

2025 BOOST Conference Workshop Session Evaluations



Workshop Title	Presenter Name	Number of Surveys	Avg. Score out of 5.0
After-school STEAM Workshops with KiwiCo	Courtney Morgan	1	5.0
Come Play Jeopardy: Academic Esports Edition	Alan Sitomer, M.Ed.	2	4.9
LEGO® EDUCATION Maker's Station (THURS PM I)	Denise Phillips, M.Ed.	2	4.9
Opening Doors: Fostering Inclusion in Expanded Learning Programs	Robert Hand II	4	4.9
Sacred Lessons: The Transformative Power of Love	Mike de la Rocha	3	4.9
The Why Behind the Importance of Integrating Social and Emotional Learning into Your Out-of-School Time Programs	Kerri Kubacki	3	4.9
Strategies for an Equitable and Inclusive After-School Program	Mikala Royal	4	4.9
Game On: Setting You Up for Success During Gym and Outdoor Games!	Gregg Lauderdale, MS	2	4.9
OST Shark Tank: Making the Case for Investing in the OST Workforce	Rebecca Goldberg	2	4.9
SACRED LESSONS: Men's Healing Circle	Mike de la Rocha	1	4.9
Game Plan for Success: Building Connections and Community	Felix Bobo, MA	8	4.9
Level Up Summer Learning with Evidence-Based Strategies and Practical Tips	Hillary Oravec, MA	7	4.9
9 Square in the Air - Better Together!	Liz Belser	5	4.9
Visioning Together: Build Program Buy-in From the Beginning	Brooklyn Joseph, MA	4	4.9
Culture, Content & Connections: Unlocking the Secret Sauce of Expanded Learning Success	Ray Trinidad	8	4.8
Coaching with Empathy	Marti Reed Love	15	4.8
From Distraction to Action: Boosting Students' Executive Functioning Skills	Sonia Toledo, Ph.D.	15	4.8

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Physical Activities and Games for Groups of All Sizes	Jeff Mushkin, MAE	29	4.8
Building Organizational Culture through a Positive Youth Development Lens	Marc Fernandes, MS	6	4.8
Co-Creating Authentic & Resilient Intergenerational Leadership: Smartest Practices for Collective Growth and Belonging	Elliot A. Rivera	6	4.8
15 FREE OMG THESE ARE SO COOL TOOLS: Rockstar Resources To Raise Your Youth Engagement Game	Eric Rowles, MS	32	4.8
TSP's Simple Games, Big Teamwork, More Impact!	Fred Rasuli	2	4.8
Differentiating Sports and Physical Activity for Universal Access	Connor Nodell	5	4.8
Reimagining SEL in School Sports	Christopher Reed, MBA	8	4.8
Mind-Body Enrichment: Harnessing the Power of Group Rhythm (THURS PM II)	Johanna Unger	5	4.8
Short on Time. Big on Impact. The Kernels Approach to Social and Emotional Learning	Penny Willis, MDiv	1	4.8
25 Fabulous Enrichment Ideas & Where to Get More	Marisa Miller	8	4.8
Empowering After School Leaders: Cultivating Leadership and Engagement	Lynne Fox, M.A.	8	4.8
Inclusive Policies & Gender Support Plans for Transgender & Non-Binary Youth	Ellen Kahn, MSS	7	4.8
Person-Centered Approach to Individual Needs: A Universal Design Framework	Helen Morales	7	4.8
It Takes Two: Partners Who Innovate Together, Succeed Together	Jaclyn Aviles	4	4.8
#iAmImpact Healing Circles (It Starts with Me) (WED PM)	Nathan Houston	21	4.8
Music and SEL: The Psychological Effects of Music	Ava Johnson, CEO	13	4.8
LEGO® EDUCATION Maker's Station (THURS AM)	Denise Phillips, M.Ed.	9	4.8
WE>ME: How to Get Students, Caregivers, and Staff to Work as a Team	Lance Loya, MS	22	4.8
Get Up and Move: Building Confidence and Connection in Youth	Sami Kader	3	4.8

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Skillastics Physical Activity Made Simple! Let's Move & Have Fun	Jess Wadleigh	7	4.8
The Kids Are Ready: Play as a Tool for Social Change	Simone Gamble, MSW	4	4.8
Discovering Your Leadership Voice	Juan Alvarado	9	4.7
Empathy in Education: Lessons from Life and Loss	Sheila James	7	4.7
ALL HANDS ON DECK- Elementary Math Games	Jane Felling, M.Ed.	14	4.7
Lights on Afterschool 101	Tiyana Glenn, MS	3	4.7
Set Up for Your Step Up: Executive Coaching for Youth	Ruth Mercado-Zizzo, MFA	7	4.7
Creating and Communicating with Impact: Telling the Story of OST	Nat Rosales	1	4.7
Leveraging Funding & Partnerships for Equitable Family Engagement: Creating Accessible Weekend & Summer Programs	Jen Littleton-Bruno, PPS	3	4.7
Compassionate Systems: A Path to Educational Renaissance	Sargina Yonan	7	4.7
Project THRIVE: The Necessity of LGBTQ+ Inclusion	Moderator: Ellen Kahn, MSS	6	4.7
Leading with Purpose: How Empowered Staff Drive Student Success	Ayodele Coker, M.Ed.,	23	4.7
Mind-Body Enrichment: Harnessing the Power of Group Rhythm (THURS AM)	Johanna Unger	7	4.7
Using Boardgames to Foster Critical Thinking and Emotional Stability	Greg Thatcher, MSPH, Ph.D.	21	4.7
Winning the Hearts of Every Student	Kevon Lee, MA	4	4.7
Diagnosing Situations, Not Students: A Strengths-Based Approach to Support Needs Assessment	Robert Illingworth	7	4.7
Harness the Power of Connection to Transform Student Behavior	Tiffany Burns, M.Ed.	14	4.7
How to Utilize Distributive Leadership to Develop Student Leaders in Afterschool	Eddie Barragan	11	4.7
Winning Settlement Dollars to Support Engagement, Community & Connections in the Age of Social Media	Elizabeth Gaines	1	4.7

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Dust Off Your Data! Building Capacity to Use Data to Make an Impact	Haley Umans, Ph.D.	12	4.7
Uncover Your Purpose: Discovering and Defining Your Why!	Dwayne Wiggins, Jr.	10	4.7
High Quality Facilitation: Staff Practices for Program Success	Nathaniel Hilliard	19	4.7
Empowering the Future: How the RACECAR Program Prepares Students for the World of Autonomous Vehicles	Lisa Kelley	5	4.7
Build Your Own Do-It-Yourself Finger Basketball	Aidan King, M.Ed.	12	4.7
Unlocking Intrinsic Motivation: A Coaching Approach for OST Leaders	Taylor Mayer, MA	6	4.6
Get FAST and FURIOUS with Omnikin!	Scotty Williams, M.Ed.	9	4.6
An Introduction to Neurodiversity and Universal Design for Learning	Kristen Henry, PPS, Ed.D.	9	4.6
Emotional First Response: Supporting Youth in Acute Distress through Resilience	Jamaal Williams	15	4.6
BOOSTing Belonging: Empowering Inclusive School Environments for LGBTQ+ Youth	Basel Touchan, M.D.	8	4.6
Foundations in Courageous Conversation®	Glenn Singleton	35	4.6
Trauma Informed Care in Early Education: From Surviving to Thriving	Lindsay Brewster, MS.Ed., MSW	13	4.6
STEAM-Powered Learning: Play-based Activities for Young Innovators	Jan Zatloukal	16	4.6
Amplify, Engage, Inspire: Social Media in Afterschool	Edgar Guzman	7	4.6
Leveraging Expanded Learning to Promote Physical & Mental Health and Lifetime Success	Jeff Davis	9	4.6
The Essential Components of a Highly-Effective OST Program	Marie Pinto, Ed.D.	6	4.6
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From Teens to Leaders: Empowering the Next Generation to Inspire and Lead	Tobie Pace, M.Ed.	3	4.6
Empowering Tomorrow: Supporting Our Young Workforce	Cori Ove, MS	4	4.6

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Safeguarding the Rights of Undocumented Students and Educators	Aleah Rosario	12	4.6
MLB Players STEM League Program & MLS STEM Goals Program	Hunter Strickland	15	4.6
How to Create a Comprehensive Foster Youth Support Program	Jenna Mendez, MA, PPS, LPCC	1	4.6
Bring JOY Back Into Classrooms: The Arts-Integrated Approach to Two Award-Winning Programs	Ana Zandarin, MPS	1	4.6
Sensory Insights: Using Sensory Preferences to Improve Self-Regulation and Enhance Your Learning Environment	Christina Rodriguez, MA	5	4.6
It Takes a Village: The Story of Level Up SD and Successful Partnerships for Summer Learning in San Diego County	Moderator: Michelle Jaramillo, MS	4	4.6
The Connecting Adolescent Brain: Developmental Science Insights to Help Middle and High School Youth Thrive	Elise Brumbach, MPP, JD	9	4.6
Resilience is Everything!	Dee Hankins	22	4.6
Connecting STEM to Career Pathways: Integrating Afterschool Programs with Workforce Development	Jamecca Marshall, MA	3	4.6
Soccer in Education: Engaging Students, Boosting SEL, and Strengthening School Communities	Sebastian Briuoli, MBA	8	4.6
Evolution of Out-of-School Programs: How to Tailor Your Programming to Fit the Needs of Your Students and Community	Nicole Kooiker	5	4.6
Mindfulness, STEAM & Art: Strategies to Center Community Voice	Daniel Hatcher, MPH	24	4.6
Layers of Protection: A Multi-Tiered Approach to Prevent Peer-to-Peer Abuse	Lori Huggins McGary, MBA	4	4.6
Yoga Animals	Tara Stiles	12	4.6
Resources for Quality, A 360° Conversation for Staffing and Programs	Tiffany Gipson	13	4.5
Mind-Body Enrichment: Harnessing the Power of Group Rhythm (THURS PM I)	Johanna Unger	7	4.5
Addressing Challenging Behaviors	Tyreca Elliott	5	4.5
From Expanded Learning to Educator: Paid Pathways to Teaching	Moderator: Guillermo Castillo, MA	1	4.5
SEL Starts with the Staff: Fostering Emotional Wellness Among Out-of- School Time Facilitators and Leaders	Dr. Robin Elliott	11	4.5
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School-Based Medical and Mental Health Care Partnerships... Who, What, Where, When, and How?	Linda Long, LMFT	7	4.5
Cultivating Youth Voice through Entrepreneurship!	Katrena Perou	16	4.5
Lead, Listen to, and Love Your People: 3 Guiding Principles for Great Leadership	Anne Laguzza, M.A.	7	4.5
Panel Discussion with District Partners and Innovators in Inclusive Practices	Moderator: Karin Wu, M.Ed.	2	4.5
Strength and Restore	Bill Michener, MAC	3	4.5
Answering the CALL: How a Federal Survey & Community Partnership Supports Student Achievement	Susie Estrada, M.Ed., MPA	2	4.5
Take Back Their Brains! How to Fight Disconnection, Disinformation & Digital Addiction	Ryan McCarthy	9	4.5
Divine Connections: Harnessing the Power of the Divine Nine for Revolutionary K-12 Family Engagement	Krystal Clemons, Ph.D.	4	4.5
Understanding the Foster Care System and the Shift from Mandated Reporter to Community Supporter	Michelle Lustig, Ed.D.	4	4.4
QUEST for Engagement: Discover Purposeful Play!	Julie Porter	5	4.4
#iAmImpact Healing Circles (It Starts with Me) (THURS AM)	Nathan Houston	4	4.4
An Ecosystem Approach to Environmental Learning	Moderator: Meg Ramey, MA	1	4.4
Staff Wellness - A Softness Break for You with Tara Stiles	Tara Stiles	6	4.4
Back to the Basics: 21st CCLC Cohort 16 Changes and an Overview of ELOP Attendance Recovery	Michael Funk	19	4.4
Beyond the Classroom: UDL Strategies to Engage Every Learner	Michael Baker, MA	8	4.4
Light Up Hats & Headpieces: A Beginner's Guide to STEAM Fashion	Nancy Coddington	10	4.4
Passion to Possibilities: Strategies for Successful Programs	Danny Martinez, MS	9	4.4
Expanding Student Success: State of Expanded Learning in CA	Michael Funk	10	4.4
Whole-Child Approach to Age-Appropriate Programming	Theresa Maves	4	4.4

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Tailoring Activities for Early Learners: A Brain-Based Approach	Rachel Carrasco	4	4.4
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Amplifying Employee Engagement: People-Centered Approaches to Boost Retention and Performance	Taylor Mayer, MA	5	4.3
Teaching is a Work of Heart - Supporting Your Talent to Support Your Students	Anastasia Rivas	3	4.3
Building and Strengthening Developmental Relationships with Young People	Nanyamka Redmond, Ph.D	10	4.3
Reignite & Redefine: Reimagining the Site Coordinator Network	Lupita Perez	23	4.3
Expanded Learning, Students with Disabilities, the Law, and the Opportunity	Kristen Henry, PPS, Ed.D.,	13	4.3
Reimagining Career Exploration and Durable Skills Development for Youth	Jing Cox-Orrell	12	4.2
Empowering Educators: Building Confidence to Inspire Lifelong Learners	Joshua Faden	14	4.2
Four Years & Counting: Making the Case for Continued Summer Enrichment Funding	Moderator: Joanna Colunga	3	4.2
Bridging the Gap: Promoting Well-Being Between Early Childhood and Adolescence	Philip Steigman, MS, MPP	8	4.2
Building Resilience: The Role of Education and Expanded Learning in Supporting Youth Mental Health	Julee Brooks, MFA	2	4.2
Roots & Reflections: Exploring Identity Through Personal History Projects	Kimberly Robare, MEd	3	4.1
Practical Everyday Habits: Creating Intentional Spaces	Meghan Belknap	5	4.1
Improve Program Effectiveness with an Afterschool Management Software	Sanjeev Yamdagni, M.S.	3	4.1
Beyond the Game: Equity Driven Community Partnerships	Hamza Al Haidari	2	4.0
Sourcing and Partnership for Retention	Allison Lyon	1	4.0
Storytelling for Advocacy	Mike de la Rocha	1	4.0
#AfterschoolWorks – Opportunities and Challenges in the Trump Administration	Jodi Grant, JD	8	3.9

