment, this workshop will walk you through the conditions needed to foster student-led classes that have led to these student leaders becoming paid staff members at the after school program they attended and supporting new generations of students to become leaders at the program like they were.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Older Youth
Pueblo A/B

Lead, Listen to, and Love Your People: 3 Guiding Principles for Great Leadership

Anne Laguzza, M.A., CEO, The Works Consulting, Long Beach, CA

Leaders in education are playing their most vital role to-date as they guide and support their teams through these ever-changing times. Join this session to discover what it truly means to lead your people well with practical applications you can implement every day. Learn how to Lead, Listen to and Love Your People to build high-performing teams and create happier workforces. Learn how to be the leader your team needs so that they can focus on their most important job - helping children thrive.

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Palm Canyon A&B

Leveraging Funding & Partnerships for Equitable Family Engagement: Creating Accessible Weekend & Summer Programs

Jen Littleton-Bruno, PPS, Executive Director Expanded Learning; Nancy Zuniga, MA, PPS, Assistant Director Expanded Learning, Pajaro Valley USD, Watsonville, CA

Learn to advance equity, inclusion, and diversity by delivering high-quality enrichment for students from under-resourced communities, ensuring equal access with their peers. Using ELOP funding & grants, participants learn to design inclusive weekend & summer programs that remove financial & logistical barriers. With a focus on community partnerships and culturally responsive engagement, this workshop fosters a welcoming environment for all celebrating diversity & empowering their involvement in education.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Plaza B

Literacy and SEL: A Complimentary Partnership

Joseph Lareau, Educational Consultant and Coach, Center for Responsive Schools, Turners Falls, MA

Literacy and SEL foster a complementary partnership in classrooms. Through an interactive session, participants will explore how literary components embedded with SEL competencies reinforce students' social, emotional, and academic development.

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THURSDAY

Mind-Body Enrichment: Harnessing the Power of Group Rhythm

Johanna Unger, Lead Facilitator and Training, Rhythms of Life, Salt Lake City, UT

Engaging, Energetic, and Inspiring session of group drumming, games, and conversation. Come ready to play, laugh, and have a great time making music with your colleagues. The curriculum integrates activities from group drumming and group counseling to build core social-emotional strengths such as maintaining focus and attentive listening, impulse control, team building, positive risk-taking, self-esteem, awareness of others, leadership, expressing feelings, managing anger/stress, empathy, and gratitude. Be ready to play and leave feeling rejuvenated—no musical experience is necessary!

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Strand: Staff Leadership

Mesquite A

Opening Doors: Fostering Inclusion in Expanded Learning Programs

Robert Hand II, Expanded Learning Program Manager, Oakland Unified School District, Oakland, CA

Join us for a dynamic workshop focused on enhancing inclusion in Expanded Learning Programs. Participants will develop effective strategies for implementing inclusive practices tailored for districts and agencies. The session will highlight successful collaborative action plans from the Oakland Unified School District and share best practices for fostering inclusive environments. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network and collaborate.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Plaza C

Out on the Field: Building Safe and Inclusive Sports Spaces for LGBTQ+ Youth

Luis Vasquez, Co-Founder; Destiny Contreras, Sports Program Coordinator, Rainbow Labs, Los Angeles, CA

Learn best practices for engaging LGBTQ+ youth in sports through inclusive coaching, safe spaces, and youth empowerment strategies. Based on Rainbow Labs' guide, this workshop explores how sports participation can foster mental health, self-confidence, and resilience in LGBTQ+ youth while addressing the challenges of exclusion and discrimination. Attendees will leave with actionable steps to create welcoming sports environments for all youth, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Older Youth

Chino A/B

REBOUND

Moderator: Lindsay Brewster, MS.Ed., MSW, Social Worker & Teacher, B.A.S.E. Enrichment Workshop for Children, Morrisville, PA

REBOUND follows two women from starkly different circumstances as they rebound from incarceration and seek refuge and opportunity in academia. Struggling to recognize their worth and still reeling from years of trauma, these aspiring scholars navigate personal and financial insecurity, motherhood, and their own healing. As each leaps into the pursuit of higher education and self-transformation, they each find acceptance, sisterhood, and hope for a new life.

Strand: BOOST Film Festival

Horizon 1

School-Based Medical and Mental Health Care Partnerships... Who, What, Where, When, and How?

Linda Long, LMFT, School-Based Health Clinic Coordinator; Angela Windham, School-Based Health Clinic Assistant, USD #261, Haysville, KS

We will discuss the development of a medical and mental health clinic in a school building from A-Z. The concept begins with a needs assessment in your district and then partnership development to fill your greatest needs. We will share information on a variety of topics including who to reach out to, what questions to ask, funding opportunities, best options for locations, pros and cons of operating within a school hallway and how we coordinate with medical and mental health providers.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Sustainability

San Jacinto

SEL Starts with the Staff: Fostering Emotional Wellness Among Out-of-School Time Facilitators and Leaders

Dr. Robin Elliott, Associate Dean, School of Education and Director, Social, Emotional, and Academic Development, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY; Annie Middlemist, Leadership and Development Consultant/Social-Emotional Learning Implementation Specialist, Phoenix, AZ

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is not just for students; it begins with the adults who lead and guide them. This workshop is tailored for out-of-school facilitators and leaders to help all students, specifically adolescents, to build their SEL skills, strengthen connections within their teams, and model the emotional wellness they wish to cultivate in their programs. Through reflective practices, interactive activities, dialogue, and actionable strategies, participants will explore how prioritizing their own emotional well-being enhances the overall program culture and student engagement.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Plaza D

Sensory Insights: Using Sensory Preferences to Improve Self-Regulation and Enhance Your Learning Environment

Christina Rodriguez, MA, National Advisor, Trauma-Informed Approaches, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Redondo Beach, CA

In this interactive workshop, you'll explore how sensory preferences impact self-regulation and learning. Participants will develop their own sensory profiles, learn how to do this with youth, and assess sensory experiences in their environments. Using a trauma-informed approach, you'll gain three practical tools to create supportive, inclusive spaces where students feel safe and empowered to thrive.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality

Sierra

Short on Time. Big on Impact. The Kernels Approach to Social and Emotional Learning

Penny Willis, MDiv, Senior Trainer and Program Developer, Lions Quest LCIF, Oak Brook, IL

The Kernel approach to teaching SEL was first introduced by Dr. Stephanie Jones of Harvard. Research has shown that there is an increasing movement to include flexible, adaptable approaches that empower implementers to select which SEL skills and teaching strategies best fit the needs of their students. In this presentation, you will explore the Kernel approach as both a supplement to existing SEL curriculum and an alternative to embedding SEL practices throughout the school and afterschool day.

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Plaza A

Storyteller's Café Open Mic

We know and believe that everyone has a story. The Storyteller's Café Open Mic is a celebration of storytelling, connection, and community. This open space session will provide a safe space for attendees to share their own story including spoken word poetry. There will be time for questions and comments. No experience is necessary.

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Strand: Storyteller's Café

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Storytelling for Advocacy

Mike de la Rocha, Co-Founder, Revolve Impact, Los Angeles, CA

Storytelling for Advocacy: Stories as Medicine, Healing & Transformation" is an interactive Town Hall designed to explore the power of storytelling in advocacy work. Participants will dive into the "Self, Us, Now" methodology, learning how to harness personal, collective, and present-day narratives to drive change. Through creative exercises and best practices, participants will discover how storytelling can serve as a powerful tool for healing, empowerment, and transformation in their advocacy efforts."

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Strand: BOOST Nation: Town Hall; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

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Unlocking Intrinsic Motivation: A Coaching Approach for OST Leaders

Taylor Mayer, MA, Talent Development & Learning Manager; Raelin Tran, Quality Assurance Coach; Sarah Jones, Learning and Development Facilitator, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA



Are you ready to transform your team into self-motivated, proactive problem-solvers? Coaching is a powerful approach that fosters growth, autonomy, and engagement. Join us for an exploration of coaching fundamentals tailored to Out-of-School-Time (OST) settings. Discover the purpose of effective coaching, learn practical techniques for various levels, and build a culture where everyone can reach their full potential.

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Strand: Think Together; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

Mesquite E/F

Whole-Child Approach to Age-Appropriate Programming

Theresa Maves, Sr. Director of Education Programs, Champions® Before- and After-School Programs, Portland, OR; Nicole Kooiker, Superintendent of Schools, Glenwood Community School District, Glenwood, IA

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This interactive session will explore the many approaches to creating developmentally appropriate out-of-school time programming for preschool to middle school students. Join a discussion on how to create content that reaches all ages, evolve strategies by program size and age mix, research behind developmental milestones, and explore what this looks like through physical activity, SEL, and academic support. Leave this session empowered to tackle your biggest challenges around building an age-appropriate curriculum.

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THURSDAY

SOCIAL HOUR

5:30PM

Wind down and join us for a Social Hour at 5:30PM in the Renaissance Hotel Rocks Lounge! Network with BOOST attendees and enjoy food and drink specials and reflect on your day!

ROCKS LOUNGE, RENAISSANCE

LOUNGE EVENT

5:30PM - 6:30PM

Inspiration on Tap: Solve, Equip, Empower!

Get ready to shake things up at the BOOST Lounge! Join us for a fast, fun challenge where you and your team will draw from our deck of Challenges, Tools, and Approaches to whip up inventive solutions for real-life issues in out-of-school programs. And watch out for the Wild Twist Cards—they'll add a surprise rule or goofy twist to keep things exciting! Can your team solve a serious problem... while only speaking in rhyme? Or pitch your idea like a movie trailer? Share your wacky, wonderful ideas, connect with awesome people, and be part of the change. Plus, enter to win fabulous prizes to top off your night!



HILTON HOTEL BAR & LOUNGE

THINK RED INSPIRE & PAINT

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Presented by Think Red Project
Hosted by Drag Queen Xrystal



Join us for a fun event of painting while raising funds to benefit organizations that serve the San Diego HIV & AIDS community. This fun event will be guided by a professional artist and drag queen (Xrystal), Nathan Mohle from San Diego, CA.

Food & drink specials will be available for BOOST attendees participating in this special event.

Think Red Project & Red Dress Party San Diego www.reddresspartysd.com

DATE TERRACE, RENAISSANCE

VILLAGEFEST STREET FAIR

6:00PM-10:00PM

Locals and tourists happily mingle at the Palm Springs VillageFest, held year round every Thursday evening on Palm Canyon Drive. An open-air street fair with more than 200 booths offering live music, fresh fruit stands, artists, craftsman, unique foods, and street entertainers to charm the crowd is a must-see for conference-goers. Admission is free and within walking distance from most BOOST Conference hotels!

The Palm Springs Art Museum offers free public admission every Thursday evening from 4:00PM-8:00PM during VillageFest! The Art Museum currently has 28 galleries, five art storage vaults, two sculpture gardens, four classroom/resource centers, a 90-seat lecture hall, the 433-seat Annenberg Theater, a Museum Store, and a Café in an architecturally significant building designed by E. Stewart Williams at the base of Mount San Jacinto. An adjacent Administration building contains offices and a 12,000-volume Library.
www.psmuseum.org



DOWNTOWN PALM SPRINGS

KARAOKE PARTY & TALENT SHOW

8:00PM-10:00PM

Calling all BOOST superstars! It's time to get down and get your groove on at the BOOST Talent Show! You can bring your team, your friends, or come and find your new crew. Sit back and relax, people-watch from the sidewalk patio, or join in the karaoke party and let your talent shine! Don't forget to wear your BOOST name badge... drink specials will be available exclusively for BOOST attendees.

*Retro Room, 125 E Tahquitz Canyon Way #102, Palm Springs, CA 92262.



DIVE-IN MOVIE

8:00PM-10:00PM

Gather poolside in a chaise lounge or on a raft in the pool and watch the film on the big screen! Drink and appetizer specials will be available.

Wonka tells the magical origin story of the world's greatest inventor, magician, and chocolate-maker, revealing how he became the beloved Willy Wonka. This vibrant adventure follows a young dreamer determined to change the world one delicious bite at a time.

POOLSIDE RENAISSANCE

FRIDAY, MAY 2

BreakFEST

7:30AM

It's a new twist on breakfast! Meet us poolside for a breakfast experience with breakfast burritos, a live DJ, and networking! This is the perfect opportunity to say your farewells and connect before heading to morning workshops, closing & raffle. **Grab-and-Go Breakfast Items available for purchase.**



ROCKS LOUNGE TERRACE & POOLSIDE



REGISTRATION

8:00AM-10:00AM

The On-Site Registration Booth will be open until 10:00AM. Don't forget to check in on any lost & found items before heading to your workshop session.

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MORNING WORKSHOPS

9:15AM-11:15AM (2 HOURS)

ACTION! Team Games to Boost Engagement

Madison Roloff, Territory Sales Manager, Gopher, Owatonna, MN

Join us for an action-packed workshop featuring team games that are class-oriented, teacher-friendly, and aligned with national physical education standards. These high-energy games are sure to get students moving while also keeping them engaged. We won't just be playing games, though; you'll also learn classroom management and skill development strategies that you can take home and implement in your program. Get ready to sweat, learn, and have fun!

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The After-School Feud: Survey Says... You'll Learn & Have Fun!

Darye Henry, CEO & Co-Founder, San Pathak, COO & Co-Founder, AfterSchool HQ, Fishers, IN; Tré Blunt, Director of Sales & Marketing, AfterSchool HQ, Columbus, OH

Get ready for a fast-paced, interactive showdown that'll test your OST knowledge! The After-School Feud adds a fun twist to real challenges in OST, with answers crowdsourced from attendees. Team up and guess the most popular responses to questions like "What's the toughest part of managing staff?" or "What's the best part about working in OST?" Each round is packed with lively discussions, fresh ideas, and loads of fun as we dive into the real-world experiences of after-school pros!

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Mesquite D

Amplify, Engage, Inspire: Social Media in Afterschool

Edgar Guzman, Field Supervisor of Expanded Learning Programs; Gladis Lopez, Program Specialist of Expanded Learning, Santa Ana Unified School District, Santa Ana, CA

Social media is a powerful tool in afterschool programs, helping connect with families, showcase student successes, and build community support. In this training, discover the why behind social sharing, learn key strategies to create engaging posts, and explore ways to highlight your program's unique story. Let's dive into how to bring your program's impact to life on social media and inspire others with the transformative stories happening every day.

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Strand: Partnerships & Building Relationships

Plaza B

Amplifying Employee Engagement: People-Centered Approaches to Boost Retention and Performance

Taylor Mayer, MA, Talent Development & Learning Manager; Lindsey Bynum, MA, Learning & Development Facilitator, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA



Retention in out-of-school time is a prevalent challenge for many. In this landscape how we amplify employee engagement is critical to retention, job satisfaction, and performance. Learn how to take a people-centered approach to improve your employee's experience and create a culture where employees thrive. In this session, we will look at how to assess employee engagement, craft strategies for improvement, and help you create an action plan to boost your employee's experience for retention.

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FRIDAY

Beyond the Classroom: UDL Strategies to Engage Every Learner

Michael Baker, MA, Coordinator of Expanded Learning, Santa Ana Unified School District, Santa Ana, CA

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a framework that helps educators create flexible learning environments that accommodate individual learning differences. UDL designed activities create entry points for students to engage and meet them where they are at. In this workshop, participants will learn an overview of UDL and strategies to design and implement engaging activities that meet the needs of diverse learners in afterschool programs.

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Co-Creating Authentic & Resilient Intergenerational Leadership: Smartest Practices for Collective Growth and Belonging

Elliot A. Rivera, Resilient Leadership & Belonging Consultant, Providence, RI

Leadership isn't about best practices or top-down empowerment—it's about co-creating spaces where people recognize and activate the power they already hold while centering joy and wellness. This is especially critical when co-creating authentic leadership with youth. In this session, we will explore smartest practices that foster belonging, mutual care, and deep reflection in intergenerational leadership spaces, as well as how to build a framework for resilient progress that centers identity, lived experience, and community-rooted leadership. We'll explore how to apply people-centered action that calls in perceived limitations while also moving beyond prescriptive solutions, ensuring that leadership development is relational, liberatory, and sustainable where leaders across generations can thrive.

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Compassionate Systems: A Path to Educational Renaissance

Sargina Yonan, Director of Expanded Learning Programs, Master Practitioner in Training in Compassionate Systems, Center for Systems Awareness, Linden Unified School District, Linden CA; Danielle Jones, System of Support for Expanded Learning Lead, Certified Master Practitioner in Compassionate Systems, Center for Systems Awareness, Region 6 Stanislaus County Office of Education, Modesto CA; Sheilah Brooks, System of Support for Expanded Learning Lead, Certified Master Practitioner in Compassionate Systems, Center for Systems Awareness, Region 7 Merced County Office of Education, Merced CA; James Hall, Director of Student, Family, and Community Engagement, Lassen County Office of Education, Susanville, CA

This interactive workshop introduces expanded learning practitioners to the Compassionate Systems Framework, a powerful approach to fostering well-being, equity, emotional intelligence, and transformative leadership in education. Participants will explore practical strategies to cultivate self-awareness, empathy, and systemic thinking, empowering them to create learning environments where students and staff thrive. Through reflective exercises and collaborative discussions, attendees will gain tools to enhance social-emotional learning, build strong communities, and drive meaningful change within their programs.

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Strand: Staff Leadership; Program Design, Development & Quality

Santa Rosa

Discovering Your Leadership Voice

Juan Alvarado, Founder and CEO, Raize The Bar LLC, Visalia, CA

Dreading tough and difficult conversations? Feel like you're lacking the confidence to lead with authority, or perhaps you're too strict, only to see no change in your staff's behavior? Maybe you've heard about "active listening" and wondered, "How do I even do that?" In this workshop, Juan will help you find Your Leadership Voice—strong, confident, and compassionate. Discover real solutions that ensure your staff feels heard and valued, while empowering you to lead with both backbone and heart.

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Palm Canyon A&B

Embodied Healing: Lessons on Cultivating Resilient Teams through Clean Pain

Kendrick Dial, MSW, BRM, Consultant, Creative Engagement, San Diego, CA; Brian Westpoint, Co-Founder, Movement Matters Collective, San Diego, CA

Embodied Healing: Lessons on Cultivating Resilient Teams through Clean Pain invites educators and leaders to engage in an experimental learning experience that bridges mind, body, and creative spirit. This immersive session combines reflective dialogue on clean versus dirty pain with poetic performance and somatic movement exercises. Participants will explore how authentic vulnerability and embodied practices can transform personal dynamics and foster healthier, more resilient teams. This innovative approach encourages a deep, experiential engagement that not only addresses emotional healing but also ignites collective creativity and sustainable change within their organizational spaces.

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Strand: Staff Leadership

Pasadena

Empowering Tomorrow: Supporting Our Young Workforce

Cori Ove, MS, Project Specialist I, Expanded Learning, Sacramento County Office of Education, Sacramento, CA

The expanded learning workforce often includes young staff who are new to the professional world. These emerging professionals need tailored guidance to succeed and support students effectively. This workshop equips participants with strategies to create supportive environments, adapt leadership styles, and set clear expectations. Through collaborative discussions, you'll share best practices and leave with a customizable staff manual designed specifically for young professionals.

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Plaza C

The Essential Components of a Highly-Effective OST Program

Marie Pinto, Ed.D., CEO; Judy Gibson, Director of Human Resources; Juan Valencia, Operations Manager, ProYouth, Visalia, CA

In this interactive session, participants will discuss the evolution of Expanded Learning, and the proven components that contribute to a highly effective before and afterschool program. Participants will engage in activities, build strategies, and plan that they can take back to their organizations and districts, to build a program that best fits their children, families and community. They will also hear strategies to build community partners and can enhance your daily programs.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Chino A/B

Game Plan for Success: Building Connections and Community

Felix Bobo, MA, Coach, Unlimited University, Perris, CA

Just like in sports, where every play relies on teamwork, strategy, and trust, afterschool program leaders have the unique opportunity to cultivate a culture that fosters strong connections among students and staff. In this workshop, we will explore how the principles of sports can serve as a playbook for building a supportive, engaging culture in your programs. Join us to discover strategies that not only enhance relationships but also empower students to take charge and lead.

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Mesquite B

It Takes a Village: The Story of Level Up SD and Successful Partnerships for Summer Learning in San Diego County

Moderator: Michelle Jaramillo, MS, Director, Education Initiatives, San Diego Foundation, San Diego, CA
Panelists: Gerardo Jaimes Garcia, M.Ed., Senior Manager, Education Initiatives, San Diego Foundation, San Diego, CA; DeMilo Young, Founder & Executive Director, BIPOC Support Foundation, Escondido, CA; Tobie Pace, M.Ed., Senior Director Extended Learning Opportunities; Sara Guinn, Operations Specialist Extended Learning Opportunities, San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, CA

California's \$5 billion ELOP initiative presents enormous opportunities and some challenges. Learn how the state's second-largest district, a foundation, and 100+ nonprofit partners launched a groundbreaking summer learning initiative. Level Up SD increased access for students and community-based organizations, providing 30,000 San Diego students with over 3 million hours of extraordinary summer learning by leveraging shared vision, technology, partnership, and the power of intermediaries.

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Level Up Summer Learning with Evidence-Based Strategies and Practical Tips

Hillary Oravec, MA, Managing Partner, The Learning Agenda, Akron, OH; Patricia Lewis, Ed.D., Senior Consultant, The Learning Agenda and Former Deputy Superintendent, Grand Prairie ISD, Denton, TX

Are you a capacity builder striving to enhance program design, implementation, and sustainability? This session explores how states are customizing guidance and tools from the Summer Learning Toolkit to meet diverse policy contexts and local needs. We'll explore two approaches: 1) Texas' planning program for district-led programs; and 2) Vermont's community-led universal afterschool. Participants will engage with the Toolkit and discuss opportunities to strengthen efforts in their communities.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Sustainability

Pueblo A/B

Leveraging Expanded Learning to Promote Physical & Mental Health and Lifetime Success

Jeff Davis, Executive Director; Troy Selvey, Manager, Equity & Quality; California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA



Come enjoy play and self-care in support of your own mental health while learning about how Expanded Learning can partner across systems to promote health, mental health, and overall wellness. This session will discuss the research base on how Expanded Learning programs create a foundation for thriving and how this foundation can be built on to integrate across systems and increase access to nutrition; sports, play, and movement; and mental health supports and services.

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FRIDAY

Roots & Reflections: Exploring Identity Through Personal History Projects

Kimberly Robare, MEd, Director of Programs; Jazmine Dowdley, Program Manager, Open Doors Academy, Cleveland, OH

"Roots and Reflection" will explore innovative approaches to teaching history that go beyond traditional family trees, encouraging students to connect with their heritage in meaningful and creative ways. In this session, educators will learn how to guide students in developing personal history projects that reflect their unique backgrounds and experiences. We will discuss various project formats—including visual art, storytelling, multimedia presentations, and digital storytelling—allowing students to express their identity in ways that resonate with them.

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San Jacinto

Soccer in Education: Engaging Students, Boosting SEL, and Strengthening School Communities

Sebastian Briuoli, MBA, Head of Operations, HOKALI, San Francisco, CA

Experience firsthand how structured soccer activities can be used as a powerful tool to enhance student engagement, develop social-emotional learning (SEL), and foster a strong school community. This interactive outdoor workshop will showcase game-based strategies that schools can implement to improve teamwork, problem-solving, and leadership skills among students. Come ready to explore how soccer can transform your school's enrichment programs!

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PSCC East Lawn

Strategies for an Equitable and Inclusive After-School Program

Mikala Royal, Site Coordinator; Marcel Nelson, Site Coordinator, Bay Area Community Resources, Oakland, CA

This interactive workshop aims to equip after-school program leaders and staff with the tools to promote equity and inclusion within their programs. They will learn strategies to help students and families feel a sense of belonging. Participants will delve into key concepts of equity, diversity, and inclusion, exploring the impact of race and gender dynamics on student experiences.

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Storyteller's Café Open Mic

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Teaching is a Work of Heart - Supporting Your Talent to Support Your Students

Anastasia Rivas, Regional Director, Southern CA, Champions® Before- and After-School Programs, Mission Viejo, CA; Katy Wick, Regional Director, Champions®, Portland, OR

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Now is the perfect time to invest in your teachers to give them the confidence that they need to implement quality out-of-school programs with intentionality and care to best support the students they serve. Join an interactive session to share best practices around supporting your talent from recruiting, hiring, onboarding, professional development and career pathing.

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Mesquite C

Visioning Together: Build Program Buy-in From the Beginning

Brooklyn Joseph, MA, Lead Program Facilitator, Lead by Learning, Oakland, CA

A successful program thrives on a shared vision for success, where everyone knows what they are doing and why. Join us in the session to learn how to craft this vision with your team: recognizing where you are at, envisioning where you want to be, identifying the steps to get there, and planning checkpoints along the way.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships

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Winning Settlement Dollars to Support Engagement, Community & Connections in the Age of Social Media

Elizabeth Gaines, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Children's Funding Project, Washington, DC; Erica Lim, Ed.L.D., Senior Program Officer, The Eli & Edythe Broad Foundation, Los Angeles, CA; Jennifer Dietrich, MA, Director of Policy, Partnership for Children and Youth, Sacramento, CA; Diana Carrillo, MBA, Vice President of Programs, arc, Torrance, CA; Eleanor Blume, Special Assistant Attorney General for Economic Justice, Office of the Attorney General, State of California Department of Justice, San Francisco, CA

Children's Funding Project, along with the Afterschool Alliance and CA3, is leading a coalition to ensure potential settlements from social media lawsuits are directed towards youth development programs. The antidote for addictive social media platforms is the abundance of people and programs that protect youth, prevent harm, and promote their well-being. Help us lift up how youth programs support young people in the age of social media, and weigh in on how settlement dollars should be invested.

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Strand: BOOST Nation: Town Hall; Sustainability

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ZERO GRAVITY

Moderator: Mara Wold, Program Coordinator II, Region 5, Expanded Learning, Monterey County Office of Education, Salinas, CA

ZERO GRAVITY follows a diverse group of middle school students from San Jose, CA, who compete in a nationwide tournament to code satellites aboard the International Space Station. Their mission: compete with teams across the country to write the most strategic code for surveying satellites, known as SPHERES. These satellites will help map out a GPS system to successfully orbit Mars in the future, opening the door to infinite opportunities and exploration on the Red Planet. Each coder-in-the-making brings their own strengths, unique perspectives, and boundless curiosity to their team, together embarking on an out-of-this-world STEM quest that celebrates space, teamwork, and the triumph of the human spirit. Featuring astronauts Steve Smith, Cady Coleman, and International Space Station resident Jack Fischer, who performs the students' incredible achievements in orbit 250 miles above the Earth's surface, this inspiring documentary highlights the importance of empowering the next generation of scientists, engineers, and innovators who will fearlessly lead us into the future and the unknown.

Strand: BOOST Film Festival

Horizon 1

CAMP INSPIRE

9:15AM-10:00AM

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STATION 1

Strengthening Quality Using the Latest in Professional Development Solutions

Jennifer Merrill, Director of Strategic Partnerships, California School-Age Consortium, El Sobrante, CA; Steve Stookey, Co-Founder & Chief Client Officer, CypherWorx, Kirkland, CA

Effective expanded learning programs correlate to well-trained, high-quality staff. Yet, with the many challenges faced by practitioners, a comprehensive professional development program may feel out of reach. There is hope! Hear from professionals who are successfully leveraging CypherWorx's Learning Management System and CalSAC's suite of online and virtual trainings to get results. In addition, walk away with a free 30-day trial of the online platform to try out this dynamic solution!

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STATION 2

The Importance of Healthy Eating for Children and Accessing Impact LA's Meal Programs

Courtney Lockridge, Executive Director, Impact LA, Los Angeles, CA

This workshop explores the importance of healthy eating for children, especially during out-of-school hours when meals may be limited. Participants will learn how nutrition impacts growth and development, common challenges families face, and practical solutions. The workshop also provides a guide on how schools and organizations can access free meals through Impact LA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and After-School Meals Program (CACFP) to ensure no child goes without nutritious food.

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BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

9:30AM-10:30AM

Leave it at the Door

Annie Middlemist, Associate Dean, School of Education, Annie Middlemist Consulting, Phoenix, AZ; Dr. Robin Elliott, Associate Dean School of Education, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY

CLOSING REFLECTION & RAFFLE

11:15AM-12:00PM

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Don't miss our fun and energetic conference closing with thousands of dollars worth of raffle prizes! Get your raffle tickets at the door for a chance to win!

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Visit an exhibit booth and get a stamp from each vendor listed on your card. Once your entire card is full, bring it to the **BOOST Collaborative Booth (0101 & 0105)** in the Exhibit Hall and be entered to win FREE 2026 BOOST Conference registration at the Closing Raffle on Friday. Please note that all BINGO cards must be turned in by Thursday at **3:00PM** to be entered to win. The winner must be present at the closing on Friday to win. Have fun!

CLOSING RAFFLE

Don't miss the closing raffle on **Friday from 11:15AM-12:00PM!** We are giving away thousands of dollars worth of cool prizes. You will receive a raffle ticket upon entrance to the closing event.

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1:30PM - 2:30PM

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2:30PM - 3:30PM

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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Breakfast, Lunch & Snack during Afternoon
BOOST Break

POP UP DEALS

THURSDAY

Starting at 2:30PM



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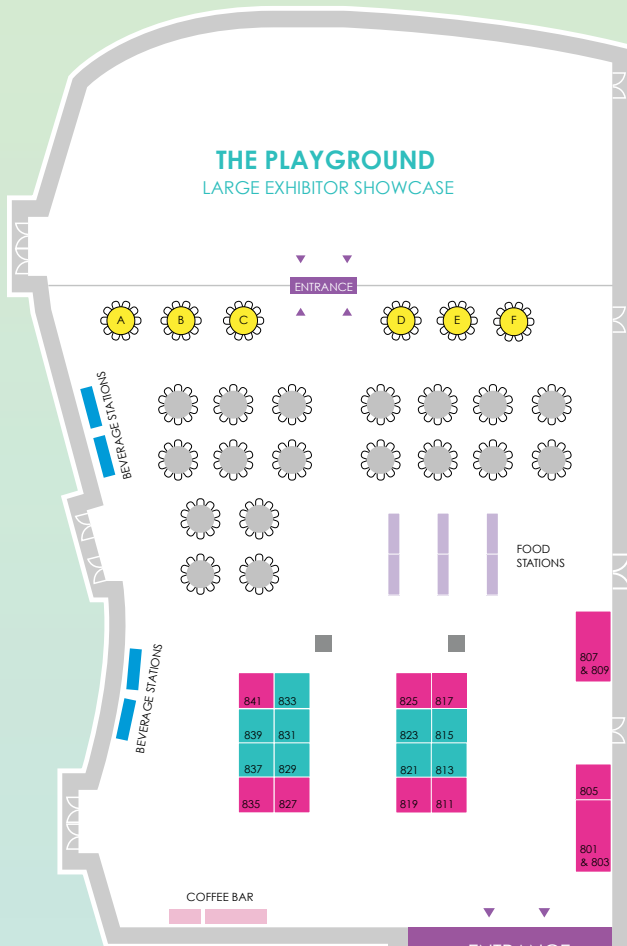
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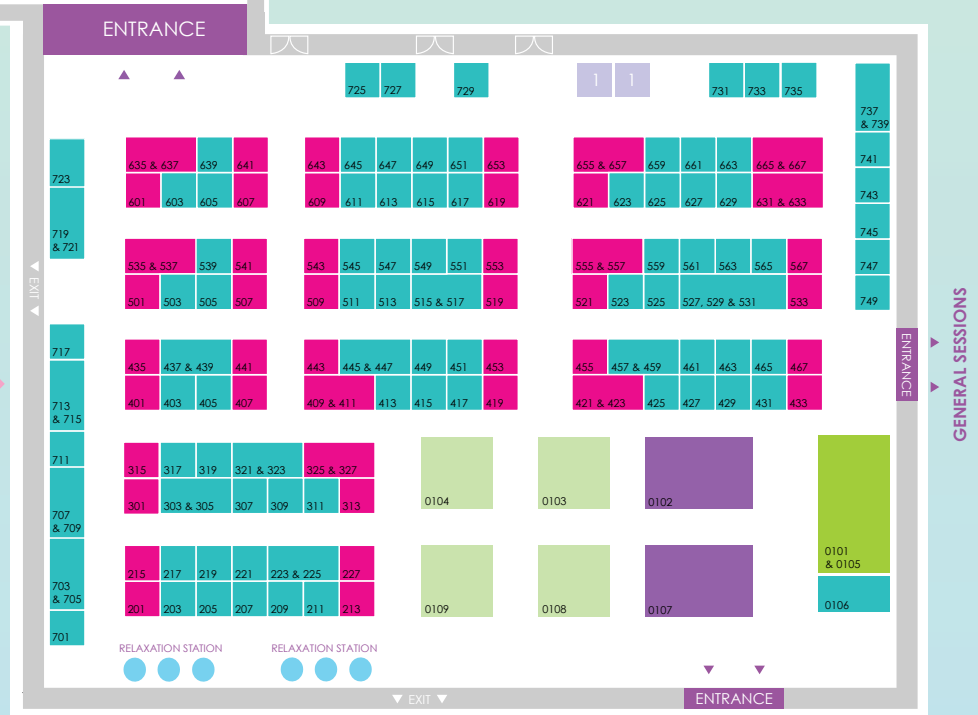


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Dirt Pixie Books	Booth 659
Discount School Supply/Really Good Stuff	Booth 457 & 459
Disney Imagination Campus	Booth 317
Drone Legends	Booth 451
Drug Enforcement Administration	Booth 701
Edible Education	Booth 223 & 225
Elemental Hardware DIY Enrichment	Booth 325 & 327
Elevo	Booth 543
Empower Educational Consulting	Booth 711
Enchanted Education, LLC	Booth 303 & 305
EZReports Afterschool Management Software	Booth 519
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Forward Education	Booth 731
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Future N Focus - Dream Catcher	Booth 835
Galileo Learning	Booth 819
GameTime Activity Kit by GL Consulting	Booth 413
Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles	Booth 565
Girls Who Code	Booth 729
Gopher	Booth 211
Groza Enrichment	Booth 467
Habbi Habbi Bilingual Books & Toys	Booth 611
Harmony Academy @ National University	Front Porch Booth 1
HealthCorps	Booth 651
HealthForce - Junior Medical Academy	Booth 463
Her? Records, Inc.	Booth 717
The Heroic Journey SEL & Mental Health	Booth 635 & 637
HeyTutor	Booth 201
High Performance Academy	Booth 655 & 657
HOKALI	Booth 613
Home Science Tools	Booth 725
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Imagine Learning	Booth 639
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InnovEd	Booth 461
IXL Learning	Booth 823
Kaplan Early Learning Company	Booth 837
KiwiCo Education	Booth 745
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Oriental Trading Company	Booth 811
Parker-Anderson Enrichment	Booth 0109
PCS Edventures	Booth 0104
Peaceful Playgrounds	Booth 311
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Scholastic	Booth 527, 529, & 531
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STEM Center USA	Booth 727
STEM in a Box®	Booth 747
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Team Prime Time	Booth 313
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TPG Creations / The Pencil Grip, Inc	Booth 833
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USTA SoCal Tennis	Booth 203
VineyardAppCamp	Booth 607
Windtree Education	Booth 643
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Work ED	Booth 541
Youth Athletes United	Booth 707 & 709
ZTAG - Healthy Habits Bright Minds	Booth 555 & 557

2025 BOOST EXHIBITORS

3Doodler

Booth 509

www.the3doodler.com

3Doodler created the world's first 3D printing pen, and over a decade later, creativity is still our passion. We embrace the power of inclusive education and believe that learning is strongest when students make real things- in STEM, through the arts, and with engaged play. Engage students of all ages and ability levels in a new dimension of learning with our versatile, easy-to-use 3D printing pens and free EDU resources. Learn more at: learn.the3doodler.com/edu.

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3DuxDesign

Booth 609

3dudesign.com

Unleash creativity and innovation with 3DuxDesign! Our hands-on STEM kits and project-based learning resources empower K-12 students to dive into real-world challenges. Using cardboard-based materials and design thinking, your students will explore, prototype, and solve problems like never before. Make learning unforgettable with 3DuxDesign, where imagination meets engineering!

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4imprint

Booth 801 & 803

4imprint.com

For 40 years, 4imprint has helped businesses, schools, and organizations of all sizes connect with their audiences through a broad range of promotional products. With more than 40,000 customizable options, we ensure your logo shines on every item. Mention BOOST25 for additional savings!

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6crickets ELO-P Management Solutions

Front Porch Booth 3

6crickets.com/elop

The 6crickets platform makes it easy to manage expanded learning, such as enrollment by families or staff, attendance tracking, reporting, vendor coordination, and sync-ing with the Student Information System. Districts have been delighted by 6crickets' unique capabilities and superb customer service: "6crickets reduced 90% of our workload!", "We haven't seen any system like 6crickets!", "6crickets is a trusty, ethical, creative, and intelligent partner who is always there for you".

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9 Square in the Air

Front Porch Booth 2

9squareintheair.com

9 Square in the Air® is an addictive group game that students love! It's tons of fun for all ages and skill levels. Our brand new permanent edition is perfect for hours of play outdoors, while our portable game can be used indoors or outside, is height-adjustable, and has a simple and easy setup and storage. Your students will want to play this game for hours!

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100 Mile Club

Booth 749

100mileclub.com

100 Mile Club is a life-skills-based physical activity program for students, with the goal to run, roll or walk 100 miles during a single year, while being recognized and celebrated with award-winning incentives. Join schools and districts participating nationwide, with program options during, before/after school and summer. We make running FUN . . . all year long!

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ActivityHero - OST Enrollment & Reporting Software

Booth 217

activityhero.com/pages/ost

ActivityHero's software streamlines after-school, intersession, and summer program enrollment, rosters, attendance and communication. The all-in-one after-school SIS is designed to meet grant reporting requirements of ELO-P, ASES, 21st CCLC, as well as fee-based programs. We offer online and printable enrollment and attendance forms with e-signatures, and customizable reports, all for a fraction of competitors' costs.

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After School Music Academy

Booth 417

afterschoolmusicacademy.com

To seed positive musical experiences with kids and teens and to foster a lifelong pursuit of creativity as they grow into adults. To give kids more time to enrich their imaginations and bolster a sense of self. In a single phrase: expression over perfection. To provide top-tier on-campus arts educators to California students across public, independent, charter schools and non-profit organizations.

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Afterschool Alliance

Booth 735

afterschoolalliance.org

To expand support for quality afterschool programs, the Afterschool Alliance works with agencies, elected officials, businesses, 50 state afterschool networks, community leaders, and program providers across the nation. We're in touch with more than 25,000 after-school program partners, and our publications reach more than 65,000 interested individuals every month.

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AfterSchool HQ

Booth 547

afterschoolhq.com

Connect with Families, Eliminate Paperwork, Report Impact to Funders. AfterSchool HQ is a youth organization management platform that creates more time for meaningful engagement with students.

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Arly

Booth 653

arly.com

Arly is a comprehensive youth management platform unlike any software on the market today. Arly makes it easy for out of school time programs to provide high-quality youth programs that drive impact, all year long. Request a demo today and learn how you can streamline everything you need in one powerful platform, so you can focus on what matters most—elevating the potential of youth. Learn more at <http://Arly.com>.

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Arux

Booth 403

arux.com

Arux is the fastest-growing software for K-12 after school programs. Arux combines our new platform with experienced teams to modernize how after school programs work, including registrations, payments, attendance, data management, and communications.

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Assist Programs

Booth 443

assistprograms.org

Assist Programs is An Educator's Best First Job®, providing students with a safe, fun, and inclusive environment while building career experience for those pursuing a future in education.

We recruit, clear, and train future educators to facilitate a host of enriching activities both during-the-day, before, and after-school at K-8 schools nationwide. Our programs include Recess Enhancement, STEM Enrichment, Visual & Performing Arts Enrichment, Physical Fitness & Sports Enrichment, ExL Provider.

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Atomic Roadshow

Booth 449

atomicroadshow.com

Introducing the Atomic Roadshow at atomicroadshow.com! Our exciting and educational atomic workshops are designed for the entire community. We offer an innovative program that brings atomic molecular theory to life through engaging, hands-on activities for learners of all ages.

Key features of our workshops: 2-hour interactive sessions for groups of 10 to 90 participants

Tailored for students (K-8), parents, educators, and community members. Exploration of atomic theory in your town.

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Attendly

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attendly.com

End administrative agony in after-school programs! Attendly empowers California's K-12 schools with an intuitive platform that automates tasks, streamlines management, and simplifies attendance tracking for ELO-P, ASES, and 21st Century Program funding. Say goodbye to paperwork nightmares. With multi-language support, Aeries SIS integration, and a user-friendly interface, Attendly maximizes funding, ensures compliance, and creates enriching opportunities for every student.

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Authorable

Booth 553

authorable.com

Give your students an opportunity to see behind the scenes of book publishing! Students love stories, but rarely see how real books are made. Authorable changes that. Our on-demand portal brings best-selling authors and illustrators straight to your students as new books are created. Kids watch the publishing process unfold, engage in creative activities, and even contribute ideas to a real book. No scheduling, no prep—just press play! Spots are limited—don't miss this one-of-a-kind experience.

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AYSO PLAY!

Booth 625

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AYSO PLAY! uses the power of the world's game to inspire students to learn through play. AYSO PLAY! partners with schools, school districts, and early education centers across the country to provide before, during, or after school soccer experiences that students, parents, and educators love. We encourage success in soccer through our outcome-based curriculum, focused on interdisciplinary learning, combining soccer concepts with age-appropriate FMS and SEL learning experiences.

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Black Rocket

Booth 813

blackrocket.com

Black Rocket is a STEAM-based education company that has specialized in partnering with K12 schools, community colleges, universities, and parks and recreation departments for the last twenty years. Every youth enrichment program is powered by the child's innate imagination and designed to bring their ideas to life in a fun, hands-on learning environment. All Black Rocket programs mirror real-life experiences and the collaborative nature of the design process.

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BLICK Art Materials

Booth 455

dickblick.com

Blick Art Materials is the leader in art supplies in the U.S. since 1911, offering more than 110,000 products to inspire and support artists, teachers, students, organizations, and "makers" of all abilities. Hundreds of FREE project ideas with instructions and video demos are also available at www.DickBlick.com, 800-447-8192.

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BOOST Collaborative

Booth 0101 & 0105

boostcollaborative.org, boostconference.org

BOOST Collaborative is a unique, purpose-driven organization committed to supporting PK-HE educators serving youth in the in and out-of-school time hours by providing quality professional development, opportunities for networking & partnerships, leadership training, and a variety of tools and resources for the field. The BOOST Conference is the largest global convening of in and out-of-school time and expanded learning educators. Together, we make a difference.

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Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks

Booth 407

boxcarsandoneeyedjacks.com

We offer the best math and literacy game resources and professional development for your after-school sites. Hands-on engaging math and literacy manipulatives, dice, cards, teacher support, and kits.

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Brains & Motion

Booth 825

brains-and-motion.com

Brains & Motion brings excitement and enrichment to your school year-round! Whether during school hours, after school, or throughout the summer, we provide everything needed for a dynamic learning experience. Our expert team delivers an innovative curriculum across all content areas, including STEM, sports, arts, and music. We handle it all, from top-notch instructors to all necessary equipment, ensuring each program is engaging and educational!

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BrainStorm STEM Education

Booth 419

brainstormedu.com

Innovative hands-on STEM Kits for Grades 1st- 12th. Each STEM Kit is aligned to NGSS standards and is packed with everything you need for successful hands-on experiences with your students. Inspire innovation and ignite a passion for STEM through BrainStorm's fun and educational kits. Real Science. Real Fun!

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Brooklyn Robot Foundry

Booth 559

brooklynrobotfoundry.com

Brooklyn Robot Foundry provides fun, hands-on STEAM education for children aged 2-14. Founded by mechanical engineer Jenny Young, the company offers engaging programs where kids build a new robot each class and take it home after. With a curriculum of over 600 designs, the Foundry fosters creativity, problem-solving, and social-emotional learning. Portable and adaptable, their programs operate in schools, camps, and community centers, with franchises now expanding across NY, NJ, PA, and CT.

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Brown Dog Gadgets

Booth 409 & 411

BrownDogGadgets.com

We create engaging hands-on STEM activities for kids of all ages. Our kits combine the fun of art with a wide range of core STEM skills. Teach the basics of electricity, solar energy, wearable technology, or MicroBit programming. Kits include lessons and curriculum, and we can also design custom kits for a complete "Camp in a Box" program. Come by our booth to create your own paper circuits name tag or to grab a free Sampler Pack of our kits.

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BucketGolf

Booth 719 & 721

bucketgolfgame.com

BucketGolf makes portable golf games for all levels to make golf easier, safer, and more fun.

BucketGolf is a portable par 3 golf game that will take your parties, vacations, and Sunday Fundays to a whole new level. It combines the excitement of golf with the ease of backyard games for all levels. Simply custom-design your course in minutes and tee off for bragging rights.

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C.E. Mendez Foundation

Booth 621

toogoodprograms.org

For more than forty years, the Mendez Foundation has been developing and implementing unparalleled prevention education and character development curricula that equip children and adolescents to make healthy choices as they make the journey to reaching their goals and avoiding substance use and aggressive behavior so they can be a positive force in their schools and communities.

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California Adventure Camp

Booth 545

californiaadventurecamps.com

At California Adventure Camps, our passion is enhancing children's lives by providing life-changing enrichment experiences not otherwise accessible to students. As a leader in specialized camp programs, we provide dynamic before-school, after-school, and expanded learning opportunities that go beyond the ordinary. Partnering with world-class talent, we deliver experiences that foster creativity, physical fitness, and personal growth, all while making a lasting impact on the communities we serve.

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California AfterSchool Network

Booth 429

afterschoolnetwork.org

The California AfterSchool Network (CAN) exists to make a difference in the health and well-being of children, youth, their families, and their communities by strengthening access to high-quality Out-of-School Time (OST) programs. We envision compassionate communities that collaborate with OST programs to support whole children, families, and communities so that every young person and every family is well-known, well-cared for, and prepared to thrive.

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California Healthy Kids Resource Center

Booth 743

californiahealthykids.net/home

The California Healthy Kids Resource Center provides assistance to school districts and county offices of education as a source of comprehensive information on health-related research and instructional materials to support effective programs for students.

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Champions® Before- and After-School Programs

Booth 665 & 667

discoverchampions.com

More than just a before- and after-school program, Champions is a true community partner for schools and hardworking families. As a leading provider of out-of-school-time learning and education programs, Champions offers kids fun activities in a challenging environment, giving parents peace of mind and administrators a dedicated partner in delivering high-quality education. We operate more than 800 sites around the country. For more information, visit www.discoverchampions.com

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Charity for Change

Booth 723

charityforchange.org

The Charity for Change PreK to 5th grade curriculum will empower your students to be good citizens through positive character traits, academics, and service-learning. Students will develop effective strategies to solve problems, self-reflect, set goals, and make positive decisions. Students work in cooperative groups to complete standards-based math, peer-to-peer reflection, family, project-based learning, and character mindfulness activities. By completing activities, students earn dollars for the charities they select.

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Cignition

Booth 511

cignition.com

Cignition is revolutionizing student learning with research-based, K-12 virtual tutoring in math & ELA that transforms how students engage with content and each other through small group tutoring. Whether in school or at home, we provide a personalized learning experience that fosters deep conceptual understanding and builds lasting confidence. Our team of tutors includes certified teachers, many with SPED backgrounds, who are fluent in multiple languages and ready to help your students succeed.

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CitizenRacecar

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citizenracecar.com

One of the leading producers of branded podcast series for more than a decade, CitizenRacecar, now offers a program that teaches podcasting to the next generation.

In our unique program, kids in 4th through 12th grade are taught the craft of audio storytelling and empowered to create and publish their own podcast series. Along the way, they learn important lessons about teamwork, creativity, media literacy, and the power of their own voices.

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Clever Crazes for Kids

Booth 829

clevercrazes.com

Clever Crazes for Kids® is a not-for-profit foundation providing a FREE educational, TRUSTe-certified, child-safe website. CleverCrazes.com is a STEM-integrated website for after-school programs, schools, and homeschools. Our "10 Worlds" of learning boosts academics, build strong minds, core ethics, and healthy bodies for kids and families.

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CM SCHOOL SUPPLY

Booth 733

cmschoolsupply.com

CM School Supply offers high-quality educational materials, classroom décor, and teaching tools for Pre-K through 8th grade. Proudly family-owned since 1972, they're dedicated to supporting educators and creating engaging learning environments.

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CodeREV Kids

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coderevkids.com

CodeREV Kids ignites passion in students for STEM via turn-key coding and robotics programs for after-school, in-school, and summer, taught by expert instructors or through curriculum licensing. Students create their very own games, apps, websites, and build robots — with fun off-tech activities included. CRK also offers general enrichment camps featuring art, sports, science, and more!

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Communakit

Booth 405

communakit.com

Ready-to-go language learning kits that make it easy for teachers to help students master foundational communication skills.

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CommunityPass

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communitypass.net

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Coral Isles Sunscreen

Booth 503

rmsunscreens.com

Sunscreen lotion and spray in cost-effective bulk containers.

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Creative Brain Learning / MUSICSTAR

Booth 321 & 323

Cbcl.org

A leading provider of after school programs, Creative Brain has also been labeled an "Enrichment Superpower", offering a vast variety of enrichment lessons and student kits in STEM (Robotics, Build-A-Bot, LEGO, Engineering, E-Sports, Game Design, the sciences, Forensic science), the Arts (painting, drawing, Cartoon and Anime Art, 2D, 3D and stop motion animation), Health and Culinary Arts. MUSICSTAR provides instruments and music programs (Rock band, Guitar, Piano, Band, Uke, Violin, Drums, DJ).

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Dhasa Care Music and Arts

Booth 807 & 809

dhasacare.org

The Dhasa Care Music and Arts Enrichment Program is designed for all general education students. The Music and Arts Program provides an avenue for talents to be created, cultivated, and enhanced. Our vision is to build a bridge to connect the Dream to the Dreamer. Our goal is to utilize music and the arts in order to decrease social anxiety, build confidence, explore new skills and abilities, as a means to better function in today's society.

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Dirt Pixie Books

Booth 659

dirtpixiebooks.com

Publisher of children's books and art resources.

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Discount School Supply/Really Good Stuff

Booth 457 & 459

discountschoolsupply.com

Discount School Supply is a leading supplier of educational products, providing a wide range of high-quality materials to support educators, schools, & childcare centers. We offer a unique opportunity to explore our extensive catalog of innovative classroom supplies, arts and crafts materials, learning resources, and teaching aids, all designed to enhance the educational experience. We specialize in providing everything educators need from teaching tools to creative supplies at unbeatable prices.

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Disney Imagination Campus

Booth 317

disneycampus.com

Welcome to Disney Imagination Campus. Through our unique curriculum and learning environment, we offer a new type of student travel, brimming with educational and performing arts workshops that draw students into creative thinking and fearless exploration through the magic of Disney Parks. Our mission is student development. We provide students with the tools they need to express themselves creatively and academically, so they are prepared for real-world challenges.

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Drone Legends

Booth 451

dronelegends.com

Created by educators, for educators.

Drone-Powered Programs, Ready to Launch!

Drone Legends takes a unique approach to incorporating drones in schools, assisting educators in teaching critical technological and interpersonal skills through an easy-to-implement curriculum for students K-12.

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Drug Enforcement Administration

Booth 701

dea.gov

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) provides a variety of free drug prevention resources and publications, as well as Operation Prevention, a free drug prevention curriculum for students in elementary, middle, and high school, for Tribal communities, and the workplace through five websites: www.dea.gov; www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com (for parents and educators); www.justthinktwice.com (for students); www.campusdrugprevention.gov (for colleges) and www.operationprevention.com (free curriculum).

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Edible Education

Booth 223 & 225

kitchenalacart.com

The Kitchen a la Cart is America's #1 portable, teaching kitchen. Complete with hot and cold water, induction and oven - with workspace for 10 students!

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Elemental Hardware DIY Enrichment

Booth 325 & 327

ehdw.com

Elemental Hardware Enrichment provides DIY (Do-It-Yourself) project-based learning opportunities for students to learn basic carpentry, electrical, and art skills and gain an enlightening glimpse into career pathway options in the skilled trades.

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Elevo

Booth 543

elevolearning.com

Elevo provides a range of in-school and out-of-school (OST) programs and services designed to support the physical, mental, and academic well-being of all students. For almost two decades we've partnered with districts across California to meet their unique programming and staffing needs. We impact more than 360,000 students per year through our programs.

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Empower Educational Consulting

Booth 711

empowerec.com

Empower is a professional development and coaching company. Empower has published a variety of small-group, differentiation, and intervention materials. The focus of Empower is what's best for kids.

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Enchanted Education, LLC

Booth 303 & 305

enchantededucation.com

Enchanted Education brings engaging STEAM learning classes directly to your after school program. Inspired by the trailblazers of the themed entertainment industry, we design specialized hands-on experiences tailored for learners of all ages and backgrounds. Our project-based approach sparks creativity, ignites curiosity, and strengthens problem-solving skills.

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EZReports Afterschool Management Software

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ezreports.org

EZReports: Comprehensive afterschool management software for grant-funded programs (including ASES, ASSETS, and ELOP), meeting data collection/reporting requirements mandated for Federal 21st CCLC programs. EZReports offers live attendance on mobile devices, early release codes, automated student uploads, and surveys. Used by 10 State DOEs, 5,000+ schools/CBOs. EZChildTrack: Manage childcare/afterschool programs with automated billing, online payment and registration, attendance, parent app, more!

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Fork Farms

Booth 605

forkfarms.com

Student-led hydroponics!

Engage your learners with the most efficient and innovative hydroponic technology on the planet: the Flex Farm...

- Grow 25+ lbs. of fresh food every 4 weeks
- Harvest up to 3,400 plants annually
- Requires 2 hours of regular maintenance per month

Comes with curriculum, activities, video step-by-step instructions, and live support.

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Forward Education

Booth 731

forwardedu.com

Forward Education offers a hands-on STEAM learning ecosystem for out-of-school-time programs, with products that teach coding, build career-ready skills, and inspire design projects—empowering students to create a positive impact in their lives and the world around them.

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FranklinCovey Education

Booth 521

leaderinme.org

FranklinCovey Education is one of the world's most prominent and trusted providers of educational leadership development, school culture, and change management. Our comprehensive solutions help schools address common challenges such as academic achievement, educator wellness and efficacy, family engagement, leadership development, and college, career, and life readiness.

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Fulcrum Adventures

Front Porch Booth 8

fulcrumadventures.com

teambuilding, leadership, youth development, & organizational development. Since 1994, Fulcrum has been delivering first-rate team-building and leadership development experiences for over one million people across a broad spectrum of industries, fields, and institutions - always working by our motto: "DO. RISK. GROW." Come by our booth to win prizes and connect!

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Funtology Fundamentals/iFuntology

Front Porch Booth 4

ifuntology.com

Funtology, Barbertology, Nailtology and Skintology was designed for youth (3rd-12th grades) interested in exploring the exciting world of career development. This interactive program aims to be both informative and engaging. Along with iFuntology (web-based learning portal), students develop a comprehensive understanding of the essential skills and knowledge required to succeed in the workforce using the beauty industry and technology.

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Future N Focus - Dream Catcher

Booth 835

dreamcatcherprogram.com

Future n Focus is a Purpose Driven Education company providing the inspirational web-based Dream Catcher program for youth and adults, and a variety of Afterschool, Evening, Saturday or Summer Enrichment programs. Winner of the Innovation in Education award, the Dream Catcher software guides students through personal & career exploration, empowering them to discover their purpose and create a pathway to success. Come by booth #835 to learn about the dynamic ways we can help you help others.

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Galileo Learning

Booth 819

galileo-camps.com/galileoxelop

We bring our high-quality summer programs directly to public schools and districts. Our Galileo X ELO-P solution gives unduplicated students equitable access to our flagship Camp Galileo summer program at neighborhood schools.

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GameTime Activity Kit by GL Consulting

Booth 413

lauderdaleconsulting.com

GL Consulting is a specialized training company for Out-of-School-Time and youth enrichment programs. GL Consulting brings more than 20-years of experience, implementing large-scale youth recreation and enrichment programs.

Our newest offering, the GameTime Activity Kit (TM), is comprised of 30 dynamic gym games, a comprehensive manual with QR code video instruction, and all the essential equipment for seamless game implementation. Come check out this incredible resource!

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Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles

Booth 565

girlscoutsla.org

Girl Scouts is a non-profit girls organization. Our mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Our program—the Girl Scout Leadership Experience—is all about fun, friendship, and new adventures. Through this Leadership Experience, girls discover who they are, what they care about, and how to best use their unique talents; connect with others, both locally and globally, to learn and expand their horizons.

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Girls Who Code

Booth 729

girlswhocode.com

Girls Who Code is an international nonprofit on a mission to close the gender gap in tech and change the image of what a programmer looks like and does. We do this by providing 100% free programs and curricula to students and the communities that serve them.

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Gopher

Booth 211

gophersport.com

Gopher is proud to supply quality equipment to support your program goals. When you choose Gopher, you'll always receive exceptional customer care, durable products backed with an Unconditional 100% Satisfaction Guarantee, and access to exclusive products. We look forward to serving you!

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Groza Enrichment

Booth 467

GrozaLearningCenter.com

Groza Enrichment is a 100% woman- and mom-owned company delivering exceptional, research-based programs that consistently meet and exceed ASES, ELOP, and 21st CCLC goals. Our 5-star rated offerings include SEL, engaging enrichment, academic/tutoring support, and life skills/consumer education—designed to boost ADA and student success. With instructional integrity, robust documentation, and measurable outcomes, Groza is the trusted partner districts rely on to deliver results.

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Habbi Habbi Bilingual Books & Toys

Booth 611

habbihabbi.com

Habbi Habbi Bilingual Books & Toys make it easy and fun for kids to learn Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, French, Korean & Hindi. Simply tap our magical Reading Wand on any of our books, flashcards, and puzzles to hear words, phrases, and musical tunes. Our books showcase practical content like first words & phrases, favorite subjects like animals, and intentional topics like kindness, body positivity, and healthy habits. Our products are beautifully designed, high quality & durable.

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Harmony Academy @ National University

Front Porch Booth 1

harmony-academy.org

Harmony Academies at National University is a non-profit organization that provides social emotional, and academic learning resources, training, and professional development for schools, districts, or programs with no cost and elevated cost options.

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HealthCorps

Booth 651

healthcorps.org

HealthCorps is a national nonprofit that addresses health inequities by educating and empowering teens to take control of their health and wellness. Through our innovative, peer-led program, Teens Make Health Happen, we bring critical conversations around mental resilience, nutrition, and physical activity directly into schools and communities. Our model blends hands-on learning, youth leadership development, and near-peer mentorship to create sustainable, student-driven change.

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HealthForce - Junior Medical Academy

Booth 463

hfpartnerships.com

HealthForce provides STEM based educational programs for K-12 that focus on hands-on experiences and Work Based Learning to expose students to the diversity of health care careers.

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Her? Records, Inc.

Booth 717

sayitwith-music.com

This is a STEAM/SEL team building activity where students create, write, record a song, & film a MUSIC VIDEO! Our award-winning celebrity videographers & music producers (3 of whom were recently Grammy nominated) bring a recording studio to your location. Students explore careers in audio engineering, music technology, video editing, and recording while learning the science of sound. Students learn Social Emotional Learning through our Psychological Effects of Music school assemblies & curriculum.

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The Heroic Journey SEL & Mental Health

Booth 635 & 637

TheHeroicJourneyMentalHealth.org

We turn struggles into strengths in ways kids find engaging. Created by acclaimed psychologists and veteran educators in Partnership with YMCA of the USA.

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HeyTutor

Booth 201

heyttutor.com

HeyTutor, Inc. is a leading provider of personalized in-person and virtual tutoring services across the United States. HeyTutor supports districts and students by leveraging local, in-person tutors to help students overcome learning gaps, catch up to grade-level standards, or work towards acceleration.

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High Performance Academy

Booth 655 & 657

hpanation.com

At HPA, we believe movement transforms lives. Our school enrichment programs blend physical activity, SEL, and leadership into the school day. From before and afterschool programs to recess and camps, we create fun, structured experiences that build confidence, promote teamwork, and support each student's growth, helping them thrive in school and beyond.

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HOKALI

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hokali.com

We simplify the process of booking, organizing, and managing after-school programs and camps for schools.

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Home Science Tools

Booth 725

homesciencetools.com

Your Headquarters for Afterschool Science

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Human Rights Campaign

Innovation Alley Booth 5, Renaissance Ballroom Hallway

hrc.org

The Human Rights Campaign fights to make equality, equity and liberation a reality for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people. We drive impact by inspiring, engaging and mobilizing millions of pro-equality voters and supporters to elect pro-equality leaders and to demand equity-based policies and legislation, and transforming institutions and systems that shape our everyday lives by advancing LGBTQ+ inclusive policies and practices in schools, workplaces, hospitals, and beyond.

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Imagine Learning

Booth 639

ImagineLearning.com

Every classroom, every student is bursting with potential. That's why Imagine Learning creates K-12 digital-first solutions fueled by insights from educators. We work alongside educators to support 15 million students, in over half of the districts nationwide, with school services and core, courseware, and supplemental solutions. Imagine Learning. Empower potential.

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InnerJoy Ed

Booth 661

innerjoyed.com

InnerJoy's Behavioral Intervention Program helps students improve their behavior through a fun and effective "In-venture" - an inner journey of self-discovery. The program aims to boost self-awareness, explore personal strengths and weaknesses, and teach mindful strategies for managing emotions. Through engaging activities and crafts, students learn about their thoughts, feelings, and body cues while developing coping skills.

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InnovEd

Booth 461

innovedinc.org

InnovEd was founded with a mission to transform education through hands-on learning. Since then, we've continued to deliver engaging learning experiences through both our curriculum and in-person instruction. Drawing on over two decades of experience, we've designed a curriculum tailored to meet the needs of afterschool programs. In doing so, we've seen the power of hands-on learning to engage students. Above all, we are committed to inspiring curiosity and igniting a lifelong love for learning.

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IXL Learning

Booth 823

ixl.com

An end-to-end teaching and learning solution, IXL gives educators all the tools and insights they need to maximize learning for every student.

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Kaplan Early Learning Company

Booth 837

kaplanco.com

Kaplan Early Learning Company provides quality equipment, environmentally safe furniture, and age-appropriate manipulatives that follow national standards and offer exciting ways to encourage learning through play. From classroom materials to assessments, curricula, and playground equipment, we can supply and install all of your materials and train your center staff to improve outcomes.

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KiwiCo Education

Booth 745

education.kiwico.com

At KiwiCo Education, we hope to support your mission to ignite a love for learning. Our goal is to provide opportunities for growth by providing hands-on, STEAM learning programs that help kids develop creative problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

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Lakeshore Learning Materials

Booth 535 & 537

lakeshorelearning.com

At Lakeshore, we create products that matter. Developed by teachers for teachers, our hands-on materials help children reach developmental and academic milestones through sixth grade, with furniture for any learning space—from infant environments to high school. All products are backed by our unconditional guarantee. We also offer Complete Classrooms®, easy eProcurement, and professional development—making us your one-stop classroom shop.

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Leaf'd Box

Booth 567

leafdbox.com/pages/enrichment

Elevate your after school program with our gardening workshops, designed to captivate and educate students from diverse backgrounds. This weekly enrichment program offers a unique opportunity for students to engage in hands-on learning while exploring the fascinating world of hydroponic gardening. By integrating STEM principles and environmental education, the program aligns with district academic goals while fostering curiosity and critical thinking skills.

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Learn Fresh

Booth 0102

learnfresh.org

Learn Fresh is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing innovative STEM learning experiences that empower educators and inspire students. Through community, play, and rigorous exploration, Learn Fresh programs leverage students' passion for sports and entertainment to inspire their STEM and social-emotional learning. By bringing students' genuine interests into the classroom, Learn Fresh programs foster a lifelong enthusiasm for learning.

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Learning Wrap-ups

Booth 505

learningwrapups.com

Hands-on and Self-Correcting Materials for Elementary Math and Reading

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LEGO® Education

Booth 213

education.lego.com

With a strong purpose of success for all students, LEGO® Education combines the unique excitement of LEGO bricks with hands-on classroom solutions to inspire interest in multiple areas such as STEM, Computer Science, and CTE. We focus on providing high-quality in school and out of school education solutions that appeal to a variety of learning styles, for all educational levels, and give all staff the ability to grow their pedagogical practice in a safe and fun innovative classroom environment.

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improv.com

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Lexia Learning

Booth 649

lexialearning.com

Lexia Learning, a Cambium Learning® Group company, is the structured literacy expert. For over 30 years, the company has focused solely on literacy, and today provides a full spectrum of solutions for both students and teachers. With robust offerings for differentiated literacy instruction, personalized learning, and professional learning, Lexia helps more learners read, write, and speak with confidence. For more information, visit www.lexialearning.com.

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Los Angeles Unified iDREAM

Booth 841

lausd.org/its

Second largest in the nation, the Los Angeles Unified School District enrolls more than 429,000 students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade. The District covers 710 square miles and includes Los Angeles as well as all or parts of 25 smaller municipalities, plus several unincorporated sections of Los Angeles County.

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Lü

Booth 737 & 739

play-lu.com

Lü is a Quebec-based educational technology company founded in 2017 that transforms gyms into immersive learning spaces for students aged 5 to 12. From the get-go, Lü has aimed to provide teachers with an environment where they can engage and motivate students in order to help them develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically. There are Lü systems set up in almost 2,000 schools in more than 35 countries, setting the stage for new immersive and collaborative teaching methods.

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Luminous Minds

Booth 507

luminousmindsinc.com

Luminous Minds serves as an educational website and early learning platform offering a library of engaging, standard-aligned, research-based, supplemental early literacy resources designed to support after-school programs, early education, primary classroom teachers, reading intervention programs, and English Language Learners.

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Lunch Bunch

Booth 821

lunchbunch.com

Through our K-12 food products and culinary-based enrichments, we aim to create a more holistic experience of food; where it comes from, how it impacts our environment, how it connects different communities and ultimately how we can create a healthy and joyful relationship to food for kids.

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Mabel's Labels

Booth 615

mabelslabels.com

Through our K-12 food products and culinary based enrichments, we aim to create a more holistic experience of food; where it comes from, how it impacts our environment, how it connects different communities and ultimately how we can create a healthy and joyful relationship to food for kids.

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Magic Explorers

Booth 445 & 447

MagicExplorers.com

Magic Explorers is Social Emotional Learning through magic activities! Our Magic Activity Packs, or MAPs, are a mixture of magic tricks meets arts and crafts with bonus educational content!

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MANGO Math

Booth 435

mangomath.com

MANGO Math is a strong evidence-based Pre-K through Middle School math curriculum that gets kids off math worksheets and into applying math concepts. Our grade level kit contains 20 individually packaged lessons with all the manipulatives needed for up to 8 students to do the game or activity. Our grab and go lessons require students to communicate and collaborate about math to gain a deeper understanding of numbers. Each lesson meets NCTM and CCS standards.

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Mastery Coding

Booth 433

masterycoding.com

Prepare your students for a digital future with turn-key, standards-based computer science and STEM education Elementary School, Middle School, High School



Meg Languages

Booth 561

meglanguages.com

Meg Languages provides Expanded Learning Programs an immersive blend of world language and culture resources designed to engage students with dynamic and interactive instruction and activities. Our LIVE program classrooms with teachers in Colombia or China.

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Mileage Club by Fitness Finders

Booth 415

fitnessfinders.net

Fitness Finders is a pioneer in children's health and fitness programs and education with over 40 years of experience. Our legacy program – Mileage Club – has been used by millions of kids and is America's #1 run club for kids. Our Toe Tokens are beloved by generations and are instantly recognized for what they are: a symbol of achievement and success. Fitness Finders offers a full line of motivational products and programs, including tested materials for anti-bullying, nutritional, academic, and more!

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MILLU

Booth 619

MILLUBOX.com

Social and emotional learning isn't just another subject—it's a transformative experience that happens through human connection. At MILLU, our interactive approach blends intergenerational wisdom with resilience and play. We equip children and adults to experience SEL in real-time, enriching program cultures from the top down. Our products and training sessions empower participants with the tools to thrive, embedding real-world lessons into everyday life.

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MindWorks Resources

Booth 421 & 423

mindworksresources.com

MindWorks Resources designs creative kits for programs looking for engaging, student-centered enrichment for summer, after-school, and during the school day. We offer a wide range of subject and theme based enrichment for early childhood, elementary school and middle school students! In the all-inclusive design, each kit includes high-quality enrichment materials and a facilitator guide full of collaborative activities designed for easy implementation.

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MIT Lincoln Laboratory - Beaver Works

Booth 815

bws1.mit.edu

BWSI will showcase how our rigorous, hands-on STEM programs empower high school students to tackle real-world challenges using cutting-edge technology. Visitors will see our project-based learning approach, which immerses students in fields like autonomous vehicles, AI, and medical technology. Attendees can see firsthand how students engage with MIT-developed courses, applying advanced concepts to solve complex problems. BWSI staff will be on hand to talk about how we can foster innovation.

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Monarch School Project Nexus

Front Porch Booth 6

monarchnexus.org

Boost your team's impact working with children and families, especially those who are unhoused. Monarch School Project Nexus offers dynamic, research-based training and coaching to elevate your skills and transform your practice. Grounded in the Monarch Model, our approach integrates relationship-centered, strengths-based, restorative, and trauma-informed methods. Choose from flexible options including introductory e-learning, project-based cohorts, and customizable coaching and consulting.

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MoneyPrep

Booth 741

moneyprep.com

MoneyPrep teaches financial wellness to youth with fun interactive games and activities. Our focus is on building responsible financial habits with real world application. We aim to teach ALL kids smart everyday money handling with fun, story and play. The MoneyPrep program consists of insightful hands-on individual and group activities as well as engaging digital learning games. All components are designed to boost financial knowledge, skills and confidence.

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MoxieBox Art, Inc.

Booth 0103

moxieboxart.com

MoxieBox Art is dedicated to nurturing creativity, self-expression, and exploration in all learners. We understand the powerful role of an engaging art program and we are passionate about ensuring equitable access for each student. Our diverse, all-inclusive solutions equip educators with the tools they need to provide meaningful and engaging visual arts experiences for every learner.

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Mrs Wordsmith

Booth 501

mrswordsmith.com

Mrs Wordsmith is a literacy company focused on building game-based and playful solutions that improve reading outcomes for kids. Using Hollywood-quality animation and state-of-the-art game design, Mrs Wordsmith creates books, games, and video games to support literacy for kids aged 3-13, and to make word learning hilariously fun both at school and at home.

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MySchoolBucks-Heartland School Solutions

Booth 647

heartlandschoolsolutions.com/en

With MySchoolBucks Activities you can streamline program registration and payments for program directors, staff, and parents. The platform enhances program management by automating enrollment, payment collection, check-in/out, billing, and attendance tracking.

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National University

Booth 663

Nu.edu

National University is breaking barriers in education.

Through Whole Human Education™, our innovative approach to student success, NU is reshaping higher education for busy adults and working professionals. Along with our 190+ career-relevant programs, achievable four- and eight-week course structure, and flexible online class options, we provide meaningful academic, financial, career, family, and emotional support services designed to help students succeed in the classroom, at work, and at home.

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Nature Watch

Booth 227

nature-watch.com

Nature-Watch.com is the sole source of more than 75 STEM Kits that teach children about nature and science. Our kits are aligned to standards and include STEM extensions. Everything you need is included in the kit. You do NOT need a science specialist to include STEM! Our kits are easy for instructors to teach and FUN for students to make! We offer a full year program or you can purchase kits individually.

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Nexplore

Booth 401

nexploreusa.com

Nexplore is a nationwide onsite enrichment service provider with over 60 STEAM, Life Skills & Fitness specialty programs.

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NextWaveSTEM

Booth 523

nextwavestem.com

NextWaveSTEM, a leader in innovative educational solutions, is offering turnkey curriculum programs that could greatly benefit our students.

These comprehensive programs are designed to provide a seamless and effective way to integrate STEM subjects into our school's curriculum. With NextWaveSTEM's expertise, we can offer engaging and up-to-date content that aligns with educational standards while keeping students excited about learning.

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Innovation Alley Booth 6, Renaissance Ballroom Hallway

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I make and sell handmade jewelry from my heart through my hands. I incorporate many natural and organic materials in my designs.

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Omnikin

Booth 221

omnikin.com

Omnikin products are designed to maximize participation, success, and fun by taking advantage of the dynamic, lightweight, and non-threatening equipment! Our 14"-48" colorful and durable balls are designed specifically for physical educators and recreation enthusiasts! This unique equipment can be used in a number of innovative games and activities that promote skill development, fitness, teamwork, and fun! Come have a BALL with Omnikin!

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Oriental Trading Company

Booth 811

orientaltrading.com

Oriental Trading along with our Mindware & Peaceable Kingdom subsidiaries is a leading supplier of educational items, school supplies, arts & crafts, teacher resources, curriculum support, social-emotional learnings, STE(A)M items and fun products for every occasion. We've enhanced our on-line experience to allow searching by age, grade level, subject matter and more. Shop online www.OrientalTrading.com, www.mindware.com or call 800-875-8480.

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Parker-Anderson Enrichment

Booth 0109

parker-anderson.org

Parker-Anderson School Enrichment Programs have a significant impact on the lives of unique and talented students. We indulge students in various after-school enrichment activities and programs to help them have fun, stimulate their minds, and teach them new skills. Our motto is "Fun Comes First!" We educate and entertain through hands-on learning and our abundant array of classes. Our programs are offered onsite at schools, camps, recreation centers, and more!

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PCS Edventures

Booth 0104

edventures.com

PCS Edventures is a leading provider of hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) curriculum and resources for educators in classrooms and out-of-school learning environments. We offer turn-key curriculum kits and provide scalable solutions for education programs that give students the resources they need to succeed in STEAM fields.

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Peaceful Playgrounds

Booth 311

peacefulplaygrounds.com

We sell recess and pe program boxes for home school, charter school and afterschool programs.

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Pitsco Education

Front Porch Booth 5

pitsco.com

For 50+ years, Pitsco Education has provided hands-on solutions and curriculum rooted in STEM. We help educators create environments that address all learning styles and help all students master the transferable collaboration, critical-thinking, and problem-solving skills that will last a lifetime and translate to any college or career path.

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Play Piper

Booth 215

playpiper.com

At Play Piper, we are committed to transforming how students and staff engage with STEM. Our unique student-led, hands-on programs ignite a lasting "I Can Do It!" attitude among students and staff, positioning educators as guides and catalysts for transformative STEM experiences. When students express confidence and excitement about their learning achievements, it's a testament to the effectiveness of Play Piper. We provide more than just educational tools; we deliver experiences that build life

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Playworks

Booth 205

playworks.org

Playworks is the leading nonprofit leveraging the power of play before, during, and after school to transform childrens' physical and emotional health. We leverage the power of play to encourage child development and lifelong skills like empathy, leadership and conflict resolution.

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Positive Action

Booth 465

positiveaction.net

A K-12 program promoting whole-child well-being, physical, mental, emotional, & social. Its comprehensive method teaches critical life skills for learner readiness & life after school. Evidence-based & validated by groups like IES WWC, CASEL, & California Clearinghouse for Child Welfare, it improves academics, mental & physical health, & pro-social behavior while reducing absenteeism, bullying, substance use, & discipline issues. The web app, Pasela streamlines implementation with digital tools.

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Procure Solutions

Booth 427

procaresoftware.com

For more than 30 years, Procure Solutions has been helping providers simplify operations and create meaningful connections with families, so they can focus on what matters most – the children in their care. From registration, attendance tracking, staff management to family engagement, tuition collection and reporting, we help ease the challenges faced of running a child care business. That's why over 37,000 customers choose Procure! For more information, visit ProcureSolutions.com.

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Professor Egghead Science Academy

Booth 827

professoregghead.com

Professor Egghead offers high energy, hands-on science and engineering programs nationwide and in person all across the Western United States. Our innovative solutions bring STEM into the classroom in a way that is both engaging and educational for students and teachers alike. Our Pathways to Stem ships materials to you & virtual instruction is included at a low flat fee cost. We also offer teacher training, providing science kits to you, along with access to our award winning curriculum.

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ProSolve

Booth 713 & 715

prosolve.com

ProSolve specializes in transformative educational experiences, focusing on out-of-school time programs that engage and empower students through experiential learning. Our offerings, including the innovative QUEST and SLED initiatives, integrate critical thinking, problem-solving, and social-emotional skills, preparing students for future success in a collaborative and dynamic workforce. At ProSolve, we are dedicated to redefining learning by making it both enjoyable and impactful, ensuring students are not only participants but also active creators of their educational journeys.

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Quirkles / Fuddlebrook Science Series

Booth 549

quirkles.com

Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science Series are educational materials that integrate literacy with hands-on science experience. Books, science kits, student journals, and ebooks are just some of the many products we carry.

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QUREO - K-12 Coding Platform

Booth 525

qureo-codingweek.com

QUREO is a game-based programming platform designed for K-12 students, co-developed with a major Japanese game company. Created by SPRIX Inc.—a leading EdTech company in Japan with over 12 million users in 51 countries—QUREO makes programming fun and accessible while building logical thinking skills. Perfect for schools and after-school programs, it offers engaging, curriculum-aligned STEM learning that prepares students for a digital future.

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Reading with Relevance

Booth 805

readingwithrelevance.org

Reading with Relevance is a literacy program that guides students through the process of reading culturally relevant, socially and emotionally rich literature. Our CASEL-certified curriculum breaks high-interest #DiverseBooks into a series of thoughtful lesson plans. Each lesson is designed to support educators to explore the social and emotional themes of the day's reading, inspiring students to read deeply, think critically, talk openly, and write reflectively about topics that matter.

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Resource Portal

Booth 437 & 439

resourceportal.com

The Resource Portal by Quiq Labs revolutionizes the educational landscape by offering a dynamic, comprehensive platform that seamlessly integrates all facets of the learning experience. Serving as more than just a repository of educational materials, it functions as a holistic ecosystem designed to empower educators, engage parents, and enrich students' educational journey. We make Lesson Planning Easy with our integrated platform that streamlines the lesson planning process to a single platform

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Rhino and Crow Arts Education, LLC

Booth 301

rhinoandcrowartseducation.com

Rhino and Crow Arts Education brings dynamic visual and fine arts classes directly to your after school program. Based in creative exploration, skill-building and collaboration, our hands-on, art experiences get students creating from the beginning, and throughout the duration of the program. Our objective is to empower students to build creative confidence, express themselves freely, and use their experience to propel them toward all the goals they want to achieve.

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Rhythms of Life

Booth 441

drumbus.com

DrumBus provides dynamic, group-drumming programs for T-k, elementary, and middle school students. Our sessions boost creativity, confidence, collaboration, and listening skills in a fun and engaging environment. Children develop essential social skills, focus, emotional management, and leadership abilities through rhythm and teamwork.

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Right At School

Booth 551

rightatschool.com

A place to learn, play, and grow. On-site and hassle-free after school programs, at no cost to your district!

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ROYO (Read On Your Own)

Booth 623

royo.ai

ROYO creates personalized decodable books for students learning how to read and is adaptable to any phonics curriculum. Students can select the topics they want to read about and create a personalized avatar, while teachers input phonics skills and sight words that align with their instruction. ROYO allows students to apply their phonics instruction in the context of a real story with unlimited possibilities for adventure.

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S&S Worldwide

Booth 839

swww.com

One stop shopping for all your arts, crafts, games, STEAM, SEL, sporting goods, furniture and more!

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Sami's Circuit

Booth 309

samiscircuit.com

Sami's Circuit promotes social-emotional learning for children through engaging, fun-filled programming. Founded by motivational speaker and children's book author Sami Kader, our mission is to empower youth with the tools and mindset needed to overcome obstacles and achieve success. Our approach utilizes a role model relationship and supports the five pillars of SEL, and requires no prep time.

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Scholastic

Booth 527, 529 & 531

scholastic.com/education

Scholastic is the world's largest publisher and distributor of children's books, connecting educators and families through accessibility, engagement, and expertise. We are a leading provider of literacy curriculum, professional services, and classroom magazines, and a producer of educational and popular children's media.

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School of Beats

Booth 0106

schoolofbeats.org

School Of Beats creates and delivers custom STEAM based electronic music educational curriculums for AfterSchool, Youth & Community Programs. We also offer our curriculums to individual students through our video tutorials on the Teachable educational platform.

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School Yard Rap

Booth 703 & 705

schoolyardrap.com

School Yard Rap is a black owned company, established in 2015, which specializes in creating educational content and curriculum through the lens of History. School Yard Rap mission is to drastically improve the educational experiences of learners of all ages by providing curriculum, content, music, and professional development that uplifts the narratives of minorities. We work to build awareness, knowledge, and competencies for excellence and equity in schools and companies. We've built partnerships nationwide and seek new partners committed to equitable outcomes for all.

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SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

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Everything we know about being an expert partner and empowering our Members, we learned from you. We've been helping school employees build their futures for more than eighty years. Wherever you're starting from, we can't wait to help you bring your future to life. Membership has its Benefits We design our products and services with you in mind, creating an ever-growing number of lower-cost, higherquality offerings to help you build a strong financial future.

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SCORE Sports

Booth 617
scoresports.com

For athletes of all ages and levels, SCORE Sports creates and provides accessible, quality uniforms and sports equipment. Unique in the industry, SCORE Sports a North American company combines top-quality products, a vertically integrated manufacturing system, and unmatched personal attention to serve organizations, volunteers, and athletes.

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Skillastics

Booth 0108
skillastics.com

Skillastics® is the all-in-one solution for after school that makes physical activity simple. Our program provides resources for on-site and/or remote physical activity! The on-site program is designed around oversized mats where up to 100 children can play at one time. These activity kits include 13 different themes ranging from general Fitness, Sport-Skill Development, Character Development and Academic Integration.

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Smart Girls HQ

Booth 645
smartgirlshq.com

We facilitate exciting and impactful experiences that promote STEM Career Literacy through our content, products and technology.

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SPARK

Booth 209
sparkpe.org

SPARK is the world's most evidence-based physical education and physical activity programs, proudly founded in California. We look forward to serving your curriculum, equipment, and professional development needs.

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Speed Stacks, Inc.

Booth 315
Speedstacks.com

Speed Stacks, Inc. is the world wide leader in Sport Stacking. Since 1999, sport stacking with Speed Stacks has been implemented in over 56,000 schools, summer camps and afterschool programs around the world. We provide sport stacking products along with comprehensive curriculum and lesson plans for all grade levels.

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Sphero

Booth 319
sphero.com

Sphero is transforming PK-12 education with accessible tools that encourage exploration, imagination, and perseverance through STEAM and computer science. With the help of educators around the world, we are empowering learners of all backgrounds and abilities to discover their interests and passions while equipping them with the skills they need to be the world's future Changemakers.

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STEAM On Demand

Booth 405
www.steamondemand.org

STEAM on Demand is a technology infused standards aligned platform that can be used by anyone to teach hands-on STEAM lessons. The videos are aligned to both National and Common Core standards and support cultural proficiency and universal design for learning. These 10-15minute videos guide a hands-on interactive activity in the classroom.

Here is a link to watch the two-minute video on our platform- steamondemand.org/demo/

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STEM Center USA

Booth 727
stemcenterusa.com

STEM Center USA offers hands-on, individualized K-12 STEM programs. We make learning fun, meaningful, and long lasting. We work to equip our next generation with life skills including critical thinking, creativity, and a basic understanding of how technology works. We offer weekly classes at our Creativity Centers (Claremont & Rancho Cucamonga), virtual programs, custom learning kits, and PD. We partner with schools and districts to provide ASES, ELOP, and Migrant programming.

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STEM in a Box®

Booth 747

techterraeducation.com

STEM in a Box® are turnkey STEM programs that provide standards-aligned curriculum, reusable STEM tools, and training for your staff. These programs provide hands-on STEM exploration in the Stations of STEM® and are created for Early Learners through High School. With nearly fifty Year Round and Theme-Based programs to choose from, STEM in a Box® is making STEM Access for ALL a reality.

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STEM Sports

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STEMSports.com

STEM Sports® provides award-winning turnkey K-8 curricula. We deliver standards-aligned modules using Baseball, Basketball, Bike, Football, Golf, Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, and Volleyball. These sports are used as real-life applications to drive STEM-based learning in classrooms, after-school programs, and camps across the

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STEM Supplies

Booth 207

stem-supplies.com

STEM Supplies brings innovative products, curriculum, and resources into the classroom to immerse students in STEM principles and to connect their learnings to the real world. Our hands-on products are designed to promote creativity, inquiry, and collaboration while encouraging students to learn through discovery.

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STEMfinity

Booth 0107

stemfinity.com

STEMfinity, Your One-Stop STEM Shop, offers cutting-edge STEM resources and services for PreK-12 students worldwide. Our array includes STEAM, Robotics, 3D Printing, Drones, eSports, AR, VR, AI, and Beyond! We provide custom solutions for afterschool and summer programs. Empower today's youth with hands-on learning at www.stemfinity.com!

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Step-By-Step Cultural Arts, LLC

Booth 307

stepbystepculturalarts.com

Step-by-Step Cultural Arts brings high quality multicultural music and dance classes from around the world directly to your after school program. We teach dynamic, hands-on performing arts classes for students in grades TK-12 that include culminating performance and showcase. Our instructors engage, teach, and inspire through movement and music to foster skill development, creativity, and cultural awareness and appreciation.

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STIIX

Booth 425

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STIIX is an award-winning STEM education organization that provides STEM & Career Readiness kits, curriculum, & technology to our school district and organizational partners around the world.

We take a lot of pride in being a very impactful, equitable, & FUN STEM experience for students, & a very user-friendly and affordable resource for educators.

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Teacher Created Materials

Booth 563

tcmpub.com

For over 40 years Teacher Created Materials has published innovative, imaginative, and award-winning resources for teachers, para-professionals and students in all subjects for Grades K-12.

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TeachMe TV® Inc.

Booth 629

teachmetv.co

TeachMe TV® sparks learning for students 5-12, offering diverse, personalized ways to master new skills. A dynamic online platform that enhances standards-aligned learning with interactive, multimedia, instant feedback, and our unique AI Study Buddy. We empower all types of learners to refine skills and embrace new challenges with a growth mindset. By supplying the next generation of learners with tools and strategies they need to learn how to learn, we pave the way for all learners to succeed.

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Team Prime Time

Booth 313

teamprimetime.org

The Prime Time Games® is a fully inclusive, evidence-based, interscholastic sports model that gives students with and without disabilities the chance to compete together in the only league of its kind. It is a single program that satisfies two educational priorities: Social Emotional Learning and Inclusion.

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TIE

Booth 831

technologyineducation.net

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TinkRworks

Booth 533

tinkrworks.com

TinkRworks is an innovative, turnkey STEM solution developed by teachers and engineers that is designed to empower educators and engage students in unprecedented ways. Our easy-to-teach, supplemental STEAM curriculum reinforces essential standards and promotes cross-curricular connections to ELA, art, math, science, coding, computer science, data analysis, design, and engineering. What's included: Ready-to-teach supplemental curriculum, hands-on STEAM project kits, easy-to-use coding environment.

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Total Disinfection Systems

Booth 601

totalareadisinfection.com

Surpass your health and safety standards while being one step ahead of your competitors for whole facility disinfection. We do more than just toy washing to ensure hygienic spaces for preschoolers, students, athletes and staff through hospital grade, eco-friendly, child-safe, disinfection. The greener approach that is effective against RSV, Hand-Foot-Mouth, Covid/variants, Norovirus, MRSA, Cold, Flu, H1N1, Mold, Fungi and MORE! Labor-free, no human error and covers large areas.

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TPG Creations / The Pencil Grip, Inc.

Booth 833

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Trafera

Front Porch Booth 7

trafera.com

Trafera believes that providing the right classroom tech is only the beginning. That's why we couple powerful Ed-Tech with best-in-class services to support impactful technology integration in the classroom.

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TSP Afterschool Sports Program

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turlockssportspark.com

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Tutor Me Education

Booth 817

tutormeeducation.com

For over a decade, Tutor Me Education has provided research-based, high-dosage tutoring, special education staffing, and social-emotional services for K-12 to college students. We serve diverse populations, including newcomer students, McKinney-Vento, foster, unhoused youth, and emergent bilinguals. Our expert tutors specialize in STEM tutoring focusing on closing academic gaps and boosting achievement. We adapt to each student's learning style, fostering success and confidence.

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Two by Two Character Development

Booth 539

twobytwoeducation.org

Two by Two Character Development provides competency-based social emotional learning programs with a magical component...ANIMALS! Our booth will display the hands-on, heart-felt components that make learning fun. Learn more about the Kindhearted Kids Program and how it takes character development to the next level – practicing KINDNESS, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, and EMPATHY!

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UltraCamp

Booth 627

ultracamp.com

With UltraCamp, you have everything you need at your fingertips; registration, reporting, staff management, and more. With software that adapts to your camp's needs and unlimited support, you're never left out in the woods. Camp runs better with UltraCamp.

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USTA SoCal Tennis

Booth 203

USTASoCal.com

Afterschool tennis programs. Free equipment and training to run a successful tennis session.

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VineyardAppCamp

Booth 607

vineyardappcamp.com

VineyardAppCamp specializes in delivering top-tier, in-person afterschool and summer enrichment programs. Our hands-on, project-based approach engages students in a wide variety of topics, including Coding, Cooking, Photography, Theater, Minecraft, and more than 40 additional subjects. Serving over 150 schools across the US and Canada, VAC is a trusted partner in creating dynamic and enriching learning experiences.

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Windtree Education

Booth 643

windtreeeducation.org

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Woodcraft Rangers

Booth 515 & 517

woodcrafrangers.org

Woodcraft Rangers is a leader in expanded learning, supporting 20,000 youth at over 110 Title I schools throughout LA county, with before/after school enrichment and summer day and sleepaway camp programs. In 1922, Woodcraft opened its doors with the mission of guiding young people as they explore pathways to purposeful lives. Always committed to access and inclusion, all youth were invited to develop a sense of self through the Woodcraft Way, a fourfold path of body, mind, spirit, and service.

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Work ED

Booth 541

worked.com

Work ED is building the super highway to prosperity. We are laying the track for educational pathways that meet America's evolving needs. Our team blends school with the real world in an engaging, inspiring and effective way to create the future of education. We break barriers to liberate young people from debt and reach their true potential.

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Youth Athletes United

Booth 707 & 709

youthathletesunited.com

At Youth Athletes United, we want to make every child's first sports experience a positive one. We are a group of committed individuals with a team-first approach that believes in the power of sports and athletics to enrich the lives of children. With three distinct brands, Amazing Athletes, Soccer Stars, and TGA (Tennis/Golf/Athletics), YAU has all the ingredients needed to fulfil our mission to empower kids through sport and positively impact the lives of over 1 million kids each year.

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ZTAG - Healthy Habits Bright Minds

Booth 555 & 557

ZTAG.com

ZTAG offers an unparalleled curriculum meticulously crafted to nurture not only the physical but also the academic prowess of students. With a focus on engaging, innovative methods, it ensures a holistic development path for learners. By integrating real-world applications and fostering a dynamic learning environment, ZTAG stands out as a beacon of excellence in education. Dive into this unique blend of growth and success, and witness the transformation in your educational journey.

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Preparing your staff with the necessary tools to be effective in supporting children, families, and communities is essential. The BOOST Boot Camp series offers customized training including valuable tips, tools, and resources to support staff to be successful in serving ALL children, youth, families, and communities. All training sessions embed SEL strategies and practices to benefit the whole child. Staff will leave equipped and inspired to thrive in their programs. Certificates available upon completion.



Facilitator:
Tia Quinn

Founder & CEO, BOOST Collaborative

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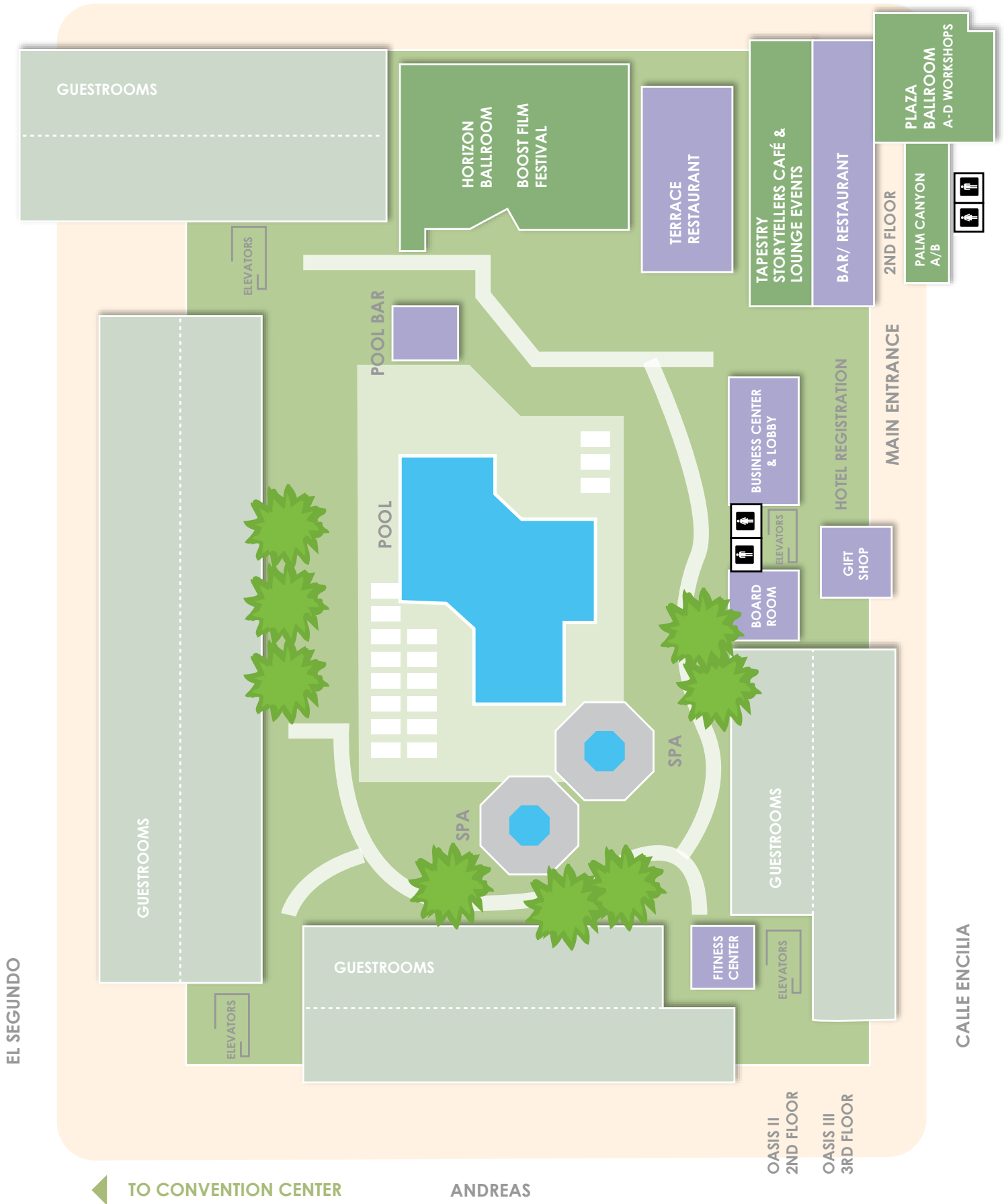
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