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2024

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APRIL 30 - MAY 3, 2024
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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On behalf of the 2024 BOOST Leadership Team, I am pleased to welcome you to the BOOST experience. We are elated 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; 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 hope that this time 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 a 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 30 TUESDAY
8:30AM - 10:00AM
REGISTRATION
(PRE-CONFERENCE ATTENDEES ONLY)
9:00AM - 5:00PM (3-8 HOURS)
PRE-CONFERENCE ACADEMIES
9:00AM - 5:00PM
CONFERENCE ORIENTATION
10:00AM - 5:00PM
REGISTRATION
1:00PM - 5:00PM
BOOST SWIM CLUB
1:30PM - 5:30PM
BOOST GOLF EVENT
2:00PM - 8:00PM
LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE
5:30PM - 6:30PM
WELCOME RECEPTION
6:30PM - 9:30PM
SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY 1 WEDNESDAY
7:00AM - 4:00PM
REGISTRATION
7:30AM
BREAKFAST W/EXHIBITORS
7:30AM - 4:00PM
EXHIBIT HALL GRAND OPENING
8:45AM - 9:45AM
OPENING & GENERAL SESSION
9:45AM - 10:15AM
BOOST BREAK W/EXHIBITORS
10:30AM - 9:00PM
LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE
10:30AM - 12:15PM (1.75 HOURS)
WORKSHOP SESSIONS
FILM FESTIVAL
12:30PM - 1:30PM
LUNCH & GENERAL SESSION
OSS AWARDS
1:30PM - 2:30PM
BOOST BREAK W/EXHIBITORS
MEET THE AUTHORS
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 2 THURSDAY
6:45PM - 8:30PM
MORNING RECESS EVENTS
8:00AM
BREAKFAST W/EXHIBITORS
8:00AM - 4:00PM
REGISTRATION
8:00AM - 3:31PM
EXHIBIT HALL
8:45AM - 9:45AM
OPENING & GENERAL SESSION
10:00AM - 12:00PM (2 HOURS)
WORKSHOP SESSIONS
FILM FESTIVAL
10:00AM - 8:30PM
LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE
12:00PM - 1:00PM
NETWORKING LUNCH
W/EXHIBITORS
1:15PM - 2:30PM (1.25 HOURS)
WORKSHOP SESSIONS
MEET THE AUTHORS
1:15PM - 2:30PM (1.25 HOURS)
WORKSHOP SESSIONS
FILM FESTIVAL
2:30PM - 3:30PM
BOOST BREAK W/EXHIBITORS
POP UP DEALS
MEET THE AUTHORS
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 3 FRIDAY
7:30AM
BreakFEST
8:00AM - 10:00AM
REGISTRATION
9:15AM - 11:15AM (2 HOURS)
WORKSHOP SESSIONS
FILM FESTIVAL
11:15AM - 12:00PM
CLOSING & RAFFLE
1:00PM - 4:00PM
EXTRA CREDIT
1:30PM - 5:30PM
BOOST GOLF EVENT

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, and working hard to spread the word about our cause.

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

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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.

GET ON THE INTEREST LIST
NOW THROUGH JUNE 14

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

WEEK OF JUNE 17
Participate in a mandatory informational webinar

JUNE 28
Deadline to submit application

JUNE 24
Deadline to submit interest in applying

BOOST Ambassadors Announced

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Honor Roll- Mary Jo Ginty- We miss you!

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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.

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NOW THROUGH MAY 31

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2024 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, MUSD
- After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, Schurr High School
- Applied Technology Center High School After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles
- Armstrong Elementary
- Bay Area Community Resources/ West Contra Costa School District
- Boys and Girls Club of Metro Los Angeles (Venice Clubhouse) - Mark Twain Middle School Site
- Bresee Youth Center, Los Angeles
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- Pomona Unified School District
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- South Bay Union School District
- STEM Preparatory Schools
- Synergy Kinetic Academy
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- Team Prime Time - Los Angeles Unified School District
- Vaughn Next Century Learning Center
- Woodcraft Rangers - Claremont Unified School District
- A World Fit For Kids!

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?

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- Bring and use a reusable water bottle and visit BOOST Hydration Stations.
- Bring and use a reusable mug for coffee and other beverages.
- Turn off lights when leaving rooms and unplug personal electronics when you’re not using them in your hotel room.
- Take shorter showers and turn off water when brushing your teeth.
- Participate in your hotel’s towel and linen reuse program if available.
- Recycle all paper materials that you don’t take home from the conference, as well as food and other containers whenever possible.

**REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE**

**AT YOUR PROGRAM SITE**

- Reuse your conference tote bag while grocery shopping, running errands, or even at your site for your first aid supplies!
- Use digital copies of handouts and presentation materials whenever possible. If you do use paper, always print double sided.
- Look into plastic-free school supplies.
- Think before you laminate as to not waste plastic.
- Recycle dried out markers with ColorCycle by Crayola.
- Reduce the use of single-use items at your site.

**REUSE YOUR TOTE BAG**

Use as a beach tote • Use as a diaper bag • Take it to the gym or the pool • Plant tomatoes in it • Take it Trick-or-Treating • Bring it to the grocery store • Use it as a diaper bag • Use it as an overnight bag • Use it as a gift bag • Decorate them • Use it as a portable First Aid kit in your program • Pack a picnic lunch • Use it as craft storage • Make it into a throw pillows

**TRASH TO TREASURE PROGRAM**

BOOST is pleased to continue our partnership with the Palm Springs Convention Center and our conference Exhibitors in support of the Trash to Treasure program. The Palm Springs Convention Center consistently strives to be an important part of the Palm Springs Community and has partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Springs and The Palm Springs Unified School District to improve the lives of students. Upon completion of the BOOST Conference, members of the Palm Springs Convention Center staff will collect donations from Exhibitors that benefit Palm Springs students. These items, which can include leftover rec equipment, handouts, samples, curriculum, giveaways, books, or games, will be personally delivered as a donation in the name of the BOOST Conference.

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MEET THE AUTHORS

Each year, we are pleased to welcome many talented authors to the BOOST Conference. Attendees will have an opportunity to pre-purchase keynote speaker books at the time of online registration and have them signed in the exhibit hall during the conference. Due to high demand, we are oftentimes unable to guarantee the availability of books on-site.

Exhibit Hall, Oasis 1 & 2 (see booth locations below)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
9:45AM-10:15AM

Hamish Brewer
Award-Winning Educator and Principal, Author, International Speaker
Booth 0101 & 0105

Relentless - Changing Lives by Disrupting the Educational Norm

Hamish Brewer (aka the Tattooed Skateboarding Principal) grew up in a home disrupted by poverty, addiction, and family dysfunction. He understands the feelings of fear, lostness, and desperation that overwhelm too many children today—because that was his life. That experience is what drives him to work relentlessly to empower people living in the toughest areas to envision and create a better future for themselves. Disrupt the norm. That is the challenge Hamish, a Nationally Distinguished Principal, calls educators, students, families, and communities to accept. And as he authentically shares his life experiences and adventures in this book, you, too, will be inspired to . . .
• Believe that something bigger and better is possible.
• Pursue your best, whatever it takes.
• Transform your school.
• Become the educator you always dreamed of being.
• Leave a legacy that pushes others to achieve their best!
Relentless is more than a motto. It’s a mission of total passion and purpose. And it’s the only way to win at work and at life. Are you ready to take your life and work to the next level? Be Relentless!

1:30PM-2:30PM

Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, MD, MPH, FAAP
Founder of Center for Youth Wellness & Former Surgeon General of California
Booth 0101 & 0105

The Deepest Well

Dr. Nadine Burke Harris was already known as a crusading physician delivering targeted care to vulnerable children. But it was Diego—a boy who had stopped growing after a sexual assault—who galvanized her journey to uncover the connections between toxic stress and lifelong illnesses.

The stunning news of Burke Harris’s research is just how deeply our bodies can be imprinted by ACEs—adverse childhood experiences like abuse, neglect, parental addiction, mental illness, and divorce. Childhood adversity changes our biological systems and lasts a lifetime. For anyone who has faced a difficult childhood, or who cares about the millions of children who do, the fascinating scientific insight and innovative, acclaimed health interventions in The Deepest Well represent vitally important hope for preventing lifelong illness for those we love and for generations to come.

THURSDAY, MAY 2
12:00PM-1:00PM

Dominique Smith
Chief of Educational Services and Teacher Support, Health Sciences High and Middle College, San Diego, CA
Booth 0101 & 0105

Belonging in Schools
Creating a Place Where Kids Want to Learn and Teachers Want to Stay—An Illustrated Playbook

Belonging is an instinctual feeling: you know when you feel it—and you really know when you don’t. Creating a sense of belonging in the classroom has a significant impact on student learning and well-being; it serves as a gatekeeper for other aspects of learning to take root. But how do we create classrooms and schools where every student knows they belong? This easy-to-use, illustrated playbook has you covered. 11 evidence-based modules feature actions and strategies that teachers can apply to help students feel more included. Interactive features such as essential questions and reflective prompts are designed to engage educators and deepen their understanding of the importance of connection and belonging in a student’s educational experience. Readers will find:
• Detailed coverage of the 11 dimensions of belonging
• Evidence-based actions in every module to help foster belonging, balanced between elementary and secondary levels
• Interactive features like Essential Questions, Two Truths and a Lie, Case in Point, What’s Your Advice? and What’s Next? To facilitate engagement and reflection
• A highly visual illustrated style to promote comprehension and information retention

By utilizing this playbook’s strategies to create environments where students feel a sense of belonging, educators can help improve learning outcomes and academic performance while supporting the overall well-being of their students.
BOOST Live Podcast Lounge provides an intimate setting where attendees are a part of a live podcast audience. Podcasters will interview thought leaders, and 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.

Learn more www.boostconference.org/podcast-lounge

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 30
100PM-2:00PM
HK Couch
Shandell Richards, Chief Program Officer, Horton’s Kids, Washington, DC
hortonskids.org

2:30PM-3:00PM
Dope Confidence- EmpowerED Voices: Fueling Passion, Driving Impact
Ehmandah Ramsey, Host, She Stories, San Dimas, CA
open.spotify.com/show/3Kb8s3rbl0J2diZ2tzL9TT?si=VN90G8LPR1yTfJ3WuWUmA

3:00PM-4:00PM
The Expanded Self Podcast: Combining Mindfulness and Education
Melissa Vannette, Mindfulness & Mental Health Coach; Lindsay Luterman, Creative Content Coordinator, Expanded Learning Academy, Roseville, CA
open.spotify.com/show/3Yl9TzrFJWJ15xufTR93Tj

7:00PM-8:00PM
The Relevant Development Podcast: Should I Lead From My Head or My Heart?
Juan Alvarado, CEO and Founder, Raize The Bar LLC, Visalia, CA
www.buzzsprout.com/1911255

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
10:30AM-11:30AM
Who Else Feels That Way?
Phil Brown, Senior Trainer, High 5 Adventure Learning Center, Brattleboro, VT
podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/vertical-playpen/id1451457216

2:45PM-3:45PM
Strengthening Community Partnerships to Unleash Greatness
Laurie Brooks, Client Partner, FranklinCovey Education, San Diego, CA; Lynne Ann S. Fox, MA.Ed., MS.Ed., Global Education Director and Coach, FranklinCovey Education, West Valley City, UT
www.leaderinme.org/extended-learning/

8:00PM-9:00PM
The #iAmImpact Podcast
Nathan Houston, Founder/CEO; Nathaniel Wilson, IAMIMPACT Consultant, iAmImpact, Sacramento, CA
youtu.be/8Z4KYfXi95w?si=JWWjBF6by8o01Mu

THURSDAY, MAY 2
10:00AM-11:00AM
School Nutrition & Out-of-School Time: Closing the Food Insecurity Gap
Dave Palmer, Owner, Chief Dunker, Dunk Tank Marketing, La Mesa, CA
podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/schoolmealmarketing

11:00AM-12:00PM
SPARKING Resilience and Restoring Hope
Brooke Wheeldon-Reece, President and CEO; Ashley Hunt, VP of Learning and Development, The Spark Initiative, Brandon, FL
sparkcurriculum.org/podcast/

1:00PM-2:00PM
Team Collaboration in IEP Meetings
Vickie Brett, Executive Director; Amanda Selogie, Executive Director, Inclusive Education Project, Huntington Beach, CA
podcasts.apple.com/is/podcast/inclusive-education-project-iep-podcast/id1307157016

3:45PM-4:45PM
Emotional Intelligence and Workplace Stress Among After-school Supervisors in Low-income Communities
Dr. Sonia Toledo, Founder & CEO, Dignity of Children, New York, NY
www.dignityofchildren.com/

FRIDAY, MAY 3
9:30AM-10:30AM
Dwayne Wiggins, Jr., Program Director, A Human. Being! & Community Education Alliance, Philadelphia, PA
www.youtube.com/channel/UC5Sc2-rZyEl4wsKJoO4M8lw
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 Town Hall meetings will take place in the Madera Room.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**
10:30AM-12:15PM
**Expanding Student Success: The State of Expanded Learning in California**
Michael Funk, Expanded Learning Division Director, California Department of Education (CDE), Sacramento, CA
Heather Williams, Director, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA
California has the largest collection of OST programs in the nation, consisting of federal, state, local, city, community, and fee-based programs. Each system has its own unique networks, standards, and practices. Expanded Learning programs are a subset of OST programs in California that receive funding administered by the California Department of Education’s Expanded Learning Division. California’s Expanded Learning programs are an integral part of young people’s education, engaging them in year-round learning opportunities that prepare them for college, career, and life. Join the California Department of Education and the California AfterSchool Network for a conversation about Expanded Learning, including the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P).

**2:45PM - 4:45PM**
**Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth in the Current Political Crisis**
Ted Lewis, M. Ed., Director of Youth Well-Being, Human Rights Campaign Foundation, Washington, DC
LGBTQ+ youth are under attack and that is having a devastating impact on their mental health and well-being. Over 500 anti-LGBTQ+ bills were introduced across the country in 2023 alone and the majority of that legislation targeted transgender youth. This workshop will provide an overview of the current political landscape for the LGBTQ+ community, share data from HRC’s 2023 Youth Report, and share key strategies youth-serving professionals can use to support LGBTQ+ youth in this moment.

**THURSDAY, MAY 2**
10:00AM - 12:00PM
**#AfterschoolWorks: Crafting Your Afterschool Message & Lights On Afterschool Events**
Tyiana Glenn, Project Manager, Shaun Gray, Sr. Manager, Production and Office Operations, Afterschool Alliance, Washington, DC
Do you ever feel that your words don’t have the impact you think they should have when you talk to others about afterschool? This interactive Town Hall will discuss what works and what doesn’t when communicating about afterschool, how to tailor your message for key audiences, and how to leverage this information and build support for your program. You will also learn about our national event, Lights On Afterschool, and how to plan a Lights On Afterschool event for your program.

**1:15PM - 2:30PM**
**Addressing Hunger During the Out-of-School Time Hours**
Kelsey Boone, Senior Child Nutrition Policy Analyst, Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), Washington, DC
The out-of-school hours can be the hungriest time for the millions of children living in food-insecure households. While the federally-funded Summer and Afterschool Nutrition Programs exist to fill those nutrition gaps, they are still not reaching all of the children who need them. This Town Hall will feature national and local anti-hunger advocates as they share why addressing hunger is essential to supporting families, engaging students, and strengthening summer and afterschool programs.

**3:45PM - 5:15PM**
**Work-Based Learning Opportunities - A Win for OST & Community Partners**
Moderator: Siddhartha Vivek, President & CEO, Junior Achievement, San Diego, CA
Panelists: Dr. David Miyashiro, Superintendent, Cajon Valley Union School District, El Cajon, CA
Learn data-driven outcomes from practitioners in the field who continue to apply classroom and out-of-school-time lessons/requirements to empower students with tangible workforce skills and access to work-based learning opportunities. Hear the corporate, NGO, and governmental perspectives on why workforce development is the biggest opportunity for out-of-school time programming.

**FRIDAY, MAY 3**
9:15AM - 11:15AM
**Don’t Leave Money on the Table: Strategizing About Accessing Potential Remaining Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds**
Moderators: Terry K. Peterson, Ph.D., “Godfather of Afterschool” and Senior Advisor, Mott Foundation, Charleston, SC; Tiffany Gibson, Director, Equity and Quality, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA
Panel Members: Robin Berinsky, CEO, Engaging Creative Minds, Charleston, SC; Amy Keely, Director, South Carolina Afterschool Leaders Empowered, The Riley Institute at Furman University, Greenville, SC; Ana Zandarin, Director, Summer Arts for Learning Academy, Arts for Learning Maryland, Baltimore, MD
Some school districts have significant unused federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for learning recovery and they need to spend them by January 2025 or contract them and use them by March 2026…or lose them! Learn strategies from current rural and urban programs on how you can tap into and leverage unused ARP funds to enhance your programs.
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

In partnership with:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
10:30AM-12:15PM

ANOTHER WORD FOR LEARNING
Moderator: Caroline Ferrante, M.Ed., Arts Integration Coach, Arts for Learning Maryland, Baltimore, MD

2:45PM-4:45PM

ALWAYS IN SEASON
Moderator: Sheryl Davis, Ed.D., Executive Director, San Francisco Human Rights Commission, San Francisco, CA

THURSDAY, MAY 2
10:00AM-12:00PM

CLARISSA’S BATTLE
Moderator: Sonia Toledo, Ph.D., Founder & CEO, Dignity of Children, New York, N

1:15PM-2:30PM

ALL THAT I AM
Moderator: Jenna Mendez, M.A., PPS, LPCC, District Foster Youth Counselor/Liaison, Corona-Norco Unified School District, Corona, CA

3:45PM-5:15PM

HUNGRY TO LEARN
Moderator: Kelsey Boone, Senior Child Nutrition Policy Analyst, Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), Washington, DC

FRIDAY, MAY 3
9:15AM-11:15AM

BEYOND MEN AND MASCULINITY
Moderator: Nathan Houston, Founder/CEO, #iAmImpact, Sacramento, 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, MAY 1

10:30AM - 11:15AM - STATION 1
A Problem-Solving Adventure: Exploring Fun Ways to Do Math
Mary Curry, Math Enthusiast, MANGO Math Group, Palm Desert, CA

10:30AM - 11:15AM - STATION 2
Sport Stacking with Speed Stacks - An Activity for Every Student!
Matt Burk, Director of Afterschool Programs, Speed Stacks, Inc., Larkspur, CO

11:45AM - 12:30PM - STATION 1
Real Magic Secrets That Will Make You S.M.I.L.E.
Brian South, Founder, Discover Magic, Payson, UT

11:45AM - 12:30PM - STATION 2
Science Explorers: The Benefits of Grant Funded STEM Programming
Evan Moorehead, Director of Program Development, Science Explorers, Mohnton, PA

2:45PM - 3:30PM - STATION 1
Books, Bubbles, & Beakers-Science the Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Way!
Terri Johnson, Owner/Co-Creator of Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science Series, Creative 3, LLC, Springfield, MO

2:45PM - 3:30PM - STATION 2
Sport Stacking - An Activity, A Sport, and So Much More!
Matt Burk, Director of Afterschool Programs, Speed Stacks, Inc., Larkspur, CO

THURSDAY, MAY 2

10:00AM - 10:45AM - STATION 1
Esports Jeopardy: Play, Win, Learn
Alan Sitomer, CEO & Founder, Teacher of the Year Award Winner, Mastery Coding, Thousand Oaks, CA

10:00AM - 10:45AM - STATION 2
Games and More Games - Experience Speed Stacks!
Matt Burk, Director of Afterschool Programs, Speed Stacks, Inc., Larkspur, CO

11:15AM - 12:00PM - STATION 1
From Coach to Classroom: Shaping Future Educators through Innovative Enrichment Programs
Jesse Arora, CEO, Assist Programs, Sacramento, CA

11:15AM - 12:00PM - STATION 2
6 Weeks to Survive - An OST Turnaround Story with Practical Solutions Anyone Can Use
Jay Patterson, Co-Founder, Kidlet.Care, Jackson, MO

1:15PM - 2:00PM - STATION 1
Program Power Up!
Ronald Robinson, Growth Coach, Expanded Learning Academy, Roseville, CA

1:15PM - 2:00PM - STATION 2
Sport Stacking - An Inclusive Activity for All Students
Matt Burk, Director of Afterschool Programs, Speed Stacks, Inc., Larkspur, CO

FRIDAY, MAY 3

9:15AM - 10:00AM - STATION 1
BrainStorm STEM Kits: Igniting Curiosity and Innovation through Hands-on STEM
Morgan Walton, Program Manager, BrainStorm STEM Education, Irvine, CA

9:15AM - 10:00AM - STATION 2
Supercharge Your Students Reading & Early Literacy Skills in Your ELO Program! Fun Activities For Homework Time
Chandra Roughton, M.Ed., CEO / Program Director, Luminous Minds, Roseville, CA
Elle Essenmacher, Account Executive, HarmonySEL @ National University, Windsor, CO
BOOST MASTER CLASSES

**BOOST Master Classes** are classes offered by world-class experts of a specific discipline in order to develop skills in fundamental concepts and stimulate thought in a specific area. BOOST Master Classes may include lectures, panels, research findings, promising practices, case studies, real-world issues, and valuable industry expertise by respected leaders in their field. Get up close and personal in one or all of our Master Classes.

**NOTE:** There is an additional fee of $35 per BOOST Master Class. If you are interested in registering for a Master Class please visit the On-Site Registration booth in the PSCC Lobby to register, make a payment, and receive your wristband for entrance to the class.

All Master Classes are held in PUEBLO A/B, RENAISSANCE.

**WEDNESDAY**
10:30 AM-12:00 PM

**Relentless Leadership**
Hamish Brewer, Award-Winning Educator and Principal, Author, International Speaker, Woodbridge, VA

The Relentless Leadership Master Class is designed to help you laser focus on key areas for growth in your leadership journey, practices, and processes that align with successful school and student outcomes. This session will help you walk away with practical solutions and ideas to key education challenges around organizational improvement, closing the achievement gap, stakeholder culture, and participation that will help you like Hamish has done create an award-winning organization. There will be time for Q&A during this session.

**Strand:** Master Class; Staff Leadership

**THURSDAY**
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Creating a Sense of Belonging**
Dominique Smith, Ed.D., Chief of Educational Services and Teacher Support, Health Sciences High and Middle College in San Diego, CA

In this class, participants can expect to gain valuable insights into the role of school leadership in shaping the overall climate of a school and the impact it has on relationships among students, educators, and staff. The class will provide practical strategies for creating a welcoming and inclusive environment that supports collaboration, communication, and a sense of belonging.

**Strand:** Master Class; Staff Leadership

Visit the Friendship Corner to make new friends, network, and create a friendship bracelet to gift to your BOOSTie!

**BOOST FRIENDSHIP CORNER HOURS**

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2024 BOOST CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

WORKSHOP & SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE AND SEATING
Some of the workshops and main presenters previously announced have changed. Please refer to the schedule in the conference app for the most accurate workshop listings, speakers, special events, and locations. Any last-minute changes will be announced at General Sessions and updated in our conference app in real time.

Seating in all workshop sessions is limited. Workshop sessions are on a first-come, first-seated basis. If your first choice is full, please select another workshop. Also, we ask that you remain in your chosen workshop for its duration and not enter a workshop once it has begun to avoid any interruptions. NOTE: Adding a workshop on the app is not pre-registering for the session, it is only for scheduling purposes and is not a guaranteed seat in that session.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOP & SPECIAL EVENT LOCATIONS
We use three facilities for BOOST Conference workshops and special events.

RENAISSANCE HOTEL
PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER (PSCC)
HILTON PALM SPRINGS HOTEL

The Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel and the Palm Springs Convention Center are connected, and we also use the Hilton Hotel, one block away for workshops and special event space. Please note that we have color-coded the facility map so you can easily find all conference workshops and special events. Also, please keep in mind that meals served at each of these facilities must be eaten at the facility where it was served, and cannot be removed from that area. We appreciate your cooperation!

WORKSHOP SESSION EVALUATIONS
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.

WORKSHOP MATERIALS
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.

CELL PHONES & TEXTING
Please be respectful to our presenters and other attendees by keeping your cell phones silent during ALL sessions, and limit texting and phone calls to non-workshop hours. Your respectful courtesy is appreciated!

OVERALL CONFERENCE EVALUATION & CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE
We hope you will take the time to complete our overall conference evaluation and share your thoughts with us. The link will be emailed to you after the conference and will be active for 2 weeks only. Upon completion of the evaluation, you will receive a digital Certificate of Attendance for your records. You will not be able to receive a Certificate of Attendance after this window. We appreciate your helpful feedback!

NAME BADGES
Your conference name badge serves as your pass to the entire conference, including meals, workshops, special events, and any pre-registered events. It is mandatory that you wear it for ALL conference-sponsored events to ensure inclusive participation. Please note that there will be a fee of $730 to replace your name badge. Please visit the On-Site Registration Booth in the Convention Center lobby if you have any questions about replacing your name badge.

HEALTH & SAFETY
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.

Pronoun stickers are available at our Info Booth and Info Table locations and you can adhere a sticker on your name badge. Read more about why pronouns matter https://pronouns.org/what-and-why

BADGE SCANNING
All attendee name badges have a bar code that includes your name, organization, address, and email address. Our friendly BOOST Conference Volunteers will be scanning your name badge upon entrance at meals, special events, and general sessions, including entrance to the Exhibit Hall to track attendance. Additionally, many of our exhibitors and presenters will ask to scan your name badge to follow up with you after the conference.

EMERGENCY CONTACT
Please take a moment to put your emergency contact information on the reverse side of your conference name badge. Your safety and well-being are very important to us.
LOST & FOUND
There is a lost and found box at the On-Site Registration Booth in the PSCC Lobby. Please check with the On-Site Registration team if you have misplaced any items during the conference. While we are not responsible for lost or stolen items, we will save any items brought to us until the last day of the conference. BOOST claims no responsibility for returning lost items after the Closing Session.

NEED HELP?
Conference Volunteers are wearing white ribbons and are here to assist you in finding workshop sessions or anything else you might need during the conference. Please do not hesitate to ask any of the BOOST Conference Volunteers for help. Also, stop by the Info Booth outside of the Exhibit Hall or the Info Table at the Renaissance/Palm Springs Convention Center line and ask one of our team members for assistance- or just say hello!

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!

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!

CONCIERGE DESK
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!

All-Gender Restrooms
We are pleased to offer all-gender restrooms to accommodate all genders located adjacent to the Smoketree Hallway and marked with signage.

PARKING
During conference events, self-parking is available at the Palm Springs Convention Center and in the Andreas Overflow Parking Lot. If you are an overnight guest at any of the area hotels, please confirm the parking rates with your hotel. Also, we encourage you to seek accessible street parking. Please remember to lock your cars to mitigate theft.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUs)
We are pleased to continue our partnership with the California Association of School Psychologists (CASP) to offer Continuing Education Units. CEUs are available for Licensed Education Psychologists, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, and Licensed Clinical Social Workers. In addition, continuing professional development for Nationally Certified School Psychologists is also available. The cost to participate in the CEU program is a total flat rate of $30. Instead of an on-site orientation, please review the BOOST CEU Orientation video on our website www.boostconference.org/college-credits for an overview of CEUs at BOOST.

Make checks payable to: California Association of School Psychologists (checks only, no cash or credit card payments accepted). All payments can be made at our On-Site Registration Booth in the PSCC Lobby. Once payment is made, you will receive the evaluations needed for CASP.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY
Please note that most workshops and special events at the BOOST Conference may be video recorded and photographed by our in-house photographers and videographers. All official BOOST Photographers and Videographers wear a green ribbon on their name badge to indicate that they are official BOOST Conference Photographers and Videographers. Please “Like” BOOST Collaborative on Facebook or “Follow us” on Instagram and share your #boostconference experience with your friends and colleagues.
Inspiration Stations are an informal way to bring a more intimate group together to share perspectives about specific areas 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).

Thursday
10:00AM – 10:45AM
11:00AM – 11:45AM
1:15PM – 2:00PM
2:45PM - 3:30PM
Station A - Dive Into FPV: First Person View
Sam Choe, Chief Engineer, IRONQUAD, Santa Ana, CA
Station B - Quick Connection Cards for Fun and Connection
Elle Eisenmacher, Account Executive, Sanford Harmony Academy @ National University, San Diego, CA
Station C - Hiring 101: How to Hire Reliable, Successful OST Staff
Violet Maxwell, Senior Director, VineyardAppCamp, Holmdel, NJ
Station D - Developmentally Appropriate Strategies for Older Youth
Cori Ove, Project Specialist, Sacramento County Office of Education, Mather, CA
Station E - Hands-on STEM with STEM in a Box®
Donna Gates, Sales Manager, STEM in a Box® by TechTerra Education®, Durham, NC
Station F - Vocabulicious - Literacy Games for Elementary
John Felling, Consultant/Author, Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Station G - Rockin' Robots
Suzy Haislip, Director of Business Development & STEM Education Specialist, PCS Edventures!, Boise, ID

THURSDAY
10:00AM - 10:45AM
Station A - Fizz, Foam & Fun! - Science the Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Way
Terri Johnson, Owner, Quirkles/Fuddlebrook Science Series, Springfield, MO
Station B - Raising Self-Esteem Through Physical Activity
Jess Wadleigh, Skillastics Physical Activity Specialist, Skillastics, Corona, CA
Station C - Motivating Kids to Be Active
Justin Griffin, Owner/Founder, Pure Joy Basketball, Corona, CA
Station D - Understanding Behaviors from an SEL Perspective
Lindsay Luterman-Sevel, Creative Content Coordinator, Expanded Learning Academy, Roseville, CA
Station E - Bigger Than Play! - Get in the Game to Experience How Play Inspires & Why Play Matters
Calvin Hamilton, Regional Partnership Director, Playworks, Oakland, CA
Station F - STEM Learning While Leading
Glenn Jones, Partnerships Success Manager, The Tech Interactive, San Jose, CA
Station G - Use ELO-P to Close the Expanded Learning Gap
Helen Wang, Founder, 6crickets Expanded Learning Management Solutions, Bellevue, WA

11:00AM - 11:45AM
Station A - Exploring the Fun of MATH!
Mary Curry, Math Enthusiast, MANGO Math, Palm Desert, CA
Station B - Hands-on with LEGO Education for Afterschool Programs
Denise Phillips, Solution Architect, LEGO Education, Boston, MA
Station C - Afterschool Tennis!
Kevin Finkelberg, Manager - Community Tennis, USTA SoCal, Los Angeles, CA
Station D - Wilderness Survival Workshop
Ryan Spitz, CEO, Practically Equipped, Redding, CA
Station E - How to Use Picture Books as a Source for Interactive Arts Education
Susan Chodakiewitz, Founder, Booksicals, Beverly Hills, CA
Station F - Quick Ways to Destress & Tackle the Day
Melissa Vannette, Mindfulness & Mental Health Coach, Expanded Learning Academy, Roseville, CA
Station G - Head to Toe
Nic Hahn, Product Designer, MoxieBox Art, Murrieta, CA

1:15PM - 2:00PM
Station A - Rapid Relationship Building In-Person or Online!
Raynee Russell, Operations Manager/Lead Teacher, Global Kindness Initiative, San Francisco, CA
Station B - Navigating Challenges in Fee-Based & Rate 2 ELO Programs: Strategies for Success
Sair Lara, Education Consultant, ELCA CEO, Expanded Learning Consultants and Advisors, Merced, CA
Station C - The Power of TEACH to LEARN
Lynne Ann S. Fox, MA.Ed., MS.Ed., Global Education Director and Coach, FranklinCovey Education, West Valley City, UT
Station D - Take Flight with Science Action Club
Akilah Alleyne, Education Program Coordinator, California Academy of Sciences - Science Action Club, San Francisco, CA
Station E - STEMfinity Makerspace: Crafting a Sustainable Future
Bill Albert, CEO & Founder, STEMfinity, Boise, ID
Station F - Build Your Own Do-It-Yourself Whiteboard with Elemental Hardware DIY Enrichment
Aidan King, Senior Manager of Program Design and Instruction, Elemental Hardware Enrichment, Oxnard, CA
Station G - Finding your SPARK through Stress and Overwhelm
Nicole Wilson, Community Programs Coordinator, SPARK Mentoring Programs, Brandon, FL
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In order to assist you in maximizing your learning experience at the BOOST Conference we have denoted each workshop with the following indicators. While you can choose to attend any workshop of your choice, it is recommended that you attend a workshop that contains the job responsibility/responsibilities on which you spend the largest percentage of your time each week.

**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)

**CEUs** Continuing Education Units

Look for the Workshop Legend in the margin of each page to determine what workshop suits your needs.

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.
# 2024 BOOST CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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## PRE-CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

### Developmental Resilience

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

Hardship and adversity are unavoidable parts of life. However, youth can emerge from challenging situations stronger than before, able to navigate future hardships. PEAR’s Pre-Conference Academy features up-to-date research on youth mental health and resilience from experts at Harvard and McLean Hospital, where PEAR began.

Developmental Resilience is the building block of DEI. It recognizes everyone’s challenges and ability to be resilient in challenging environments.

**Strand: Pre-Conference Academy**

**Catalina**

### SEL Academy - Growing Resilient Minds: Strategies for Building Mental Fitness in Students

**MindUp- The Goldie Hawn Foundation, Santa Monica, CA**

In this in-depth interactive Academy, participants will receive simple tools and resources to support you in helping children understand the way their brain works, how the structures of the brain impact one’s ability to focus attention, manage emotions, and understand the human potential for happiness. Through MindUP, over 7 million students from around the world have learned how to take brain breaks to regulate their emotions, practice perspective-taking, and bring more optimism, kindness, and gratitude into their lives.

While the focus of MindUP is on participants understanding how their brains work, we start with a focus on personal identities in order to create a safe space for all participants. Starting with personal identities and leading into the brain allows us to create safe spaces with a DEIB lens. All participants play an active role in designing a space that is safe for them individually and as a group, and by the end of the session, participants have learned more about themselves and the ways their emotions are regulated.

**Strand: Pre-Conference Academy**

**Sierra**

In partnership with SEL4CA.

### Supercharge Your STEAM Program with Invention Education and Community Partnerships

**Christine Lawlor-King, Invention Education Consultant, Lemelson-MIT, Manchester, CT; Brenda Payne, Executive Director, California Invention Convention, Santa Cruz, CA**

Invention Education appeals to all students! It starts with students identifying problems in their lives rather than being given a problem to solve. This inspires students to design a solution, using empathy and perseverance. Educators will experience design challenges that demonstrate agency, self-direction, and fun. Invention education is a powerful tool for connecting to your community. The session will include examples from young inventors and community involvement stories.

Leave this Academy inspired and with resources to easily implement including some accessible open-source curricular activities and tools to implement and sustain invention education programming.

**Strand: Pre-Conference Academy**

**Madera**
SWIM CLUB                POOLSIDE RENAISSANCE
1:00PM-5:00PM
Not attending a Pre-Conference Academy? No problem. Catch some rays, good BOOST vibes, and gear up for the conference. Dance to the grooves of our resident DJ Walt White and play water games during this pre-conference networking mixer! Sunscreen not included.

Sponsors: 

OMNIKIN SWIM GAMES
3:00PM-5:00PM
Get in the pool and play! Come and discover the new OMNIKIN game concepts specially developed for swimming pools. Get ready for a series of fun and easy-to-play games using giant 6 ft. OMNIKIN TUBES and OMNIKIN TPU balls. Bring your friends and colleagues as we play individual and team games. Don’t forget your sunscreen!

OPENING WELCOME RECEPTION   ROCKS LOUNGE/POOLSIDE RENAISSANCE
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!

Come by and hang out with ZTAG- ‘tag’ yourself on our chalkboard wall and spin a wheel to win AirTags and other fun giveaways.

Reception Sponsor: ZTAG  Drink ticket sponsor: WorkED

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.

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

POP-UP DINNERS
6:15PM-8:30PM
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!

UNCOVERING THE MAGIC OF STEAM    HILTON HOTEL BAR & LOUNGE
8:00PM-9:00PM
NextWaveSTEM invites you to embark on a mesmerizing journey during our sponsored social hour at the BOOST Conference. Prepare to be spellbound as we seamlessly blend live technology and enchanting magic into an unforgettable experience. This hour promises to immerse you in the vibrant world of STEAM in a way that’s both enjoyable and educational. Join us as we uncover the magic within technology and unleash your boundless creativity.
## WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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### MORNING RECESS

**7:30AM - 8:30AM**

**PSCC, EAST LAWN**

### MORNING MAGIC on MAY 1st

Kickstart your day with a FUN, fast, and fantastically USEFUL showcase of FIVE different lawn/large group activities that you can replicate with the young people you serve. What a great way to launch the conference - laugh and learn on the lawn with our friends from Leading To Change!

**Sponsor:**

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### BOOST Coffee Bar

**EXHIBIT HALL, PRIMROSE A & B**

**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 specially caffeinated drinks such as lattes, cappuccinos, and espresso drinks. Elevate your day!

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### CONFERENCE OPENING & GENERAL SESSION

**8:45AM-9:45AM**

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### WELCOME TO BOOST

Tia Quinn, Founder & CEO

BOOST Collaborative, San Diego, CA

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### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: HAMISH BREWER

Award-Winning Educator and Principal, Author, International Speaker

**To Love and to Serve - Student Commitment & Engagement**

People just want to be seen, heard, and valued, creating a culture and environment that advocates and amplifies the stakeholder voice, opportunity, and ownership of the journey, productivity, and results. Leaders, practices, and processes within the organization can stimulate or suppress the performance, culture, and outcomes for all. Hamish shows how a culture of love and service deeply engages stakeholders on multiple levels emotionally, physically, and intellectually to raise levels of culture, commitment, and performance across the organization.
BOOST BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS & MEET THE AUTHORS
9:45AM - 10:15AM
EXHIBIT HALL

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

Also, visit our Front Porch (Oasis Hallway) and Get on the Bus (East Lawn, street area) sponsors!

MEET THE AUTHORS
BOOST BOOTH, OASIS 1 & 2

Relentless- Changing Lives by Disrupting the Educational Norm
Hamish Brewer (aka the Tattooed Skateboarding Principal) grew up in a home disrupted by poverty, addiction, and family dysfunction. He understands the feelings of fear, lostness, and desperation that overwhelm too many children today—because that was his life. That experience is what drives him to work relentlessly to empower people living in the toughest areas to envision and create a better future for themselves.

Disrupt the norm. That is the challenge Hamish, a Nationally Distinguished Principal, calls educators, students, families, and communities to accept. And as he authentically shares his life experiences and adventures in this book, you, too, will be inspired to . . .

• Believe that something bigger and better is possible.
• Pursue your best, whatever it takes.
• Transform your school.
• Become the educator you always dreamed of being.
• Leave a legacy that pushes others to achieve their best!

Relentless is more than a motto. It’s a mission of total passion and purpose. And it’s the only way to win at work and at life. Are you ready to take your life and work to the next level?

If you have prepurchased a book, you can pick it up at the BOOST Booth.

MORNING WORKSHOPS
10:30AM-12:15PM (1.75 HOURS)

#Inclusion: The First Steps to Supporting Diverse Abilities
Daniel Monterroso, Director of Staff Development; Andy Arrieta, Director of Student Support Services; Laura Rivera, Staff Development Coordinator, LA’s BEST, Los Angeles, CA

All children deserve to have safe, inclusive, and meaningful experiences that meet their diverse needs. That’s where we come in. We create environments where students with diverse abilities and tailored approaches (e.g. IEPs) can actively participate, wholly engage, and grow to their full potential. In this session, we’ll look at all levels of support from frontline staff and leadership to the organization as a whole.

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Another Word for Learning
Moderator: Caroline Ferrante, M.Ed., Arts Integration Coach, Arts for Learning Maryland, Baltimore, MD

What does it mean for a young person to take charge of their education? ANOTHER WORD FOR LEARNING follows Aisha, an exuberant and creative 11-year old, of Kwakwaka’wakw descent, who has always hated public school: the mean kids, the academic pressure, the lack of artistic space - and the racism. She has only one year left at her elementary school in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside, but she’s had enough. Her dreams don’t fit into the colonial curriculum, so she wants to leave school to pursue them. While most of her family and friends are worried about her, her mother Gunargie, a residential school survivor, sees this choice to “drop-out” as an opportunity for her and her daughter to reconnect with their culture - and with each other.

Strand: Film Festival

BEYOND ICEBREAKERS: Powerful, Non-Cringy Tools To ENGAGE and Motivate Youth
Eric ROWLES, MS, CEO, Leading to Change, Huntersville, NC

Get ready to move! In this HIGHLY interactive session participants will experience how to take various risk-level activities (often mistakenly referred to as “ice breakers”) and turn them into powerful vehicles for youth participation and engagement. This session will showcase tools that youth providers can put into immediate use! Get here EARLY - this is usually a “standing room only” workshop!

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Santa Rosa
Breaking Barriers: Creating Equitable STEAM Learning Opportunities
Lupita Perez, Specialist, Equity & Quality; Melissa Perez, Manager, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

Join CAN & the CA Million Girls Moonshot as we seek to inspire and prepare the next generation of innovators by engaging one million more girls in STEAM through after-school and summer programs over the next five years! This interactive and high-energy workshop will explore resources and professional development to support educators in creating accessible, equitable & quality STEAM learning opportunities for all students, regardless of their background.

Career Connected Learning in Out-of-School Time

Each youth-serving stakeholder plays a part in ensuring students are career-ready. How can your program build opportunities for career-ready youth? During this session, we will highlight 6 different ways that you can add career readiness to your program. These ideas are not meant to have you reinvent the wheel with your program’s activities, but instead to give you some entry points to share the responsibility of preparing youth for their future.

DigiTales: Storytelling in the Digital Age
Beth Schadd, Instructional Designer, PCS Edventures!, Boise, ID

Join our two-part workshop amplifying student voices in education while fostering digital literacy and innovation. Part 1, attendees create their own podcast with Soundtrap, while Part 2 explores digital influencers, online safety and responsibility, video production, and more.

Dive Into FPV “First Person View” - A Unique Learning Experience
Sam Choe, Chief Manager; John Granger, Director of Training, IRONQUAD, Santa Ana, CA

Learn, Build, and Do. Specifically designed curriculum for learning science, building vehicles associated with the learning objective, and doing the mission task! No experience is needed and fun is expected. Also, dive into FPV with us to have a very unique experience by navigating your vehicle as if you were in the driver’s seat!

Empowering Students with Agency, Voice, and Choice
Christina Robert, Educator Support Specialist, ProSolve, Alpharetta, GA

Introducing SLED: A gamified leadership program where students work collaboratively to solve real problems in their community. In this collaborative workshop, you’ll dive into the five elements of student-led education and discover what is possible when we empower students with agency, voice, and choice in out-of-school time. Participants will leave with ready-to-apply strategies for bringing these concepts alive in your program.

Expanding Student Success: The State of Expanded Learning in California
Michael Funk, Expanded Learning Division Director, California Department of Education (CDE), Sacramento, CA; Heather Williams, Director, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

California has the largest collection of OST programs in the nation, consisting of federal, state, local, city, community, and fee-based programs. Each system has its own unique networks, standards, and practices. Expanded Learning programs are a subset of OST programs in California that receive funding administered by the California Department of Education’s Expanded Learning Division. California’s Expanded Learning programs are an integral part of young people’s education, engaging them in year-round learning opportunities that prepare them for college, career, and life. Join the California Department of Education and the California AfterSchool Network for a conversation about Expanded Learning, including the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P).
Harnessing the Power of Connection
Erika Bare, M.Ed., Assistant Superintendent/Author; Tiffany Burns, Elementary School Principal/Author; Ashland School District and 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? This session provides practical and immediately applicable back-pocket strategies to reinvigorate and improve systems by harnessing the power of connection. Leave with the tools you need to build a culture of connection in your school where students and educators thrive.

Strand: Partnerships & Building Relationships
Chino A/B

How Strengthening Relationships Through Restorative Practices Can Restore Hope and Healing in Communities
Robin Elliott, Ed.D., Associate Dean, School of Education and SEL Director, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY; Elle Essenmacher, National Strategic Account Advisor, Sanford Harmony @National University, Boulder, CO

Restorative Practices are essential for strengthening relationships within the community by creating a positive learning environment, building social capital, and resolving relational issues through healing and hope. Presenters will introduce community-wide practices, policies, and aligned learning opportunities between schools and organizations that can enhance student and adult connection, collaboration, and interaction. Presenters will share professional learning SEL resources.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Older Youth Smoketree F

How Three District Leaders Are Addressing Their Unique Childcare Needs
Nicole Kooler, Deputy Superintendent, Cedar Rapids Community School District, Cedar Rapids, IA; Frank Lutzius, Ed.D., Executive Director of Elementary Programs, Lake Oswego School District, Lake Oswego, OR; Yadira Moreno, Ed.D., Director of School, Family and Community Engagement, Anaheim Elementary School District, Anaheim, CA

Participants in this session will share the experience of three district leaders in their search for affordable, reliable, high-quality childcare. In the first half of this workshop, attendees will learn how these districts navigated their journeys while avoiding pitfalls as they tackle the problem of providing equitable care and opportunities to all students. The second half of the workshop will feature a panel discussion with an opportunity for the audience to actively participate and inquire.

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

How to PEAK Your Programs
Lila Saavedra, Director of Teen & Community Programs; Maggie Kellogg, Youth Program Coordinator, The Kellogg PEAK Initiative, Milwaukee, WI

The PEAK team will share our program quality standards and show you how we incorporate best practices into the structure of our programs so that all staff, regardless of years of experience, have the tools for successful implementation. This is an interactive session where we’ll learn from each other and try out a few activities so expect to be on your feet and leave with practical tips to incorporate into your next program.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership
Andreas

Identifying Youth Potential Through Opportunity-Based Learning
Sonia Toledo, Ph.D., Founder & CEO, Dignity of Children, New York, NY

This workshop will focus on big-picture learning where young people experience the world and are given opportunities to identify what matters to them through coping with adversity. Learn ways to empower children and youth to identify problems they care about and come up with solutions to make a difference while developing literacy, comprehension, creative activity, communication, and other vital 21st-century skills.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality
San Jacinto

LEGO Education Maker’s Station Mini-Strand
LEGO Education’s overall ambition is to future-proof students and inspire them to become confident lifelong learners. If we meet each student where they are, challenge them appropriately, and allow them meaningful failures, they’ll ultimately succeed. With LEGO Education learning experiences in your expanded learning programs, students become increasingly sophisticated in their ability to apply transferable STEAM, Literacy, and Numeracy practices to solving real-world problems in the regular school day and beyond. The LEGO EDUCATION EXPERIENCE 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.

Strand: LEGO Education Mini-Strand
Maker Station, PSCC Lobby
No Going Back: Summer Enrichment Programs Are Here To Stay
Dr. Ana Ponce, Executive Director, Great Public Schools Now (GPSN), Los Angeles, CA; Debe Loxton, M.A., Executive Director, Los Angeles Unified Beyond the Bell Branch, Los Angeles, CA; Lisa Salazar, Executive Director, City of Los Angeles Youth Development Department, Los Angeles, CA; Donny Faaliliu, SVP of Leadership and Community Outreach, After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, CA; Erica Lim, Senior Program Officer, Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, Los Angeles, CA

The LA Summer of Joy initiative uses philanthropic investment to enhance publicly funded summer programs run by LAUSD, the City of LA, and nonprofits to serve students of color and those living in poverty. Panelists will share how this partnership evolved from a pandemic response to a collective effort to offer annual summer programs. Attendees will learn reflections and best practices for expanding access, enhancing quality, and institutionalizing summer enrichment programs beyond the pandemic.

OH THE MATH THAT THEY NEED TO KNOW! - Pre-K through Third Grade Math Games Using Cards and Dice
John Felling, Consultant, Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Come prepared to play easy-to-implement and differentiated math games that are guaranteed to engage your students and will make them look forward to math after school. Your students have had a full day, so integrating games allow you to build practice and focus on the following concepts: number sense and Pre-K concepts, operational fluency for +, -, x, multi-digit operations early, and place value. You will receive gameboards to use immediately, and math journal ideas. Come prepared to play!

Reimagining the Trauma Effects of Youth At-Risk: Lessons from the Unbroken
Brooke Wheeldon-Reece, MBA, President and CEO; Ashley Hunt, VP of Learning and Development, The Spark Initiative, Brandon, FL

There is a SPARK within every human being, regardless of circumstances, that cannot be damaged. It is the birthplace of resilience, well-being, intelligence, creativity and innovation. Through lessons of hope from sex trafficking survivors, incarcerated juveniles, and children from the foster care system, this presentation will explore how a simple understanding of the mind can uncover innate resilience and the stress resistance needed to overcome trauma is naturally formed.

Relentless Leadership
Hamish Brewer, Award-Winning Educator and Principal, Author, International Speaker, Woodbridge, VA

The Relentless Leadership Master Class is designed to help you laser focus on key areas for growth in your leadership journey, practices, and processes that align with successful school and student outcomes. This session will help you walk away with practical solutions and ideas to key education challenges around organizational improvement, closing the achievement gap, stakeholder culture, and participation that will help you like Hamish has done create an award-winning organization. There will be time for Q&A during this session.

Results That Matter: Learnings from 100 Years of Whole Child Development
Andres De La Peza, Chief Strategy Officer; Eliana Mancilla, Associate Director of Learning and Development; Javier Gonzalez, Sr. Director of Programs; Cassandra Arechiga, Trauma Informed Care Associate, Woodcraft Rangers, Los Angeles, CA

At Woodcraft Rangers, the Woodcraft Way is a core philosophy that has guided the agency for more than 100 years and places an equal focus on the development of a young person’s mind, body, spirit, and sense of service. The Woodcraft Way understands that the maturity and development of the whole child is the aim of education and that these goals can be accomplished through intentional programming led by caring adult mentors. Come learn how Woodcraft Rangers has honed this over decades and embedded this belief into the agency’s curriculum, programmatic structure, and culture to drive high-quality programming for youth.
Rising Beyond: Navigating Life’s Storms with Resilience and Triumph
Ricky Del Rosario, Owner, Ricky Del Rosario, Santa Rosa, CA

Ricky’s journey is nothing short of a thrilling odyssey, a tale of resilience and triumph that echoes from the streets of drug-infested Seaside, CA in the 80’s, to the stages of Laffapalooza in Atlanta. Growing up as a latchkey kid, navigating through obstacles that would make most shy away, Ricky not only found solace in humor but turned it into a beacon of hope. This storytelling session will have stories of adversity, resilience, triumph, and a bit of humor.

Strand: Storyteller’s Cafe
Tapestry

School Shouldn’t Suck: Interdisciplinary PBL in Science and Humanities
Shannon Hurst, Ph.D., Upper School Science Teacher; Alexandra Modica, Upper School Humanities Teacher, Bennett Day School, Chicago, IL

The landscape of education is constantly evolving, and addressing the challenges students encounter requires innovative pedagogical approaches. This workshop highlights the benefits of project-based learning (PBL), cross-curricular teaching, and real-world applications. We invite educators, administrators, and anyone passionate about enhancing the educational experience to join us in this exploration of interdisciplinary PBL’s potential to revolutionize learning and enhance student engagement.

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

Think Together, Grow Together: PD, Retention, and Leadership
Crystal Robison, Ed.D., Director of Organizational Development and Learning Development; Taylor Mayer, M.A., Talent Development and Learning Manager, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA

This session will focus on leveraging professional development to increase staff retention and grow the next generation of leaders. Participants will learn about Think Together’s approach to PD through capacity building and its impact on leadership development and retention. Participants will spend time connecting with other leaders to assess their current PD approaches, learn new strategies, and plan the next steps.

Strand: Think Together; Staff Leadership
Mesquite E/F

Youth Voices in STEM and Community Engagement: Strategies and Models
Anita Krishnamurthi, Ph.D., President of the Collective for Youth Empowerment in STEM & Society (CYESS), Afterschool Alliance, Washington, D.C.; Leah Silverberg, Senior Project Manager, Afterschool Alliance, Washington, D.C.; Abbey Mae Pitcher, Program Manager, Technovation, Menlo Park, CA; Candid Mack, Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Coach and Program and Events Coordinator, National Girls Collaborative Project, Dallas, TX; Thulani Jwacu, Director, Kitty Andersen, Youth Science Center, Science Museum of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN

Interested in STEM? In community engagement? In centering teen voices? Come hear about a new initiative from the Afterschool Alliance that is supporting connections between these issues. We will present new research that maps effective strategies and models and features four partners actively engaged in this work: Million Girls Moonshot, National Girls Collaborative, Technovation, and the Science Museum of Minnesota. You will leave with ideas, tools, and support you can use to do this work.

Strand: Panel; Program Design, Development & Quality
Smoketree A-C
INSPIRATION STATIONS
10:30AM - 11:15AM

Station A: Incorporate Daily Word Puzzles into Your After School Program
Chandra Roughton, Program Director/Literacy Coach, Luminous Minds, Inc., Loomis, CA
Looking for a fun way to combine educational, animated videos into your afterschool program while at the same time helping your students develop problem-solving skills, critical thinking skills, and practice reading foundational skills? Learn about our popular and favored ‘Lumi’s Daily Puzzles.’ Discover quick and easy techniques immediately ready to implement with your group of students.

Station B: Lesson Planning Made Easy
Curlen Phipps, Partner, Resource Portal, Fresno, CA
“Unveiling the Future of Lesson Planning”: Join our interactive workshop and explore our state-of-the-art lesson planning software. Tailored for educators, our platform simplifies lesson preparations with a vast lesson plan library, intuitive organization tools, and seamless calendar integration. Elevate your teaching approach and enhance the learning experience for your students. Dive in and revolutionize your educational journey!

Station C: STEM...Hands-On for Kids, Hands-Off for Teachers...
Alex Reader, Founder, STIIX, Scottsdale, AZ
Join us around the table as we build our own fun Flashlight project with Alex, the founder of STIIX. Along the way, he will share about some of the latest and greatest happening in the world of STEM, how to incorporate careers into it, and even walk away with some awesome free Augmented Reality resources that collect no student data.

Station D: Dive into a World of Creativity with Professor Egghead & LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY®
Ali Martin, Partnership Manager, Professor Egghead Science Academy, Los Angeles, CA
Join us for an exhilarating LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® workshop led by the incredible minds at Professor Egghead Science Academy. Discover how to revolutionize your learning experience. Our STEM-certified industry leaders will demonstrate how to ignite a tornado of creativity, leadership, and teamwork. Get ready to immerse yourself in the world of PLAY!

Station E: The Magician School - Middle School Magic
Mikayla Oz, Founder/Owner, The Magician School, Des Moines, IA
Middle School is often the most challenging grade to work with. With Middle School Magic we give you the tools to help you resonate and keep your middle students engaged. From Card Games to Card Tricks, this workshop will inspire you to find your own magic. Come get inspired with The Magician Schools Middle School Magic Station.

Station F: ThinkLink: Mapping Projects Through Questions
Barry Schwartz, Vice President, Startup Smartup, San Francisco, CA
Dive into “ThinkLink” and turn challenges into opportunities! Tailored for all ages, this session equips you with tools to dissect challenges using strategic questions. Develop active observation, foster solution-oriented thinking, and pave clear paths for your projects. Explore, ask, and transform ideas into action. Join us in unlocking the power of purposeful questioning and craft your project roadmap.

Station G: Tripp the Tumbleweed’s Evolving Trip to the U.S. National Parks
Ed Bray, Owner, Tripp’s Landing, Dublin, CA
Tripp is traveling to every U.S. national park (all 63 of them!) and is asking elementary school children across the country to help him write a book for each national park. As Tripp’s adopted parents, we’d love to make Tripp’s journey even better by gaining feedback associated with the curriculum and activities offered to students as they collaborate on writing Tripp’s books!
11:30AM - 12:15PM

Station A: Come Play Academic Esports Jeopardy!
Peter Polygalov, Director of Marketing, Mastery Coding, Encino, CA
Esports Jeopardy is back by popular demand! Try your luck with categories of questions like Careers in Esports and Gamer Slang while learning about the benefits of academic esports and the career and college opportunities available to your 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.

Station B: Making Life Lessons Furn Through SEL & Play: Your Uniqueness is a Superpower
Sena Lee, CEO, MILLU, Fullerton, CA
We believe the recipe for SEL and character development ties together experiential play, fosters intergenerational wisdom, and deepens relationships. Discover strategies for teaching SEL through multi-sensory methods to teach vital life lessons to our students. We’ll use the MILLU kit to unpack transformative concepts through interactive storytelling, creative crafts, and meaningful discussions.

Station C: EZ Scan Makes Lap-Counting Easy!
Scott Sundberg, Solutions Specialist, Fitness Finders, Jackson, MI
EZ Scan is the premier lap-counting software for run clubs. It’s simple to learn and use. We’ll walk you through it from setup to scanning and more!

Station D: Hands-on Speech & Language Learning Kits
Connie Romaniuk, Speech-Language Pathologist, Communakit, Ardrossan, Alberta, Canada
Check out our interactive, fully guided, and multisensory learning kits that anyone can use to help children ages 3-6 improve their communication skills. They are engaging, effective, and easy to use. Get your hands on some hands-on learning!

Station E: NBA Math Hoops: Creating the Next Math Champion!
Steven Young, Manager of Program Outreach & Recruitment, Learn Fresh, Philadelphia, PA
NBA Math Hoops is a dynamic experience that leverages the game of basketball and the NBA/WNBA to develop algebra readiness and social-emotional competency. The program features physical and digital basketball-themed games, mobile app, classroom curricula, and a community event series. Through partnerships with NBA/WNBA teams and community supporters, NBA Math Hoops is offered FREE to school day and out-of-school time educators.

Station F: Magic Speaks Louder Than Words
Brian South, Founder, Magic Explorers, Payson, UT
In this super interactive workshop you will learn the 3 Keys Of Magic and how you can apply them to your day-to-day programming to make each day more magical. Plus you will make a few magic tricks along the way!

Station G: Sparkling Minds: Diamond Painting for After School
Aileen Hunnell, Co-Founder, Unwind Designs, West Des Moines, IA
Step into a world of vibrant creativity! Our inspiration station will explore the joy of diamond painting in after school programs. You will experience firsthand how this art form cultivates focus, improves fine motor skills, reduces stress/anxiety, and becomes a sanctuary of imagination.
CAMP INSPIRE
10:30AM-11:15AM

STATION 1
A Problem-Solving Adventure: Exploring Fun Ways to Do Math
Mary Curry, Math Enthusiast, MANGO Math Group, Palm Desert, CA

What can we do to build up students’ confidence and abilities in math? Make math fun, cooperative, and relevant. Join us on a fun Problem-Solving adventure where you must work together to escape. We turn math into an intriguing adventure. Students working together helps build confidence, understanding, and perseverance. Attributes that not only help to develop mathematicians but all-around good students.

STATION 2
Sport Stacking with Speed Stacks- An Activity for Every Student!
Matt Burk, Director of Afterschool Programs, Speed Stacks, Inc., Larkspur, CO

This session will incorporate movement-based Sport Stacking activities and games to get your students mentally fit and physically active through fitness-based learning. Ranging from individual activities and small/large group cooperation, this session is bound to get you moving! Proven results to develop your student’s math and reading skills, eye-hand coordination, self-esteem, SEL integration, and many more benefits!

11:45AM - 12:30PM

STATION 1
Real Magic Secrets That Will Make You S.M.I.L.E.
Brian South, Founder, Discover Magic, Payson, UT

Join professional magician, Brian South, as he teaches the anatomy of a smile and the closely guarded secrets that magicians use to make magical things happen. Brian will demonstrate how these exact same techniques can be used to make your program more welcoming, engaging, and fun- with no TRICKS. Well, ok, you will learn one magic trick because that is fun too. But most of the time will be focused on magic concepts you can start using right away that are sure to make you S.M.I.L.E.

STATION 2
Science Explorers: The Benefits of Grant Funded STEM Programming
Evan Moorehead, Director of Program Development, Science Explorers, Mohnton, PA

Join Science Explorers as we discuss the world of Grant Funded STEM programming and how it benefits hands-on and inquiry-based discovery learning. From local, state, federal, and private funding we will explore the avenues districts can use funding to support STEM initiatives that align with national and state standards.

BOOST COFFEE BAR
12:00PM-4:00PM

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!

LUNCH & KEYNOTE
12:30PM - 1:30PM

INSPIRATION BOOSTER
Fuel, Energize, and Move Your Body

Learn how to become an AMAZING ATHLETE as we engage in a physical energizer focusing on a few power foods, and a few muscles in the body that will tie into learning a sports-specific skill. Don’t miss this fun, energetic, and educational experience that will support how to connect with kids on their level.

Keynote Address: Dr. Nadine Burke Harris
Founder of Center for Youth Wellness and Former Surgeon General of California

Dr. Nadine Burke Harris is an award-winning physician, researcher, and public health leader who has spent her career on the front lines of some of our world’s most pressing public health challenges. As California’s first-ever Surgeon General, she helped guide the state’s COVID response, co-chairing the committee to recommend vaccine allocation and helping California achieve the lowest cumulative mortality of any large state. Amid the throes of the COVID pandemic, Dr. Burke Harris successfully launched a first-in-the-nation statewide effort to train over 20,000 primary care providers on how to screen for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and respond with trauma-informed care.

Dr. Burke Harris’ career has been dedicated to serving vulnerable communities and combating the root causes of health disparities. After completing her MPH at Harvard and residency at Stanford, she founded a clinic in one of San Francisco’s most underserved communities, Bayview Hunters Point. It was there that Burke Harris identified Adverse Childhood Experiences as a major risk factor affecting the health of her patients and applied research from the CDC and Kaiser Permanente to develop a novel clinical screening protocol.
In 2011, she founded the Center for Youth Wellness to advance pediatric medicine, raise public awareness, and transform the way society responds to children exposed to ACEs and toxic stress. In this role, she founded the Bay Area Research Consortium on Toxic Stress and Health and led the first-ever randomized-controlled trial to validate ACE screening and assess treatment of toxic stress.

Dr. Burke Harris served as a committee member and co-author for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for the consensus report Vibriant and Health Kids: Aligning Science, Practice and Policy to Advance Health Equity, published in 2019; and as a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ National Advisory Board for Screening.

Her work has been profiled in best-selling books including How Children Succeed by Paul Tough and Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance as well as in Jamie Redford’s feature film, Resilience. She has also been featured on NPR, CNN, and Fox News as well as in USA Today and the New York Times. Dr. Burke Harris’ TED Talk, “How Childhood Trauma Affects Health Across the Lifetime” has been viewed more than 10 million times. Her book The Deepest Well: Healing the Long-Term Effects of Childhood Adversity was called “indispensable” by The New York Times.

Dr. Burke Harris is the recipient of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award presented by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Heinz Award for the Human Condition. She was named one of 2018’s Most Influential Women in Business by the San Francisco Business Times and as one of Capital Weekly’s Top 100 most influential people in 2020.

**50 Fabulous Enrichment Ideas & Where to Get More**

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

Need fresh ideas for your enrichment programming? Are your current go-to resources a little stale or tapped out? Come explore a list of 50 Fabulous Enrichment Ideas and workshop 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!

**All American to Stranger Things: Using Today’s Streaming Series to Connect with Teens**

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

What’s the connection between Netflix and the success of your youth program? From Eleven to Euphoria to Blackish? XMen & Black Panther? Come to this tool-filled (and often standing-room only) workshop to learn how to use over 20 different LEGAL and FREE media tools, including TODAY’S streaming and movie resources in your cutting-edge work with young people.

**BOOST BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS & MEET THE AUTHORS**

1:30PM–2:30PM

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.

**MEET THE AUTHORS**

**Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, MD, MPH, FAAP**

Founder of Center for Youth Wellness & Former Surgeon General of California

**Booth 0101 & 0105**

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The stunning news of Burke Harris’s research is just how deeply our bodies can be imprinted by ACEs—adverse childhood experiences like abuse, neglect, parental addiction, mental illness, and divorce. Childhood adversity changes our biological systems and lasts a lifetime. For anyone who has faced a difficult childhood, or who cares about the millions of children who do, the fascinating scientific insight and innovative, acclaimed health interventions in The Deepest Well represent vitally important hope for preventing lifelong illness for those we love and for generations to come.

If you have pre-purchased a book, you can pick it up at the BOOST Booth.

**AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

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

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Always in Season
Moderator: Sheryl Davis, Ed.D., Executive Director, San Francisco Human Rights Commission, San Francisco, CA

ALWAYS IN SEASON explores the lingering impact of more than a century of lynching African Americans and connects this form of historic racial terrorism to racial violence today. The film centers on the case of Lennon Lacy, an African American teen who was found hanging from a swing set in Bladenboro, North Carolina, on August 29, 2014. Despite inconsistencies in the case, local officials quickly ruled Lennon’s death a suicide, but his mother, Claudia, believes Lennon was lynched. Determined to find answers about what happened to her son, Claudia moves from paralyzing grief to leading the fight for justice. As the film unfolds, Lennon’s case, and the suspicions surrounding it, intersect with stories of other communities seeking justice and reconciliation. A few hundred miles away in Monroe, Georgia, a diverse group of reenactors, including the adult daughter of a former Ku Klux Klan leader, annually dramatize a 1946 quadruple lynching to ensure the victims are never forgotten and encourage the community to come forward with information that might bring the perpetrators to justice. As the terrorism of the past bleeds into the present, the film asks: what will it take for Americans to begin building a national movement for racial justice and reconciliation?

Horizon 1

Boosting Family & Community Engagement at Your School Sites
Breanna Herrera, Family & Community Engagement Coordinator; Aimee Rodriguez, Family & Community Engagement Coordinator; Sara Orellana, Family & Community Engagement Coordinator, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA; Joel Salazar, Family and Community Engagement Coordinator, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA

As we work to support families and communities, it is critical that we approach this support in a way that builds the capacity of our field and empowers leaders at each site. Join us for an in-depth dive into how we build the capacity of those we support and take a linguistically and culturally responsive approach to family and community engagement. Participants will leave equipped with tools, strategies, and resources to enhance family and community engagement initiatives at their school sites.

Color Me Community: A Culture Shifting Experience
Andrew Blickle, M.P.P., Director of Public Engagement and Impact, Life Pieces To Masterpieces, Arlington, VA; Minami Hofmann, Arts Administrator/Art Teacher; Juan Gonzalez, Asst. Director of Programs and Education, Life Pieces To Masterpieces, Washington, D.C.

The result of Life Pieces’ more than 27 years of experience in human development, Color Me Community workshops provide a nurturing and nonjudgmental environment for people of all backgrounds to safely grapple with issues that divide us, creating the building blocks for a strong, trusting, loving organizational and classroom culture. This highly interactive workshop supports participants in exploring the lenses through which they see life; reframing equity and belonging in a community setting.

Tran Keys, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, WestEd; Ryan Lewis, Senior Research Associate, WestEd, Seal Beach, CA; Jennifer Cisneros, Director of Expanded Learning; Lupita Cruz, Assistant Director, Expanded Learning Programs, Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD), Santa Ana, CA

Logic models are a useful tool for improving out-of-school time programs. Santa Ana Unified (SAUSD) and researchers from the Regional Educational Laboratory West (REL West) at WestEd collaborated to develop a logic model for the district’s Expanded Learning programming. In this interactive session, presenters will share best practices for developing a logic model and how to use it for continuous quality improvement and sustainability. Participants will also learn the foundational steps for developing a logic model customized to their own programs.

Designing and Delivering Evidence-Based Summer Programs: Lessons from Texas
Jessy Newman, M.A., Senior Researcher, American Institutes for Research (AIR), Chicago, IL

Have you ever wondered what it takes to design an evidence-based summer learning program? Join us to learn more about what the evidence says, gain access to practical planning tools, and connect with peers who share these same goals. Hear from summer learning experts about the work they are doing in Texas, including tips, tricks, and lessons learned along the way. You’ll leave with knowledge, resources, and new connections to give your summer planning a boost.
Go Make A Difference: Winning the Hearts of Every Child
Kevon Lee, Empowerment Speaker, Kevon Empowers and Group, LLC, Loma Linda, CA

Winning the heart of every student shows you how important it is to win the whole child. This workshop is an interactive presentation about a child who experienced homelessness, the foster care system, bullying, and educational barriers. I am where I am today because a teacher believed in me and would not give up until I got my goal. We need to be there for each student that needs us because we must do so. Being engaged in a student’s life can make a child successful or not.

Strand: Storyteller’s Café
Tapestry

How Do We Address Equity From Within? Lessons From Young Leaders and Researchers on Improving OST Participation and Belonging
Melissa Connerton, Senior Communications Officer, The Wallace Foundation, New York, NY; Deepa Vasudevan, Ed.D., Researcher, Human Services: Youth, Family, & Community Development, American Institutes for Research (AIR), Arlington, VA; Sam Mejias, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Social Justice and Community Engagement / Visiting Fellow at London School of Economics and Political Science, Parsons School of Design, The New School, New York, NY; Spandana Pavuluri, College Student, Vanderbilt University, Louisville, KY; Helen Wilson Obuna, College Student, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Out-of-school-time programs help develop interests, skills, and connections. Yet youth from lower-income families don’t have the same OST program participation rates as many of their peers. Delve into the findings of a youth participatory action research project on how youth experience OST programs. While adults may focus on “quality” checklists, youth focus on the social dimensions of peers and belonging. Hear insights on engaging youth in program design and co-constructing spaces where youth belong.

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Inquire to Inspire: Paving Project Paths
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Strand: Small Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality
Mesquite D

LEGO Education Maker’s Station Mini-Strand

LEGO® Education’s overall ambition is to future-proof students and inspire them to become confident lifelong learners. If we meet each student where they are, challenge them appropriately, and allow them meaningful failures, they’ll ultimately succeed. With LEGO Education learning experiences in your expanded learning programs, students become increasingly sophisticated in their ability to apply transferable STEAM, Literacy, and Numeracy practices to solving real-world problems in the regular school day and beyond. The LEGO EDUCATION EXPERIENCE 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.

Strand: LEGO Education Mini-Strand
Maker Station, PSCC Lobby

Mastering the Magic of Afterschool Programs
Mikayla Oz, Founder, The Magician School, West Des Moines, IA

Learn Magic, get free tools, and walk away feeling more confident about your afterschool programs. In this session, Mikayla Oz will show how teachers and educators can use magic as a tool to engage, entertain, and educate your students. This session will be fast-paced, and hands-on and everyone will walk away with a new tool or resource you can take back and implement. Come learn about how to make your programs a bit more magical!

Strand: Medium Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality
Mesquite G/H

Math Camp-In: Add S’more Great Mathematical Resources to Your Program
Kelli Shrewsberry, M.A., Executive Director, Teaching & Learning Collaborative, Worthington, OH

Are you looking for s’more resources in mathematics? Join us as we hike the mathematical trail, solve camp-themed rich tasks, and earn camp badges! Leave with free Math Camp-In resources that you can use ‘at your own campsite’ to engage children and families in mathematics. S’mores and handouts provided!

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships
Andreas
The Next Frontier of Inclusion: Creating Programs Where Youth with Developmental Disabilities Thrive
Matthew Mazon, Inclusion Specialist; Robert Illingworth, Director of Inclusion, Woodcraft Rangers, Los Angeles, CA

Access for children of all abilities is a goal many expanded learning programs share, but creating an environment that allows for the full participation of young people with developmental disabilities can seem daunting. Over the last year, Woodcraft Rangers in partnership with California Regional Centers to build out a large-scale Inclusion Initiative so young people with I/DD thrive at every program site! Learn about our approach to partnership that can serve as a model for other programs.

Planning with Purpose
Kristin Stayer, M.A., VP of Engagement & Educator Experiences, Mizzen Education, Fishers, IN; Hailee Moehnke, Projects & Events Manager, Mizzen Education, Los Angeles, CA; Ray Trinidad, Co-Founder, IMpact Players, Chula Vista, CA

Build your creative confidence with us as we explore human-centered, highly engaging, and brain-friendly student and staff learning experiences. Use the collective wisdom in the room plus expert-designed resources from the Mizzen community to discover solutions for accessing free, relevant content and easy-to-implement activities. Learn by doing, make meaningful connections, and have a ton of fun— and leave inspired to create this environment in your program!

Play | Connect | Create - Let’s Change the Way Students Learn
Christina Robert, Educator Support Specialist, ProSolve, Alpharetta, GA

Looking to capture students’ minds and hearts in out-of-school time? Introducing QUEST: A K-8 game experience that combines literacy, problem-solving, social-emotional skill building, and creativity, immersing students in powerful play with purpose! Bring your energy to this hands-on workshop and discover why QUEST is so much more than a game. Players will leave with ideas and strategies to bring experiential learning to life in out-of-school time!

Quality Takes A Village - Partnerships, Tips, Tools, and Resources
Tiffany Gipson, Director, Equity & Quality; Nat Rosales, Specialist, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

Quality programs don’t happen by accident. It takes a grassroots to grass-tops collaborative effort from how programs are implemented on the site to the structures and infrastructure necessary to create the conditions for high-quality programming. Come and join the CAN team as we explore how to use different CAN resources to create comprehensive, high-quality, asset-based, and student-centered out-of-school-time programs.

School-Community Partnerships: What Works?! A Comprehensive Study
James Doyle, Ed.D., Program Officer, The Grable Foundation, Pittsburgh, PA

This interactive session will summarize the findings of a 2020 research study conducted to understand the elements that contribute to successful partnerships between schools and out-of-school learning programs. Practitioners looking to engage in these partnerships will learn some recommendations and working guidelines for engaging in successful school/out-of-school partnerships.

State of the Union – Childcare as a National Priority
Patrick Murray, Vice President of Government Affairs, KinderCare Learning Companies, Washington, D.C.

Long before COVID, families in the United States have faced inadequate access to high-quality childcare and education. With support for childcare spanning race, gender, and ideological differences, access and affordability are more important than ever. This session will offer a State of the Union of childcare in America. Participants will experience a workshop focused on the need for childcare, what is currently being done to mitigate the childcare crisis, and what the future may hold.
Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth in the Current Political Crisis
Ted Lewis, Director of Youth Well-Being, Human Rights Campaign Foundation, Washington, D.C.

LGBTQ+ youth are under attack and that is having a devastating impact on their mental health and well-being. Over 500 anti-LGBTQ+ bills were introduced across the country in 2023 alone and the majority of that legislation targeted transgender youth. This workshop will provide an overview of the current political landscape for the LGBTQ+ community, share data from HRC’s 2023 Youth Report, and share key strategies youth-serving professionals can use to support LGBTQ+ youth at this moment.

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

Supporting Nutrition Security through Afterschool Meals: Connecting Afterschool Programs & Nutrition Resources
Dave Palmer, Owner/Chief Dunker, Dunk Tank Marketing, La Mesa, CA; Madeline Moritsch, M.S., RDN, National Advisor, Whole Child Health, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Portland, OR; Michelle Poirer, Director of Nutrition Services, Jurupa Unified School District; Torin Childress, Breakfast, Supper & Intercession Program Specialist, San Diego Unified School District; Kelsey Boone, Senior Child Nutrition Policy Analyst, Food Research & Action Center, Washington, D.C.

School nutrition programs are critical to reducing childhood food insecurity. Afterschool programs can be vital partners in this work, yet a recent survey shows that afterschool meal participation has dropped significantly. This workshop will explore practical and aspirational solutions to increase collaboration between out-of-school time and school district operations including discussion time to work through barriers and leave with practical next steps.

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

Team Games, Ice Breakers & ACTION!
Andy Tupy, Sr. Territory Sales Manager, Gopher Sport, Owatonna, MN

Gopher Sport will be leading participants through a workshop focused around a few of our newest activities! We won’t just be playing games though, we’ll also be showcasing some great classroom management and skill development pieces, you can take home and implement in your class. Get ready to sweat, learn, and have some fun!

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

Transforming Your Kids Into Eco Heroes - Saving the World Through Education!
Ryan McCarthy, Executive Director, Global Kindness Initiative; San Francisco, CA; Raynee Russell, Operations Manager/Lead Teacher, Global Kindness Initiative, Paradise, CA

Learn how to educate youth about some of the environmental challenges the world will face in the coming decades, and inspire them with practical solutions they can implement in their homes and classrooms to help address the problems. Transform your youth into Eco Heroes by engaging and exciting them about the environment and what they can do to help it!

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

When Behavior Speaks: Understanding and Responding to the Impact of Trauma
Michelle Lustig, Ed.D., MSW, Program Director; Mindy Corless, MSW, Program Coordinator; Rachelle Touzard, Ph.D., LMFT, Director I, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Downey, CA

Students who have been exposed to trauma, especially those in foster care, often exhibit behaviors that confound adults. This workshop will help participants understand how these behaviors are connected to traumatic experiences, how this exposure impacts a child’s development, and how we can respond in a supportive and informed manner. Participants will draw on their own experiences with students and learn new ways to build connections and provide meaningful support to their students.

Strand: Partnerships & Building Relationships; Program Design, Development & Quality
INSPIRATION STATIONS
2:45PM - 3:30PM

Station A - Dive Into FPV: First Person View
Sam Choe, Chief Manager, IRONQUAD, Santa Ana, CA
FPV “First Person View” has been used in the RC hobby for many years. However, there are a lot of learning opportunities when it comes to this technology as students will directly use the concepts they have learned in the classroom to operate the equipment.

Station B - Quick Connection Cards for Fun and Connection
Elle Essenmacher, Account Executive, Sanford Harmony Academy @ National University, San Diego, CA
Quick Connection Cards are brief discussions and activities designed to provide opportunities to share, think, collaborate, and have fun together. We will explore all three types: Community Builders, Collaborations, and Conversations.

Station C - Hiring 101: How to Hire Reliable, Successful OST Staff
Violet Maxwell, Senior Director, VineyardAppCamp, Holmdel, NJ
As we all know, finding and retaining the right staff for OST programs is very challenging and very rewarding. At VineyardAppCamp, we support over 200 schools nationwide and hire over 400 teachers a year. During this workshop, we’ll share best practices for hiring, training, and retaining successful staff; you’ll leave with reusable resources and takeaways to immediately improve your hiring processes.

Station D - Developmentally Appropriate Strategies for Older Youth
Cori Ove, Project Specialist, Sacramento County Office of Education, Mather, CA
Participants will gain an understanding of typical neurodevelopment of adolescents and will learn new strategies to use with middle school and high school programs. Participants will have the opportunity to share challenges and best practices.

Station E - Hands-on STEM with STEM in a Box®
Donna Gates, Sales Manager, STEM in a Box® by TechTerra Education®, Durham, NC
Participants will be hands-on with easy-to-use STEM/STEAM tools and be introduced to a standards-aligned curriculum for afterschool programs using STEM and STEAM tools. Come explore, play, and see how STEM in a Box® programs make outside the school day engaging and fun for students.

Station F - Vocabulicious - Literacy Games for Elementary
John Felling, Consultant/Author, Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Come prepared to play literacy games that incorporate the use of literacy dice, word decks, and letter tiles. Games are easy to differentiate and use whole class or in small groups. Perfect for regular and ELL students. Come prepared to play our favorite literacy games that your students will love!

Station G - Rockin’ Robots
Suzy Haislip, Director of Business Development & STEM Education Specialist, PCS Edventures!, Boise, ID
Calling all programmers and music makers! Take the helm of Sphero indi robots on a guided tour through this STEAMtastic fusion of music and robotics. If crafting musical instruments and solving a melodic coding challenge sounds fun, then Rockin’ Robots is the station for you!
BOOST LIVE NETWORKING RECEPTION
4:45PM – 6:00PM
RENAISSANCE HOTEL POOL
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.
Get your hands on fun robotics with Enchanted Education, learn some new dance steps with Step-By-Step Folklóric, and collaborate on a BOOST mural with Rhino & Crow Murals. There’s something for everyone at this year’s sponsored BOOST Live Networking Reception.

BOOST Live Reception              Drink Ticket Sponsor                         Live Music Featuring DJ Walt White

DUCK DUCK BOOST RELAY RACE
6:00PM
RENAISSANCE HOTEL POOL
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!

Duck Duck BOOST Sponsors

LOUNGE EVENT
7:30PM – 8:30PM
HILTON HOTEL BAR
Relax and Recharge with TSP Afterschool Sport Program’s Hypnotherapy Lounge Event
Hypnotherapy is a form of therapy that utilizes hypnosis to induce a state of deep relaxation and focused attention in individuals.
During hypnotherapy sessions, trained therapists use verbal cues and imagery to guide clients into a trance-like state where they are more open to suggestions and can access their subconscious mind more easily. This state is often compared to the feeling of being deeply absorbed in a book or movie, where one’s awareness of their surroundings diminishes temporarily.
Sponsored by

BOOST HOMECOMING PARTY
8:00PM-11:59PM
ROCKS LOUNGE & TERRACE, RENAISSANCE
Join our annual Homecoming celebration to welcome former BOOST attendees and newcomers alike! Everyone is invited to travel back in time to our Studio 54-themed Disco Dance Club Party! Dress to express- think glitter, bell bottoms and flared pants, jumpsuits, metallic dresses, and bold colorful prints and accessories galore! Dance the night away and be transported to the iconic 70s- lights, camera, dance!
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)
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

Homecoming Sponsors:
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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 $35.

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**MORNING RECESS**

**PSCC EAST LAWN**

7:00AM - 8:00AM

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.

**Games That Work**

Join us for a playful, high-energy session full of cooperative and active games. We will share with you our adventuresome favorites – from classic yet inclusive twists on tag games to new, instant recess winners. This session will be geared toward Grades 5 and older, and we’ll play games that are simple to learn/instruct, low to no prop, appropriate for a variety of settings, and fun to play over and over.

**BREAKFAST & NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS**

**EXHIBIT HALL**

8:00AM

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

**BREAKFAST COFFEE SPONSOR**

**EXHIBIT BOOTH 317 & 319**

8:00AM - 11:00AM
BOOST TALKS: INSPIRE YOUTH. INSPIRE LEARNING. INSPIRE CHANGE.
Join global leaders as they share insights, ideas, and inspiration that align with
the BOOST Conference mission: Inspire Youth, Inspire Learning, Inspire Change.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS.
Jodi Grant
Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance, Washington, D.C.

Become a hero not just in your community but for children and youth across the country by
showcasing and advocating for afterschool programs!

RAISING THE BAR: AFTERSCHOOL FOR ALL
Shital C. Shah
Senior Advisor, Strategic Partnerships, Office of the Secretary, US Department of Education,
Washington, D.C.

BELONGING IN SCHOOLS
Dominique Smith, Ed.D.
Chief of Educational Services and Teacher Support, Health Sciences High and Middle College in
San Diego, CA

Dominique Smith focuses on fostering a sense of inclusion and community within schools, exploring strategies
and initiatives aimed at creating an atmosphere where every student feels valued, accepted, and connected.
Drawing on personal experiences and successes, he will highlight the positive impact of a strong sense of
belonging on academic achievement, social well-being, and overall school culture. Gain valuable insights and
practical ideas to implement in their school settings, ultimately contributing to a more inclusive and supportive
educational experience for students.

General Session Inspiration BOOSTer Sponsor
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MORNING WORKSHOPS
10:00AM – 12:00PM (2 HOURS)

#AfterschoolWorks: Crafting Your Afterschool Message & Lights On Afterschool Event
Tiyana Glenn, Project Manager; Shaun Gray, Sr. Manager, Production and Office Operations, Afterschool
Alliance, Washington, D.C.

Do you ever feel that your words don’t have the impact you think they should have when you talk to others about
afterschool? This interactive workshop will discuss what works and what doesn’t when communicating about
afterschool, how to tailor your message for key audiences, and how to leverage this information and build support
for your program. You will also learn about our national event, Lights On Afterschool, and how to plan a Lights On
Afterschool event for your program.

Advocacy for Students in Before & Afterschool - Equity in ELO-P
Yadira Moreno, Ed.D., Director of School, Family and Community Engagement; Cecilia Roman, ELOP
Administrator; Claudia Chambers, ELOP Curriculum Specialist, Anaheim Elementary School District, Anaheim, CA

The purpose of this workshop is to provide resources and ideas to participants on how to create a before and after
school program that focuses on the CDC Quality Standards. An outline of how to plan, create, and monitor ELO-P. We
hope that by attending the workshop, participants will feel confident and inspired to add programming that supports
learners to have access to cultural enrichment programs and academic supports and interventions that are critical for
the development of the whole child.
ALL HANDS ON DECK! What do Struggling Upper Elementary and Middle Years Math Students Need?
Nancy Paulson, Consultant, Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks, San Marcos, CA

If you have disengaged and frustrated students, this workshop is for you! This math game workshop will show you how to build: operational fluency, multi-digit operations, integers, solving equations, and fractions. Games use cards and dice and are easy to differentiate to meet the needs of all students. The handout contains a gameboard for immediate use. Weekly lesson plans will be shared to help you teach multi-grades and levels of understanding. Come prepared to play!

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

Attracting & Retaining Top Tier OST Talent
Holly Perry, MBA, Senior Director of Talent Acquisition; Allison Lyon, Director of Talent Acquisition, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA

The hiring demand for entry-level positions is still surging in 2022, and candidate behavior continues to evolve in a post-COVID world. This presentation will highlight what the future of talent acquisition looks like and creative ways to encourage candidates to join the field of expanded learning.

Strand: Think Together; Staff Leadership; Sustainability

Building Community One Square at a Time with 9 Square in the Air
Liz Belser, Sales Representative, 9 Square in the Air, St. Louis, MO

9 Square in the Air® is the original fun and addictive group game that students love and has proven to be incredibly popular with students of all ages over the past 13 years. It’s a perfect lead-up game to volleyball and promotes teamwork and good citizenship. This is an excellent resource to be used when integrating SEL. Our portable game can be used indoors or outside, and is height-adjustable, with a simple setup and easy storage.

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

Building Readiness in Out-of-School Programs: Why Strong Operations, Staff Well-Being, and Engaged Stakeholders are Key
Jessy Newman, MA, Senior Researcher, American Institutes for Research (AIR), Chicago, IL

The out-of-school time field is often the champion for new initiatives. We are creative. We are hard-working. We are tenacious. Yet sometimes, despite our best-laid plans, new initiatives may not work out the way we planned them. Why is that? The key is readiness. In this session, you will have the opportunity to learn more about what readiness is and why it is important for OST programs as they take on new work. Participants will gain access to the Ready Toolkit and readiness-building tools.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

Building Social Emotional Skills in Real Time
Katie Frazier, M.S.; Social Emotional Learning Trainer Specialist, WINGS for Kids, Charleston, SC

Every moment is an opportunity to build social-emotional skills as students move throughout their day engaging with others, experiencing a variety of emotions, and making decisions. Everyday moments can become teachable if the leader senses and seizes the opportunity. Walk away from this session with tangible tips and tools for intentionally developing students’ social-emotional skills in real-time.

Strand: BOOST Ambassador; Program Design, Development & Quality

Clarissa’s Battle
Moderator: Sonia Toledo, Ph.D., Founder & CEO, Dignity of Children, New York, NY

CLARISSA’S BATTLE follows single mother and activist Clarissa Doutherd as she works tirelessly to build a powerful coalition. The coalition’s goal is to make local, state, and national leaders understand a desperate need shared by families, parents, and children across the country, from low-income to middle. What these families need is simple on the surface: child care and early education funds. Enough to allow parents to continue to work. Enough to keep families off the streets. Enough to give their children a chance at a productive, successful future. This film documents the movement for childcare access, but also the tenacity of a woman who experienced the shock of financial insecurity after the birth of her son, and her determination to stop it from happening to anyone else. It’s about the struggle experienced by millions of families unseen and unspoken of by their communities. It is about what happens when a woman rises to grasp her power and says, “Enough.”
Compassionate Systems: A Path to Educational Renaissance
Sargina Yonan, Director of Expanded Learning Programs, Linden Unified School District, Linden, CA; Michael Funk, Director, Expanded Learning Division, California Department of Education (CDE), Sacramento, CA; Danielle Jones, Afterschool Planning Coordinator, Regional Lead, System of Support for Expanded Learning, Stanislaus County Office of Education, Modesto, CA; Sheilah Brooks, Program Advisor, Regional Lead for the System of Support for Expanded Learning, Merced County Office of Education, Merced, CA

Join us for an engaging workshop where you'll explore the Compassionate Systems Framework from the Center for Systems Awareness. Gain tools to build caring communities at state, regional, and district levels. Experience hands-on activities to enhance your compassionate skills and incorporate them into your program design. Infuse compassion, understanding, and interconnectedness into your educational programs to be a better partner to yourself and others.

Creating a Sense of Belonging
Dominique Smith, Ed.D., Chief of Educational Services and Teacher Support, Health Sciences High and Middle College in San Diego, CA

In this class, participants can expect to gain valuable insights into the role of school leadership in shaping the overall climate of a school and the impact it has on relationships among students, educators, and staff. The class will provide practical strategies for creating a welcoming and inclusive environment that supports collaboration, communication, and a sense of belonging.

Creating a Space That Matters
Matthew Emerzian, MBA, CEO and Founder; Jocelyn Guansing, MFT, Education Director, Every Monday Matters, Burbank, CA

We have the opportunity to make a positive impact on our students every day. Whether with an enthusiastic fist bump or a few minutes of supportive connection, these moments help students feel seen, heard, and valued, and it might be what gets them through their day. We may not know what students are carrying within them but we can thoughtfully create supportive spaces for them. Let's come together to identify meaningful practices to create spaces that matter for students and each other.

Creating LGBTQ+ Inclusive Out-of-School Programs
Ted Lewis, Director of Youth Well-Being, Human Rights Campaign Foundation, Washington, D.C.

This interactive workshop will focus on HRC's efforts to create a new assessment to gauge LGBTQ+ inclusivity in out-of-school programs and organizations. This workshop will combine HRC sharing some current best practices in supporting LGBTQ+ youth and a group discussion around policies, practices, and facilities that have come up related to including LGBTQ+ youth in your organizations. Join the conversation and learn from colleagues and peers as well as HRC staff.

Culturally Responsive and Cognitively Demanding Informal Mathematical Tasks
Dr. Alessandra Pantano, Professor of Teaching in Mathematics, Department of Mathematics, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA; Taylor M. Wycoff, Graduate Student, UCI School of Education, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA; Cynthia H. Sanchez Tapia, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, California State University, Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA

This workshop will engage the audience in culturally responsive and intellectually stimulating informal mathematics activities. After revisiting the core tenets of culturally responsive pedagogy, we will embark on an engaging journey of collaborative mathematical exploration. Together, we'll delve into the intricacies of task design and brainstorm innovative approaches to infuse elements of culturally responsive teaching into our informal pedagogical practices. The workshop is presented by Math CEO, a university-affiliated, tuition-free after-school math enrichment program dedicated to serving Latinx youth in Southern California.

Drug-Free Kids! Operation Prevention - A FREE Drug Prevention Curriculum for Students
Cathleen (Catie) Drew, M.A.T., Senior Prevention Program Manager, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Springfield, VA

Operation Prevention is an award-winning, FREE, drug prevention curriculum for elementary, middle, and high school students. It includes downloadable lesson bundles, videos, educator guides, self-paced computer modules, virtual field trips, and more! Join DEA Educator, Catie Drew, as she guides you through all of the elements of the curriculum and how to implement the lessons and activities, as well as present all of the free drug-prevention resources that the DEA provides.
Early Learning and Care for All: A Discussion About the Role and Benefits of Early Learning and Care  
Dr. Marquita Davis, Chief Academic Officer, KinderCare Learning Companies, Washington, D.C.

What comes to mind when you think of early learning and care? Is it Pre-K, preschool, childcare, Head Start, universal Pre-K, all the above? Should all children have access? Whose responsibility is it to ensure a high-quality experience? In this session, participants will engage in rich discussions about the nuances, impacts, and outcomes of the myriad options available to our youngest learners. Throughout the conversation, participants are encouraged to interact with each other in a format designed to lead to organic dialogue and sharing of authentic experiences.

Strand: Champions; Program Design, Development & Quality; Sustainability

Empowering Leaders  
Lynne Ann S. Fox, MA.Ed., MS.Ed., Global Education Director and Coach, FranklinCovey Education, West Valley City, UT; Lillian Perez, Director of Expanded Learning, Fallbrook UESD, Fallbrook, CA

Come learn how to “Empower Leaders” by building organizational systems, defining roles and responsibilities, and providing key leadership training that unleashes the potential of students and staff. Learn how to identify key leadership roles that will make the greatest impact and how to achieve outcomes.

Strand: Staff Leadership

Fostering Workforce Pathways Into, Within, and Beyond Expanded Learning  
Bill Fennessy, Specialist, Equity & Quality; Lupita Perez, Specialist, Equity & Quality, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

This workshop will highlight how our work is vital to practitioners and partners coming Into, growing Within, and going Beyond Expanded Learning (ExL). Join us for a generative conversation and participate in our learner journey as we share our lessons to date - including our relationships-first strategy and “do no harm” mentality to create a more diverse, compassionate, and competent workforce in the ExL/Education sector and the larger Health and Human Services sectors.

Strand: California AfterSchool Network; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Sustainability; CA Focus

Healing Centered Engagement 101: Cultivating Hope, Healing, and Community Transformation For Our Youth  
Dr. Lee Porscha Moore, Lead Senior Trainer; Evin Glaude, Akili Camp Coordinator, Flourish Agenda, Oakland, CA

This workshop offers participants an invitation to reimagine how we support youth through the power of Healing Centered Engagement (HCE). As youth practitioners, we often fall into a routine of leading through the lens of our titles and accomplishments. But what if we centered healing as the vehicle to provide the roadmap toward the collective restoration of our communities? This fun workshop holds space for participants to leverage healing as a tool to support youth and those who support them.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

Leadershift - Raising the Bar on Expanded Learning Leadership  
Juan Alvarado, CEO and Podcast Host, Raize the Bar LLC, Visalia, CA

Discover the 5 secrets to top-tier leadership. Learn how to build intentional relationships with your team, navigate through tough conversations that might normally intimidate you, and how to set high standards that inspire one another. Embrace your personal and professional development growth and elevate your team through your leader shifts.

Strand: BOOST Ambassador; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Legendary Icebreakers & Mini-Games with HPA  
Shanice Myers, Camp Manager, High Performance Academy, Fresno, CA

Don’t miss this interactive session with High Performance Academy (HPA)! Join us for an opportunity to “be legendary” while making a positive impact on the lives of children. Explore innovative strategies for keeping kids active and engaged, even on rainy days or in small spaces. From exciting icebreakers to mini-games designed for skill development, this session promises to be both informative and fun.

Strand: Outdoor Activity Showcase
LEGO Education Maker's Station Mini-Strand

LEGOf Education’s overall ambition is to future-proof students and inspire them to become confident lifelong learners. If we meet each student where they are, challenge them appropriately, and allow them meaningful failures, they’ll ultimately succeed. With LEGO Education learning experiences in your expanded learning programs, students become increasingly sophisticated in their ability to solve real-world problems in the regular school day and beyond. The LEGO EDUCATION EXPERIENCE 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.

Strand: LEGO Education Mini-Strand
Maker Station, PSCC Lobby

Musical Codes and Cosmic Adventures
Beth Schadd, Instructional Designer, PCS Edventures!, Boise, ID

Join our two-part immersive workshop uniting music, robotics, and space exploration! Discover music and coding with Sphero’s indi robotic car in “Rockin’ Robots.” Then, embark on “Cosmic Coders,” an interstellar experience for upper elementary students, merging robotics and space exploration.

Strand: Medium Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality
Mesquite G/H

Native Chesapeake & Brave Classroom Communities
Caroline Ferrante, M.Ed., Arts Integration Coach; Ana Zandarin, Director; Sierra Billingslea, Program Coordinator, Summer Arts for Learning Academy, Arts for Learning Maryland, Baltimore, MD

My grandmother was a trapper of Potawatomi descent, and my grandfather a Pawnee storyteller. Through movement, story, ancestral song, and steady rhythm, we will celebrate the Chesapeake Bay region—built on the ancestral hunting ground of many First Nations—as participants explore their own native lands, flora, fauna, and ecosystems as they “catch” things using imagination, embody animals through dramatic play, and experience how local animals can help create brave classroom communities.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality
Mesquite A

Open Space, Open Minds- The Unworkshop

Connect, reflect, and network by joining 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 your learning from BOOST. No facilitators, no agenda, just an open space to convene, collaborate, and create new paths forward in your classroom, program, and community.

Strand: Program Development, Design & Quality
Smoketree A-C

Play | Connect | Create - Let’s Change the Way Students Learn
Christina Robert, Educator Support Specialist, ProSolve, Alpharetta, GA

Looking to capture students’ minds and hearts in out-of-school time? Introducing QUEST: A K-8 game experience that combines literacy, problem-solving, social-emotional skill building, and creativity, immersing students in powerful play with purpose! Bring your energy to this hands-on workshop and discover why QUEST is so much more than a game. Players will leave with ideas and strategies to bring experiential learning to life in out-of-school time!

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality
Mesquite B

The Power in Perspective
Raynee Russell, Operations Manager/Lead Teacher, Global Kindness Initiative, Paradise, CA

Raynee Russell’s story, “The Power in Perspective;” is a tribute to the transformative power of resilience and shifting your perspective. Instead of falling into despair when faced with a series of challenging circumstances, Raynee shifted her views by turning her struggles into a source of motivation and drive. Her story highlights the profound impact of mindset and the strength in embracing positive perspectives and serves as inspiration for anyone striving to overcome life’s hurdles.

Strand: Storytellers Café
Tapestry
Individual and organizational well-being increases when organizations go beyond seeing racial equity as a checklist and instead take gradual steps to address systemic racism. Whether you can change policies or simply advocate for change, your actions can support positive youth development and equity. Participants will explore ways to model equitable practices for staff and youth, examine racial equity in policies, practices, and programs, and develop a racial equity action plan to take back.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality
Palm Canyon A & B

Unlocking Staffing Stability: Creating a Compelling Employee Journey To, Through and Beyond
Melvin Bonilla, Sr. Director of HR; Barbara Ige, Ph.D., Learning Manager-Lifecraft; Jasmine Arjon, Director of Programs, Woodcraft Rangers, Los Angeles, CA

Staffing continues to be the greatest struggle for many expanded learning programs and yet, staffing stability is the foundation to truly achieve program success and efficacy. Woodcraft Rangers has achieved a remarkable level of staffing stability during volatile times by focusing on culture and strengthening every phase of the employee journey. Learn how recruitment, retention, training, culture, and investing in long-term personal and professional growth can create stability in your program too.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Sustainability
Mesquite C

Youth at the Helm: Enhancing Program with Teen Teachers
Marianne Bird, MS, 4-H Youth Development Advisor; Beryl Johnson, 4-H Community Education Specialist, University of California 4-H Program, Sacramento, CA; Nicole Marshall-Wheeler, 4-H Youth Development Advisor, University of California 4-H Program, Oroville, CA

There are numerous benefits when we engage teenagers as teachers; subject matter comes alive for young learners; teens grow in planning, teamwork, and other life skills; and programs become more dynamic and fun. This session explores strategies for finding, training and truly empowering teens to deliver educational programs to younger youth. Participants will understand the outcomes of Teens as Teachers projects and learn what’s necessary to set their own program for success.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Older Youth
Chino A/B

INSPIRATION STATIONS
10:00AM – 10:45AM

Station A: Fizz, Foam & Fun! - Science the Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Way
Terri Johnson, Owner, Quirkles/Fuddlebrook Science Series, Springfield, MO
Do you want to be the educator that kids remember for a lifetime? Do you want kids to look forward to your program all day long? It’s easy! Come to Fizz, Foam & Fun-Science the Quirkles and Fuddlebrook way and get hands-on ideas on how to integrate engaging stories with hands-on science activities. Kids remember experiences forever! Yes, eggs will fly and water will disappear all while teaching relevant science topics. Get ready for some fun! We can’t wait to see you!

Station B: Raising Self-Esteem Through Physical Activity
Jess Wadeleigh, Skillastics Physical Activity Specialist, Skillastics, Corona, CA
Let’s Move and Have Fun! Learn some simple activities to play with your kids to help raise self-esteem, all while having fun! Come ready to participate in instant activities as well as activities that explore conflict resolution and academic integration!

Station C: Motivating Kids to Be Active
Justin Griffin, Owner/Founder, Pure Joy Basketball, Corona, CA
Sports are not just about physical activity, Sports can be used as a tool to help guide your students through this world we call LIFE. We’ll show you how sports/physical activity can: improve focus in and outside the classroom; help students pay attention to details and follow directions; inspire students by boosting their self-esteem, and motivate students to become leaders.

Station D: Understanding Behaviors from an SEL Perspective
Lindsay Luterman-Sevel, Creative Content Coordinator, Expanded Learning Academy, Roseville, CA
Why do kids act out? Where do tantrums come from? How can we better understand big emotions? In this workshop, we will look into SEL and how to use it in the classroom. We will look into our own experiences from when we were kids and how our emotions led to our behaviors. We will take a look at our inner children and learn how to share SEL tools with children. From crafts to yoga to meditation, to Calming Corners; we will learn lots of tools that can be used in the classroom.
Learn how to use picture books as a source for theater, music, dance, writing, and art activities. Discuss the benefits of arts-based learning and how music, dance, and theater to improve reading fluency and develop SEL skills. Participants will leave with a solid creative arts activity they can implement in their classrooms, schools, and summer programs and share with colleagues.

- Station E: How to Use Picture Books as a Source for Interactive Arts Education
  - Susan Chodakiewicz, Founder, Bookcakes, Beverly Hills, CA
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- Station F: Quick Ways to Destress & Tackle the Day
  - Melissa Vannette, Mindfulness & Mental Health Coach, Expanded Learning Academy, Roseville, CA
  - In this workshop, Expanded Learning Academy’s Melissa Vannette shares tested practices that will help staff and students destress and tackle the day! These short, effective techniques have been shown to boost morale, provide opportunities for nervous system regulation, and help both students and staff be more focused during the school day -- and beyond.

- Station G: Head to Toe
  - Nic Hahn, Product Designer, MoxieBox Art, Murrieta, CA
  - Through a guided art experience, join award-winning arts educator, Nic Hahn, in discovering fundamental art for TK classrooms. With high-quality art materials, movement activities, and beyond, experience successful tools for guiding TK artists through theme-based learning. Captivate young minds, create resource equity across districts, and give young students the chance to shine.
CAMP INSPIRE
10:00AM-10:45AM

STATION 1
Esports Jeopardy: Play, Win, Learn
Alan Sitomer, CEO & Founder, Teacher of the Year Award Winner, Mastery Coding, Thousand Oaks, CA
Esports Jeopardy is back by popular demand! Try your luck with categories of questions like Careers in Esports and Gamer Slang while learning about the benefits of academic esports and the career and college opportunities available to your 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.

STATION 2
Games and More Games - Experience Speed Stacks!
Matt Burk, Director of Afterschool Programs, 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 student’s math and reading skills, eye-hand coordination, self-esteem, and many more benefits! Come see why more than 50,000 schools have adopted Sport Stacking with Speed Stacks!

11:15AM-12:00PM

STATION 1
From Coach to Classroom: Shaping Future Educators through Innovative Enrichment Programs
Jesse Arora, CEO, Assist Programs, Sacramento, CA
Join Assist Programs for a recess-style breakout that invites educators to tap into the power of active play + character strengths coaching. Plus, experience our training platform as An Educator’s BestFirst Job®! You will have fun while gaining insights and actionable ideas into how a well-designed recess and afterschool program can: combine exercise + SEL, instill lasting positive identities and habits, maintain PBIS, reduce behavioral issues, and train future educators for your school.

STATION 2
6 Weeks to Survive - An OST Turnaround Story with Practical Solutions Anyone Can Use
Jay Patterson, Co-Founder, Kidlet.Care, Jackson, MO
Discover how, as a software consultant turned OST CEO, I revived a struggling provider in just 6 weeks. Learn about our operational overhaul, new training and management approaches, and the emphasis on family and on-site feedback. This journey also led to higher employee pay, healthcare benefits, and an improved experience for kids and families. This session is for those who want real solutions, shared in a straightforward way. We’ll discuss how a novel approach can truly make a difference.

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 & MEET THE AUTHORS
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 and participate in our Meet the Authors events.

Dominique Smith, Ed.D.
Chief of Educational Services and Teacher Support, Health Sciences High and Middle College, San Diego, CA
BOOST Booth 0101 & 0105

Belonging in Schools
Creating a Place Where Kids Want to Learn and Teachers Want to Stay—An Illustrated Playbook
Belonging is an instinctual feeling; you know when you feel it—and you really know when you don’t. Creating a sense of belonging in the classroom has a significant impact on student learning and well-being; it serves as a gatekeeper for other aspects of learning to take root. But how do we create classrooms and schools where every student knows they belong?

This easy-to-use, illustrated playbook has you covered. 11 evidence-based modules feature actions and strategies that teachers can apply to help students feel more included. Interactive features such as essential questions and reflective prompts are designed to engage educators and deepen their understanding of the importance of connection and belonging in a student’s educational experience.
Addressing Hunger During the Out-of-School Time Hours
Kelsey Boone, Senior Child Nutrition Policy Analyst, Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), Washington, D.C.

The out-of-school hours can be the hungriest time for the millions of children living in food-insecure households. While the federally-funded Summer and After School Nutrition Programs exist to fill those nutrition gaps, they are still not reaching all of the children who need them. This Town Hall will feature national and local anti-hunger advocates as they share why addressing hunger is essential to supporting families, engaging students, and strengthening summer and after school programs.

Moderator: Jenna Mendez, M.A., PPS, LPCC, District Foster Youth Counselor/Liaison, Corona-Norco Unified School District, Corona, CA

After five years in the foster system, eighteen-year-old Emilie returns to her family home to rebuild a fractured relationship with her mother and younger half-siblings. She wants to heal the trauma that haunts her and move towards a self-determined future. To do that, Emilie must gather the courage to reveal to her half-siblings the reason their father was imprisoned. Told with a commitment to emotional insight and dedication to Emilie’s subjective experience, this is the story of an extraordinarily courageous young woman finding the voice that was long denied to her.

An Innovative Approach to Engaging Teens and Cultivating Your Next Generation of Youth Workers
Jody Rhodes, M.S., Executive Director, Neu-Life Community Development, Milwaukee, WI

In this workshop, learn how a youth development program has developed an innovative model to engage middle and high school students in meaningful projects, programming, and initiatives while preparing them for the youth workforce. What started as an after-school program 23 years ago has now become the Youth Work Innovation Center, a center where teens accomplish amazing things while also getting the training they need for their futures. Currently, 64% of our staff are alumni of the program.

Black American Students and Community Connections
Krystal Clemons, Ph.D., LSC, NCC, NCSC, ACS, Founder/CEO, Clemons Education Consulting LLC, Charlottesville, Virginia

This session discusses interventions for Black students including creating partnerships with local Black churches, hair salons/barbershops, and Black Greek Letter Organizations. These partnerships provide multiple supports for schools and families and critical mentoring opportunities for students. Schools can use data to prioritize interventions and to show the overall effectiveness of the interventions.

CAPTURE THE TAG! - Expanded Learning New Field Content (NFC)
Joshua Blecha, Region Lead, R7 Fresno; Charles Clancy, Program Specialist, Central Valley RTAC for Community Schools; Lexie Rodgers-Velazquez, R7 Fresno, SEL Team Member, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, Fresno, CA; Fred Buggs, Education Programs Consultant, California Department of Education (CDE), Sacramento, CA

Capture the flag? No! CAPTURE THE TAG! Different game similar name! Kinda. Join us as we provide a GAME-LIKE experience where participants learn and explore complex topics related to Expanded Learning (ELO-P, ASES, 21st Century, CQI, Quality Standards, Community Schools, and more) and use that knowledge to save the world! Are you ready to... CAPTURE THE TAG?!

ELOP 2.0: How to Build a Program from Good to Great!
Julee Brooks, Chief Executive Officer; Danny Solas, Chief Program Officer; Hector Cortes, ICEF ELOP Coordinator, Woodcraft Rangers, Los Angeles, CA

California is three years into ELOP implementation, but many LEAs are still navigating the complex landscape surrounding its usage and implementation. Delivering high-quality programs that not only create equitable access to enrichment, but drive impactful and holistic youth development requires preparation, creativity, and vision. Woodcraft Rangers seeks to work as a collaborative partner in establishing a proven model for success rooted in over 100 years of DEI-focused work within the expanded learning field. Join Woodcraft Rangers and other partners to learn about the practices and programs that have been honed over decades of collaboration.
Empowering Students with Agency, Voice, and Choice
Christina Robert, Educator Support Specialist, ProSolve, Alpharetta, GA

Introducing SLED: A gamified leadership program where students work collaboratively to solve real problems in their community. In this collaborative workshop, you’ll dive into the five elements of student-led education and discover what is possible when we empower students with agency, voice, and choice in out-of-school time. Participants will leave with ready-to-apply strategies for bringing these concepts alive in your program.

Strand: ProSolve; Program Design, Development & Quality

Engage Every Student: The Power of Partnerships
Brandis Stockman, Program Manager, Education & Expanded Learning, National League of Cities, West Valley City, UT; Shital Shah, Senior Advisor, Strategic Partnerships, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.; Lisa Salazar, Executive Director, City of Los Angeles Youth Development Department, Long Beach, CA; Sheryl Davis, Ed.D., Executive Director, San Francisco Human Rights Commission, San Francisco, CA; Nicole Kooiker, Deputy Superintendent, Cedar Rapids Community School District, Cedar Rapids, IA

As modeled by the U.S. Department of Education’s Engage Every Student initiative, this session highlights the value of intentional collaboration between state and local school districts, elected officials, and afterschool and summer learning programs. Hear from municipal and school district leaders about how they are leveraging partnerships, and come away with a plan to develop sustainable partnerships to increase access to high-quality afterschool and summer learning programs.

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

Expanding Student Self-Awareness and Career Exposure with Find Your Grind
Juan Pablo Vásquez Varela, M.Ed., Director of Student Impact, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA; Eric Sarb, Account Executive; Erika Somogyi, Senior Customer Success Manager, Find Your Grind, Los Angeles, CA

We often ask our students what they want to do without asking them who they are or what motivates them. Find Your Grind is an innovative software platform that asks students to think about who they are before they decide what they want to do. Think Together has partnered with Find Your Grind to implement intentional career and opportunity exposure. Learn what steps we took to integrate Find Your Grind into a unit of study for students and where you can take students with this digital resource.

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

Finding the Forest Through the Trees: The Childcare Landscape
Elanna Yalow, MBA, Ph.D., Vice Chair and Senior Advisor, KinderCare Learning Companies, Portland, OR

Participants will experience an inspirational workshop that will illuminate their perspective with a big picture of the childcare landscape. Topics such as DEI, access, opportunity, the importance of a high-quality engaging curriculum, recruiting, hiring, and more will be covered from multiple perspectives. Attendees will walk away with a deeper understanding of best practices and will be able to actively engage with a premiere industry leader and expert in early childhood education.

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

Games You Should Know
Phil Brown, Senior Trainer, High 5 Adventure Learning Center, Brattleboro, VT

We all have a list of go-to games. I want to share my list of games I never leave home without. Everything from icebreakers to initiative problems. This will be a fast-paced, fun-filled workshop sure to energize you and give you lots of new ideas.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality

Inquire to Inspire: Paving Project Paths
Barry Schwartz, Vice President, Startup Smartup, San Francisco, CA

Dive into “Inquire to Inspire: Paving Project Paths and turn challenges into opportunities! Tailored for elementary through high school learners, this session equips you with tools to dissect challenges using strategic questions. Develop active observation, foster solution-oriented thinking, and pave clear paths for your projects. Explore, ask, and transform ideas into action. Join us in unlocking the power of purposeful questioning and crafting your project roadmap.
KiwiCo STEAM Kit Demonstration
Courtney Morgan, Account Manager; Emma Zang-Schwartz, MPH, Sales Operations Manager, KiwiCo, Mountain View, CA

Come join us to see our STEAM kits in action, ask questions, interact with the items in a class setting, and claim your free sample! We will be hosting a demo implementing our K-12 STEAM learning kits. Our team will be walking through the crates step by step as we all work to build the kits together. We will highlight various aspects of the crates and engagement opportunities coming from our supplemental materials. Plus, there will be recommendations for expanding on the kits over multiple days.

Strand: Medium Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality
Mesquite G/H

LEGO Education Maker’s Station Mini-Strand

LEGO® Education’s overall ambition is to future-proof students and inspire them to become confident lifelong learners. If we meet each student where they are, challenge them appropriately, and allow them meaningful failures, they’ll ultimately succeed. With LEGO Education learning experiences in your expanded learning programs, students become increasingly sophisticated in their ability to apply transferable STEAM, Literacy, and Numeracy practices to solving real-world problems in the regular school day and beyond. The LEGO EDUCATION EXPERIENCE 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.

Strand: LEGO Education Mini-Strand
Maker Station, PSCC

Let’s Showcase Our Field! Increasing Visibility Through Advocacy
Heather Williams, Director, Policy & Outreach; Leslye Lugo, Specialist, Policy & Outreach; Malia Villarreal, Senior Specialist, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

Civic engagement goes beyond voting in elections and encompasses a range of activities that contribute to the well-being and development of society. This workshop is designed to demystify advocacy, providing participants with the tools to advocate for youth needs effectively and highlighting the significance of OST programs in their communities. Join us to equip yourself with actionable tools aimed at elevating the visibility and impact of OST initiatives within your community.

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

No Bad Parts: Authentic Leadership
Susie Estrada, MPA, M.Ed., Family and Community Engagement Specialist, Utah State Board of Education, West Valley, UT

Through the power of storytelling, participants will work to empower themselves and each other as they self-reflect on the ways they present themselves in public spaces. Participants will identify the various faces of their identity and will work to reconcile them for effective leadership.

Strand: BOOST Ambassador; Staff Leadership
Pasadena

Positive Social Connections: Supporting the Development of Youth Relationship Skills
Nathaniel Hilliard, MPPA, Director, Training; Crystal Smith, Director, Teen Connection Project, Wyman Center, Inc., Eureka, MO

Strong, positive connections support healthier lives—as youth continue to report feeling isolated it is essential that staff are prepared to assist youth in developing healthy social relationships with their peers. This workshop builds knowledge and teaches strategies to increase connectedness, which is an essential promotive factor in healthy adolescent growth and development and an important protective factor when youth may face challenges in their lives.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Older Youth
Plaza B

Promoting Student and Community Connectedness and Wellness Using Sandy Hook Promise “Know the Signs” Programs and SAVE Promise Clubs
Christina Garza, Senior Director, Business Development; Veronica Gutierrez, Director, State & Community Partnerships, Sandy Hook Promise, Newtown, CT

Sandy Hook Promise is a national nonprofit organization with a mission to educate and empower youth and adults to prevent violence in schools, homes, and communities. Join us to learn about how your school or district can participate in the evidence-informed Know the Signs prevention programs, where students learn how to recognize, intervene, and get help for individuals who may be socially isolated and/or at risk of hurting themselves or others.

Strand: Partnerships & Building Relationships; Sustainability; Older Youth
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California invests $4 billion in ongoing funding for ELO-P to move us closer to universal access to expanded learning. This much-needed funding is new, and school districts and community partners need time, resources, and technical assistance to blend and braid ELO-P with existing afterschool funding, as well as strengthen their community partnerships to expand and create the most impactful programs possible. Join us to hear how communities and districts can partner to be more effective.

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**SPARK Physical Activity Strategies, Activities & More!**

Julie Frank, MPH, MBA, SPARK Executive Director, SPARK, Owatonna, MN

Don’t miss this ACTIVE session to experience SPARK After School – The World’s Most Evidence-Based Physical Education & Physical Activity Programs! Leave ready to create connections, including 3 strategies to ensure all youth are active, and build bridges (academic & SEL integrations) plus a chance to win equipment!

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**Social Anxiety: The Silent Pandemic That Needs a Louder Voice**

Kyle Mitchell, Founder, Social Anxiety Help, LLC, Floyds Knobs, IN

Kyle Mitchell takes us on his own personal journey through teen social anxiety with his 3 simple steps to overcoming it and creating solutions for a happier, healthier life. Come learn to get out of your comfort zone and build your confidence.

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**Sustaining Summer Learning: National Tools & Lessons from Tulsa**

Hillary Oravec, MA, Managing Partner, The Learning Agenda, Akron, OH; Brenda McLaughlin, Founding Partner, The Learning Agenda, Springfield, PA; Joe Berntsrill, Senior Consultant, The Learning Agenda, Ypsilanti, MI; Caroline Shaw Crouch, Executive Director - Communications and Strategy, Family, Tulsa Public Schools, Tulsa, OK

ESSER funding will sunset this year. Districts and cities leveraged stimulus funds to build system capacity and expand program access for youth who need it most. What now? This workshop will introduce free sustainability tools from The Wallace Foundation’s Summer Learning Toolkit and offer examples from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and other communities to guide your next steps. The session will be informative and interactive, with opportunities to explore strategies for your community.

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**Team Building: It’s in the Bag!**

Elinor Blankenship, Out-of-School Time Specialist, Utah Afterschool Network, Bountiful, UT

Team building activities are vital to helping your program staff and participants bond, but planning team building activities can be overwhelming. Don’t worry, it doesn’t have to be! In this session, we will go over the most important elements of team-building, how to use reflection, and how to create your own team-building bag so that you can run multiple activities from just one set of simple supplies.

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**T.H.R.I.V.E.: Creating Togetherness, Harmony, and Resilience by Influencing a Valuable and Empowering Workplace**


Our workplaces play a significant role in our lives. Work affects both our physical and mental well-being in good ways and bad. We can build workplaces that are engines of well-being, showing workers that they matter, that their work matters, and that they have the workplace resources and support necessary to flourish. T.H.R.I.V.E. is a guide to help employees and leaders create togetherness, harmony, and resilience by influencing a valuable and empowering workplace.
Unlocking STEM Experiences with Science Near Me
Candied Mack, Program and Events Coordinator, National Girls Collaborative Project, Brooktondale, NY

Explore Science Near Me, a free STEM database connecting you to citizen science, museums, festivals, and maker opportunities for your out-of-school time programs. Those with their own events to share can discover new resources, and partners and connect with the public. Through a hands-on citizen science project featured on Science Near Me, attendees will contribute to scientific research while discovering STEM content, field trips, and potential partnership opportunities to enrich their programs.

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

Young Storytellers on The Achievity Free Learning Tools for K-12 Educators, Students & Families!
Rachael Pierce Jones, Education Specialist; Pilier Alvarez, Education Director, Young Storytellers, Los Angeles, CA

Learn how your team can access and adapt learning videos and writing exercises to help young people write about their identities, interests, and lived experiences. You will receive a hands-on opportunity to explore and leverage Young Storytellers materials and exercises for students in 5th-12th grade on The Achievity, a FREE digital learning platform created by AT&T and Warner Bros. Materials are aligned with ELA CCSS and CASEL Core Competencies. We encourage you to bring your own tablets or laptops!

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

**INSPIRATION STATIONS**
1:15PM – 2:00PM

**Station A:** Rapid Relationship Building In-Person or Online!
Raynee Russell, Operations Manager/Lead Teacher, Global Kindness Initiative, San Francisco, CA

Come learn how to kick-start effective relationship-building with youth with fun games and activities both in online and in-person environments! Participants will learn best practices in SEL & Youth Development for building relationships & community within their classrooms and programs, no matter where you are!

**Station B:** Navigating Challenges in Fee-Based & Rate 2 ELO Programs: Strategies for Success
Sair Lara, Education Consultant, ELCA CEO, Expanded Learning Consultants and Advisors, Merced, CA

Unlock success in Fee-Based & Rate 2 ELO Programs! Tailored for administrators, directors, and program coordinators, this session addresses unique challenges and offers innovative strategies. Dive into funding dynamics and engagement techniques. Learn to build effective collaborations, ensuring sustained program impact. Explore evaluation methods for continuous improvement. Equip yourself with a comprehensive toolkit to navigate challenges and foster success in Fee-Based & Rate 2 ELO Programs.

**Station C:** The Power of TEACH to LEARN
Lynne Ann S. Fox, MA.Ed., MS.Ed., Global Education Director and Coach, FranklinCovey Education, West Valley City, UT

Join FranklinCovey Education and learn skills, tools, and resources to engage students in after-school programs. Discovery learning is a methodology that brings fun, joy, and connection between students, while empowering them with leadership and life skills! Participants will walk away with hands-on resources and ideas to implement immediately, and tools to empower students in a leadership environment.

**Station D:** Take Flight with Science Action Club
Akilah Alleyne, Education Program Coordinator, California Academy of Sciences - Science Action Club, San Francisco, CA

A bird’s wing shape determines how it flies and interacts with its environment. Test your engineering skills by investigating wing design and launching your own falcon or owl! While testing paper birds, explore ways to inspire middle school youth to connect to the natural world around them with Science Action Club (SAC). Nationwide, SAC partners with after-school organizations to help students learn about science, think critically and care about the environment around them. Take flight with SAC!

**Station E:** STEMfinity Makerspace: Crafting a Sustainable Future
Bill Albert, CEO & Founder, STEMfinity, Boise, ID

In this dynamic makerspace workshop, participants will embark on a STEM-centric journey with STEMfinity. They’ll explore the captivating intersection of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and sustainability through engaging hands-on activities that involve upcycling discarded materials into innovative and eco-friendly STEM projects.

**Station F:** Build Your Own Do-It-Yourself Whiteboard with Elemental Hardware DIY Enrichment
Aidan King, M.Ed., Senior Manager of Program Design and Instruction, Elemental Hardware Enrichment, Oxnard, CA

Learn how to build your very own whiteboard and walk away with fun facts about the origins of the whiteboard, how the design has evolved over time, and how to use the color wheel to choose and mix paint to decorate your whiteboard. Elemental Hardware Enrichment develops and delivers DIY Projects and Instruction that introduce students to basic carpentry and electrical skills while incorporating Core Curriculum and SEL principles into lesson plans.
Station G - Finding your SPARK through Stress and Overwhelm
Nicole Wilson, Community Programs Coordinator, SPARK Mentoring Programs, Brandon, FL
Join us for this make-and-take session where you will learn to find your unbreakable SPARK and leave ready to inspire the youth you serve to do the same. In this session, we will be demonstrating activities that teach essential emotional management skills, and you will leave with teaching tools such as snow globes and thought chains to easily implement what you learned to those you work with when you get home.

CAMP INSPIRE
1:15PM-2:00PM

STATION 1
Program Power Up!
Ronald Robinson, Growth Coach, Expanded Learning Academy, Roseville, CA
Experience the VIP Treatment through the Perfect Partnership Program. Learn to boost staff retention, quality recruitment, and ongoing professional development. Enhance staff commitment, foster strong external relationships, and reduce workplace stress. Benefit from program mentorship, access to annual symposiums, and a comprehensive curriculum. Cap it all off with an annual retreat to recharge. Join us now and take your organization to the next level!

STATION 2
Sport Stacking - An Inclusive Activity for All Students
Matt Burk, Director of Afterschool Programs, Speed Stacks, Inc., Larkspur, CO
A fun-filled workshop highlighting the basic Sport Stacking patterns plus games, games, and more games! Learn the benefits of Sport Stacking through this high-energy, movement-based session covering the physical and academic benefits of Sport Stacking. Highlighting individual and team-building exercises to promote inclusiveness amongst students through the unique activity of Sport Stacking.

BOOST BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
2:30PM-3:30PM
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!

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS II
3:45PM – 5:15PM (1.5 HOURS)

#iAmImpact Healing Circles
Nathan Houston, Founder/CEO; Nathaniel Wilson, Coordinator, #iAmImpact, Sacramento, CA
#iAmImpact healing circles are not a particular program or blueprint. Healing Circles are an invitation into intentional dialogue and exploration of what a community needs to ensure all members strengthen and maintain healthy relationships. In this interactive session, participants will experience the power of dialogue while building connection and community with one another. Our circle process represents equality and inclusivity and how all have a part to play in the symphony of life.

Build Your Own Do-It-Yourself Catapult with Elemental Hardware DIY Enrichment
Aidan King, M.Ed., Associate Director of Program Implementation; Sebastian Rizzi, Managing Director, Elemental Hardware Enrichment, Oxnard, CA
Learn how to build your very own wooden catapult and walk away with fun facts about the history of the catapult, how kinetic and potential energy play a role in objects, and how to decorate your catapult. Elemental Hardware Enrichment develops and delivers DIY project kits and instruction that introduce students to basic carpentry and electrical skills, granting them an enlightening glimpse into career pathways in the skilled trades while incorporating Core Curriculum and SEL principles.
Building Affinity Groups in the Workplace
Berencce Hernandez, Education Marketing Coordinator; Akilah Alleyne, Education Program Coordinator, California Academy of Sciences - Science Action Club, San Francisco, CA

Affinity groups in the workplace provide a safe place where folks of similar cultural backgrounds can unite and find community in a space that can otherwise be isolating. When staff are comfortable bringing their whole selves to work, youth see that joy modeled and feel safe themselves. Creating affinity groups can be challenging if staff feel unequipped with the proper tools. This session will introduce tools and resources that will help create affinity groups that leave a lasting impact.

Center Youth Voice: 5 Trauma-Informed Activities
Daniel Hatcher, MPH, Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Washington, D.C.; Cassandra Arechiga, Trauma-Informed Care Specialist, Woodcraft Rangers, Los Angeles, CA; Sunny Vachher, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, SUNNY, Producer, TED/TED-Ed, United Nations Ambassador, Los Angeles, CA

Belonging and connectedness are essential for youth well-being; at the heart of this is storytelling. In this interactive panel, attendees will learn simple trauma-informed activities to help youth (and adults) find and share their voice. All resources shared are free and publicly available.

College and Career Success for All: Partnering with AVID to Change the Odds in Expanded Learning
Juan Pablo Vásquez Varela, M.Ed., Director of Student Impact, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA; Dr. Trent Mohrbutter, Program Specialist, AVID for Higher Education, AVID, San Diego, CA

AVID and Think Together have developed a program that integrates AVID strategies for building relational capacity, developing student skills, and fostering student agency. Learn about the structures, systems, and conditions for success in bringing AVID into the expanded learning systems of support for students, and get a chance to explore some of the tools and resources that have been developed to support an odds-changing program that prepares students for college and career success.

Discover the Secret to Effective SEL Through Movement and Fun!
Sami Kader, Owner, Sami’s Circuit, Roseville, CA

Dive into this motivating workshop that combines the power of physical movement with social-emotional learning! Embark on an inspiring journey led by Sami himself as he shares the story of his own childhood experiences and how they led to the creation of Sami’s Circuit, an innovative program that brings SEL concepts to life through kinesthetic learning. Experience Sami’s Circuit firsthand as you join in the energetic movement and motivation that’s at the heart of this transformative program!

Empowering Inclusive Learning: Strategies for Nurturing Students with Special Needs in the Classroom
Vickie Brett, Esq., Co-Founder and Executive Director; Amanda Selogie, J.D., Co-Founder and Executive Director, Inclusive Education Project, Huntington Beach, CA

Unlock the power of inclusive education! Join us to discover effective strategies for supporting special needs students in classrooms and after-school programs. Enhance your skills and create an inclusive learning environment for all.

Empowering Tomorrow’s Innovators: Integrating Invention and Intellectual Property Education Into Your Program
Christine Lawlor-King, Invention Education Consultant, Lemelson-MIT, Manchester, CT; Kathy Hoppe, Owner, STEM’s ED, Rio Rico, AZ

Join us for an immersive session that invites participants to embark on a hands-on invention challenge. From problem definition to sketching solutions, prototyping, and branding, this interactive workshop will empower attendees to unleash the inventive spirit of the youth they work with in after-school programs. The invention challenge will positively impact youth by fostering engagement and excitement in STEAM. Youth take pride in their creation and envision themselves as inventors.
Exploring Engineering: User-Centered Design
Lauren Cage, M.A., Professional Development Specialist, The Tech Interactive, San Jose, CA

Join us to learn strategies for creative problem-solving and empathy-building in youth using design challenges from our Exploring Engineering with The Tech Challenge course. You’ll gain experience with the innovation design process (brainstorming, prototyping, and sharing solutions) and user-centered design and walk away with an empathy-focused design challenge you can try with your students.

For Us, By Us: Program Design Using Student Voice
LaTasha Golden, M.Ed., Vice President, The Golden Foundation, Inc., Boston, MA

In this workshop, you’ll be introduced to a collaborative process of using student feedback and student voice to inform the design and development of your OST program. Anchored in research and using a Student Experience Framework as an example, we will cover the core values of student voice, design thinking elements, and continuous improvement practices. This workshop is for all program staff and leaders who want to learn how to make their OST program for students, by students.

Game Changing Investments in Emerging Leaders
Jim Walter, M.A., Senior Consultant/Superintendent, Intentional Schools, Clare, MI

Equipping emerging leaders with essential skills sets the table for their (and your school or organizational) success. Success is linked to talent and skill development. This workshop is designed to foster the right skills to lead with vulnerability, empathy, and confidence. We’ll dive into leadership styles, effective feedback, delegation & micromanaging, failure & resilience, psychological safety & trust, and more. These lead to visionary leadership, retention, and growth!

How to Create a Comprehensive Foster Youth Program
Jenna Mendez, M.A., PPS, LPCC, District Foster Youth Counselor/Liaison; Kara McDonnell, M.S., PPS, School Counselor, Corona-Norco Unified School District, Corona, 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-promise population. Financial options and how to continue growing the program will be discussed.

How Two County Offices of Education Partnered to Build Professional Capacity of Site Coordinators
Asha Levert-McDowell, M.Ed., Program Manager; Christina Biasca, Program Coordinator; Chris Meza, Program Coordinator, Napa County Office of Education, Napa, CA; Shamia Sandles, M.A., Program Director; Akilah Byrd, Director, Alameda County Office of Education, Hayward, CA

Alameda County Office of Education and Napa County Office of Education developed a partnership to train site coordinators throughout the Bay Area region. Facilitators will share learnings from the program’s inception and its exciting new developments of growth. Participants will understand the importance of investing in the development of site coordinators, how partnership and collaboration are necessary for success, and how this model could be replicated.

Hungry to Learn
Moderator: Kelsey Boone, Senior Child Nutrition Policy Analyst, Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), Washington, D.C.

HUNGRY TO LEARN introduces the faces behind an American crisis — college students so strapped to pay tuition that they don’t have enough money to eat or a place to live. A lack of food is just a symptom of a bigger problem, the American Dream of a college education slipping out of reach. It is the story of how colleges, once places for children of privilege, opened their doors to students of limited means but failed to provide enough financial aid to allow these new students to graduate without making painful choices. This documentary is not just about the devastating hunger crisis unfolding on American campuses, it is about what can — and should — be done about it.
Learning Doesn’t Stop in Summer: The Benefits of Intentional, High-Quality Summer Programming

Jane Kim-Ware, Director of Champions Summer Programming, KinderCare Learning Companies, Laguna Hills, CA

Providing continuity of care through summer benefits the entire school community. Students win when they experience high-quality enrichment and schools win when they can recruit and retain staff more efficiently. Participants who join this workshop will learn about the hidden benefits of offering a year-round pre-K and school-age childcare option for parents, students, and staff.

**Strand:** Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Sustainability

Leveraging Community Schools to Prevent Homelessness for Families and Their Youth

William Gomez, MSW, Program Director and District Consultant; Antonio Perez, Student Services Director; Liz Calderón-Garcia, Community Schools District Coordinator; Michelle Griffith, Director of Community Schools, Redwood City School District (RCSD), Redwood City, CA

RCSD’s THRIVE program is an adaptation of a pilot program that ran from December 2019 to November of 2023 in Redwood City, CA that worked to increase the identification of students and their households that were experiencing housing insecurity/homelessness and provide community-centered case management to identified and referred households; the program deepens the community school model and leverages key partnerships to disrupt housing insecurity and homelessness in the Redwood City community. The presentation will highlight the importance of intentional collaboration between stakeholders to achieve a successful warm collaboration between schools, districts, and community-based organizations that provides essential linkages to community resources for families and youth.

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

Leveraging Emotional Intelligence as an Academic Leader

Dr. Christine Fuselier, Dean of Instruction, Bryant Stratton College, Henrico, VA

Leveraging emotional intelligence is essential for successful team/class collaboration and progress. Emotional intelligence involves recognizing, understanding, and managing one’s emotions and those of others. Join this session to learn how to increase the quality of communication within your relationships and gain insight into how to respond thoughtfully and constructively when faced with challenging situations.

**Strand:** Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Out-of-School Explorations for People and the Planet

Erin Snyder, Senior Resource Educator, Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District, Riverside, CA

Tap into students’ growing environmental awareness with collaborative games, simulations, and projects that harness STEM skills and civic engagement. Engage in interdisciplinary activities that examine natural resource use, climate change, population trends, habitat conservation, and more. Learn ways to use these activities to ignite discussion and creative problem-solving around real-world issues, while building skills in communication and cooperation.

**Strand:** Program Design, Development & Quality

Overcoming Gangs, Drugs, and Trafficking: A Survivor’s Story

Martha Trujillo, Youth Support Specialist Outreach Coordinator, Orangewood Foundation, Santa Ana, CA

Hear a survivor’s story of how family dysfunction, community influence, and educational obstacles impacted her journey from being in foster care to getting a Master’s Degree. Human trafficking occurs all over the world but in smaller communities like Orange County it looks very different. How can educators be aware of the signs of a student who may be experiencing exploitation? Come learn more about how Human Trafficking is occurring in our communities and the power of resilience.

**Strand:** Storyteller’s Cafe

Power Up Your Teaching! Create Smart Energy Managers on Your Campus

Tess Hooper, MESM, Project Manager; Bahar Pahlevani, Project Coordinator, The Energy Coalition, Irvine, CA

Inspire your students to think like energy managers by designing a community microgrid system! This session will cover the US energy system, energy resilience, and the transition toward decentralized energy generation. Geared towards 9-12th grade educators, this NGSS standards-aligned lesson plan is easily adaptable to fit the needs of younger students. Participants will leave the workshop with concepts and strategies to implement this lesson with their students.

**Strand:** Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Older Youth
Putting Confidence First: How to Empower Lifelong Learners
Joshua Faden, MAT, President/Founder, Community of Teachers, Kensington, MD

What happens when students stop believing in themselves as learners? How do we empower resistant learners to become excited, engaged participants in their own educational journeys? The key is building student confidence! But how? This session shares stories and explicitly lays out strategies and tools to help teachers, parents, and students speak a common language of confidence. Come learn how putting confidence first will cultivate a generation of excited, lifelong learners!

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships
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Rooted in Growth: Expanded Learning Foundations for Site Coordinators
Troy Selvey, Manager, Equity & Quality, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

We at CAN believe that Site Coordinators are the foundation to ensuring we have quality programs. They play a critical role in the success of communities, families, and youth in various ways. Join us as we share 10 things we believe Site Coordinators should know as they step into their roles in Expanded Learning to help enhance and support their effectiveness.

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

Skillastics: Motivating the Unmotivated Student to Move
Sandy Slade, CEO & Founder, Skillastics, Corona, CA

This session steps outside the box of traditional fitness activities and provides participants with innovative ideas that demonstrate how to easily get children up and moving and transform their attitudes about physical activity. Don’t miss this one-of-a-kind workshop.

Strand: Large Exhibitor Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality
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Solving Inevitable Conflict Through a Yes/And Strategy
Háppi Price, MA, Founder/CEO, Improv 2 Improvement LLC, Los Angeles, CA

We all live in an improvised mode from when we wake up and go to bed. Being spontaneously creative is an innate ability we all can develop to find balance in our lives. Because conflict, good or bad, is inevitable, making critical choices to achieve a quality of life is vital to supporting the lives we serve. Join me on an interactive educational journey exploring universal strategies that can be implemented in the human experience through applied improvisation.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Sustainability; Old Youth
Mesquite A

Surviving 10: Tips & Strategies to Help Our Most Vulnerable Students Through Their Trauma
DJ Johnson, M.Ed., DJ Inspires LLC, Whittier, CA

The numbers say that as your ACE score increases, so does your risk of disease and social and emotional problems. People with an ACE score of 6 or higher are at risk of their lifespan being shortened by 20 years! 20 years?!?! As daunting as those numbers may be, we know that resilience is a major factor in kids having the ability to overcome their childhood trauma. How do we help our most vulnerable population? Meet them where they are at as much as you can.

Strand: Partnerships & Building Relationships, Old Youth
Pasadena

Work-Based Learning Opportunities - A Win for OST & Community Partners
Moderator: Siddhartha Vivek, President & CEO, Junior Achievement, San Diego, CA
Panelists: Dr. David Miyashiro, Superintendent, Cajon Valley Union School District, El Cajon, CA

Learn data-driven outcomes from practitioners in the field who continue to apply classroom and out-of-school-time lessons/requirements to empower students with tangible workforce skills and access to work-based learning opportunities. Hear the corporate, NGO, and governmental perspectives on why workforce development is the biggest opportunity for out-of-school time programming.

Strand: BOOST Nation Town Hall; Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships
Madera
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!

LOUNGE EVENT
5:30PM - 6:30PM
Minute to Win It
Join us for an exhilarating hour of fun, laughter, and excitement as you tackle our “Minute to Win It” style challenges! Test your skills and speed in a series of quick-paced contests designed to thrill and entertain. Winners will walk away with fantastic prizes, making this an event you won’t want to miss!

THINK RED INSPIRE & PAINT
6:00PM - 8:00PM
Presented by Think Red Project
Hosted by Drag Queen Krystal
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 (Krystal), Nathan Mohle from San Diego, CA.

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.

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KARAOKE PARTY & TALENT SHOW
8:00PM-9:30PM
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.
### FRIDAY, MAY 3

#### 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.

#### MORNING RECESS

**7:30AM - 8:30AM**

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 last day.

**Mindfulness Coloring - Teaching Emotional Regulation and Awareness in a Pre-K-5 Setting**

In this activity, we will explore the importance of mindfulness and emotional regulation in children of different age groups. While taking part in one of the most helpful meditation tools in the classroom setting - Mindfulness Coloring - we will discuss common situations that we encounter as educators and how to address them from a place of emotional awareness. Participants will leave this activity with tools to address a multitude of student engagement scenarios (from behavior, concentration, outbursts, disinterest, and more!) as well as the language and approaches for incorporating mindfulness into the classroom.

#### MORNING WORKSHOPS

**9:15AM-11:15AM (2 HOURS)**

**A Mix of Art and Science: Telling Your Program’s Story**

*Carrie Underwood, MA, Consultant, Research and Evaluation, Sperling Center for Research and Innovation, Charlotte, NC; Danny Martinez, Senior Consultant; Katie Choate, Consultant, Sperling Center for Research and Innovation, Bellingham, WA*

Know your program makes a difference but unsure how you’ll collect and share your impact with key stakeholders? This session will help you do just that. Attendees will learn to tell the story of their program by thinking about data differently, knowing what to collect, and implementing a quick and effective impact reporting process. This session will empower attendees to see how ALL data, even the unexpected, can be used for recruitment, marketing, and celebration. Learn to share your wow!

**Beyond Men and Masculinity**

*Moderator: Nathan Houston, Founder/CEO, #iAmImpact, Sacramento, CA*

This is not a film about men versus women. BEYOND MEN AND MASCUINITY explores how men see themselves, how they relate to the people they care about, and how the personal affects the political. What happens when men are taught to shut themselves off from their feelings because they want to be strong and independent? What is the connection between shame and male violence? Why is it so difficult for us to appreciate kindness and compassion in men? And what role do women play in defining what is expected of men and masculinity? A discussion about these sometimes uncomfortable questions is more important today than ever. From the therapy room to the political battlefield, this provocative film offers a clear insight into why we need to look beyond traditional definitions of men and masculinity.
Cooking is Hot! Hot! Hot!  
Ann Butler, Founder, The Edible Education Group, Midlothian, VA

Interested in expanding or starting a cooking program? This seminar is for you! Pop by to learn and understand the basics of starting a cooking program and funding resources to create OST chefs!

Crafting Champions: A Playful Approach to Staff Leadership Mindset for Success  
Bryn Drescher, Facilitator/Speaker, Brynergy Productions, Los Angeles, CA

Join us for an interactive journey where we’ll transform your after-school staff into leadership champions. Just like in sports, it takes strategy, teamwork, and a dash of creativity to win. Get ready to unlock your staff’s full potential and lead them to victory!

Cultivating Meaningful Partnerships at Every Level  
Moderator: Johanna Lizarraga, Executive General Manager, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA  
Panelists: Veronica Vallejo: Site Program Manager, Think Together, Palm Springs, CA; Samira Mejia, General Manager, Think Together, Riverside, CA; Ricardo Molina: Quality Assurance Coach, Think Together, San Jose, CA; Maria Bolivar, Director of Program and Operations, Think Together, San Gabriel Valley, CA

Partnership is essential for the success and vitality of the expanded learning industry. As our industry and funding expand, organizations must cultivate meaningful partnerships at every level. From site staff to regional leaders, success comes from a holistic approach to relationship building. Join us for a hybrid session featuring practical tools and resources to improve partnerships followed by a panel of diverse leaders from the field sharing their best practices, experiences, and advice.

Don’t Leave Money on the Table: Strategizing About Accessing Potential Remaining Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds  
Moderators: Terry K. Peterson, Ph.D., “Godfather of Afterschool” and Senior Advisor, Mott Foundation, Charleston, SC; Tiffany Gipson, Director, Equity and Quality, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA  
Panel Members: Robin Berlinsky, CEO, Engaging Creative Minds, Charleston, SC; Amy Keely, Director, South Carolina Afterschool Leaders Empowered, The Riley Institute at Furman University, Greenville, SC; Ana Zandarin, Director, Summer Arts for Learning Academy, Arts for Learning Maryland, Baltimore, MD

Some school districts have significant unused federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for learning recovery and they need to spend them by January 2025 or contract them and use them by March 2026…or lose them! Learn strategies from current rural and urban programs on how you can tap into and leverage unused ARP funds to enhance your programs.

Don’t Run, Stay for the TK FUN!  
Heather Speers-Tardiff, Program Manager, Bay Area Community Resources (BACR), Antioch, CA; Na’Dra Hennington, Expanded Learning Program Manager, Bay Area Community Resources (BACR), El Cerrito, CA

Calling all TK/K superheroes! Are you looking to enhance your TK/K programs? Well, we have just what you need! Join us as we dive into TK/K program design that offers children experiences and environments that encourage active, playful exploration and experimentation. This workshop will utilize a “Hands On Minds On” approach to TK/K, allowing children’s interests to drive their learning.

Environments That Never Quit: Creating Impactful Spaces  
Meghan Belknap, Area Manager, KinderCare Learning Companies, Washington, D.C.; Jordan Leonard, Champions Area Manager, Gresham-Barlow, Hood River County, and Hermiston School District, Hermiston, OR

Curating learning environments from corner to corner encourages play, exploration, emotional safety, and self-respect and gives students a sense of value and belonging. Explore how a learning environment and curriculum can reach beyond the physical walls of your program space. High-quality program environments enhance engagement and learning outcomes. Learn with plug-and-play tactics to elevate your program, improve collaboration between staff and students, and maximize opportunities for children.
Everybody Reads: Strategies to Build Literacy Engagement Partnerships
Sheryl Davis, Ed.D., Executive Director, San Francisco Human Rights Commission, San Francisco, CA

This hands-on interactive workshop will share strategies used to build literacy engagement partnerships with libraries, community-based organizations, and families. As a result of attending this workshop participants will explore how to develop and apply community-centered approaches to collaboration and power-sharing with youth, families, summer programs, and other potential partner organizations, like libraries and city agencies. Sample materials will be shared.

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

Examining and Enhancing Culturally Affirming SEL and Equity in Program Design
Bryanna Kolja, Program Manager, Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility, New York, NY

Examine, plan, and enhance your Culturally Affirming and equitable program design and practice through our session on “SEL and Equity in Mapping”. Attendees will reflect on current program practices, policies, and the overall program community and begin to identify opportunities to co-create more equitable and culturally affirming communities.

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

Expanding Interest: How Monarch School Project Sparked Student Interest in Data Science During the Summer
Delia Contreras, MA, Manager of Research and Evaluation, Monarch School Project, San Diego, CA

Helping students develop their interests is an educator’s priority, but how do you work with students who claim to have no interests? At Monarch School, we believe that seemingly uninterested students are simply unaware that there is something out there to be interested in. Come and learn how Monarch School partnered with The DataJam to create interest in Data Science among middle and high school students.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

Facilitating Wellness for Self and Others
Lupine Reppert, MPA, Executive Director, California School-Age Consortium, Pittsburg, CA

Self-care and wellness are hot topics – and something we all know we need - but what does wellness look like in practice? How can we build ongoing practices to support self-care in our own lives, and as leaders of others, how can we facilitate an organizational culture that authentically supports staff in finding their own path towards wellness? Join this session to identify and share self-care practices, as well as explore ways to infuse wellness across your organization.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; CA Focus

From Beats to Badges: A Journey with (A)LIVE
Andjoua McLemore, Program Manager, Big Thought, Dallas, TX

Discover the transformative power of (A)LIVE: (Art) Lifting Inspired Voices Everywhere- a youth poetry program, where Social-Emotional Learning, Literary Arts, and Hip-Hop intersect. Hear compelling stories and data-driven insights showcasing the importance of youth skill-building post-pandemic. Then, experience the impact of (A)LIVE with an interactive workshop where you’ll explore how empowering opportunity youth to “Create Great” is narrowing the racial wealth gap.

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Older Youth

Get FAST and FURIOUS with Omnikin!
Scotty Williams, M.Ed, Omnikin US Coordinator, Omnikin, Charlottesville, VA; PJ Hamel, International Kin-Ball Federation, Omnikin, Montreal, Quebec

Join in this fast-paced, action-packed workshop of FUN that will leave everyone begging for more! With everything from large group cooperative challenges to intense fitness games to hilarious partner tag activities, this session will have it all! Omnikin’s wide range of colorful, dynamic, awe-inspiring products are crowd-pleasers by themselves, but our activities will solidify that your program is the place to be! Come join Team Omnikin today and blow your students away!
Growing School & OST Partnerships to Support Student Well-Being
Jeff Davis, Executive Director, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

There has never been a better time to partner across sectors to advance Whole Child Health and Wellness. To ensure that California maximizes unprecedented investments in student well-being, it will require various education, health, mental health, and other human services to collaborate in ways they have not typically done. Join us and learn about partnering with CA’s Expanded Learning ecosystem to align multiple funding sources to support student, family, and community well-being.

Strand: California AfterSchool Network; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Sustainability; CA Focus

How to Fulfill ELO-P Intent with Efficient Management
Helen Wang, Ph.D., Founder, 6crickets Expanded Learning Management Solutions, Bellevue, WA; Michele Reid, MA, Director of Expanded Learning, Visalia Unified School District, Visalia, CA

By supporting 9-hour days and 30 intersession days, ELO-P is a historic initiative that closes a glaring opportunity gap. It is also a tremendous undertaking, building a school outside of school. The operation involves families, students, community partners, and district staff. Using successful district examples like Visalia, Bonsall, Del Mar, Chowchilla, we share some recipes and best practices for managing a quality ELO-P for districts large or small, suburban or rural to meet the ELO-P intent.

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

Lighting the Way - Building STEM Identity and Belonging for BIPOC Girls and Gender-Expansive Youth
Brittiany Jones, Senior Manager, Partnerships; Caitlin Davis, M.Ed., Manager of Educator Training and Support, Techbridge Girls, Oakland, CA

This dynamic session will include discussion and hands-on activities. We will focus on an approach to developing a sense of belonging in STEM spaces for BIPOC girls. Participants will engage in a hands-on activity designed to center BIPOC contributions to STEM and disrupt the stock story of STEM for and by white men. Participants will also reflect on their learning and explore strategies for creating spaces of belonging for BIPOC girls and gender-expansive youth.

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

Model of Innovative Practice: Best Practices for Families in Need of Services
John Acosta, MBA, Homeless Innovation Program Coordinator, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, Atascadero, CA; Carrie Collins, Family Advocate Services Director, The Link Family Resource Center, Atascadero, CA; Mariana Gutierrez, Family Resource Center Program Supervisor, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo, CA

Communities and schools face unique challenges in identifying, supporting, and connecting with families who need services. San Luis Obispo County’s SAFE System of Care was identified by CDE as a Model of Innovative Practice: scalable best practices for wraparound services, blending and braiding of funds, and strategies that have a positive impact on student/family connection and achievement.

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

Open Space, Open Minds- The Unworkshop
Connect, reflect, and network by joining 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 your learning from BOOST. No facilitators, no agenda, just an open space to convene, collaborate, and create new paths forward in your classroom, program, and community.

Strand: Program Development, Design & Quality

Resilience: Life Throws Curveballs
Dee Hankins, Inspirational Speaker, 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 life has thrown at you and learn how your resilience can turn life’s curveballs into amazing stories.

Strand: Staff Leadership; Older Youth

Pasadena
Shine Time Storytelling
Rita Naranjo, MA, Professor, MiraCosta College, Oceanside, CA

Rita thoughtfully connects her personal life story to her experiences growing up in foster care, being incarcerated in her youth, and becoming a mother at 15, have not stopped her. Rita’s commitment to community advocacy, her personal, political, cultural, and professional journey, and years of educational study and research, into unique and passionate demonstrations that promote critical dialogue, community building, and social justice.

Si Se Puede! Summer Reading Gains Through an Innovative Partnership
Sarah Grams, M.A., Director of Innovation and Programs, Cesar Chavez Foundation, Los Angeles, CA; Tobie Pace, Senior Director Extended Learning Opportunities; Lisa Sheldon, Operations Specialist Extended Learning Opportunities, San Diego Unified School District, San Diego CA

Learn from the innovative summer partnership model between district and non-profit teams that has led to San Diego Unified School District’s growing summer student enrollment and improved teacher experience. The Cesar Chavez Foundation and San Diego Unified School District will share our approach to co-designing a 5-week summer learning program that combines ELA standards, SEL, and art to create an academic model that feels distinctly different than during-year learning while leading to significant reading growth.

Systematizing Our Values: What Do Compassion, Empathy, and Caring Look Like on Your Campus?
Jose Luis Navarro, CEO, The Navarro Group, Porter Ranch, CA

We all say we love our students, but what does love look like on your campus? Does your vision, mission, and operations reflect those values? While technology and curriculum will change, the need for compassion, empathy, and integrity will not. Do the systems in our schools foster those values? By making genuine connections with students and staff, you will know the key to shifting your school or district’s culture. Restorative Practices and engaging our community partners to create a Community School are a necessary part of this transformational process.

TSP’s Fun Teambuilding & Confidence Building Activity with the Afterschool Sports Program Team!
Fred Rasuli, Co-Founder & CEO; Broc Hamilton, Afterschool Program Director, TSP Afterschool Sports Program, Turlock, CA

Engage in activities to get everyone working together as a team with lots of fun & music added. Not only bring you back to your childhood, but you get to see the activity performed and the direct effect it can have on young person’s behaviors and mental health. Physical team building is the way to build positive relationships, with your peers & adult leaders. It allows everyone to connect and bond which contributes to a positive culture and environment. With team building activity, we have been able to create an environment that kids can THRIVE & SUCCEED, which ultimately brings PURPOSE to their day-to-day life.
CLOSING & RAFFLE
11:15AM - 12:00PM

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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You will find a BOOST BINGO card in your conference tote bag. Step into the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday and Thursday and have your BOOST BINGO card ready. Here’s how to play:

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 2023 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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### EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

**WEDNESDAY** 7:30 AM - 4:00PM  
**THURSDAY** 8:00AM - 3:31PM

### MEALS IN EXHIBIT HALL

**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast & Snack during Afternoon BOOST Break  
**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast, Lunch & Snack during BOOST Break

### BOOST BREAKS

**WEDNESDAY**  
9:45AM - 10:15AM  
1:30PM - 2:30PM  
**THURSDAY**  
12:00PM - 1:00PM  
2:30PM - 3:30PM

### POP UP DEALS

**THURSDAY**  
Starting at 2:30PM
2024 BOOST EXHIBITORS

!Mpact Players
Booth 465
www.4impactplayers.com

!Mpact Players look for engaging activities and find a way to teach it in a simple way with onscreen highlights, demonstrations with actual players, conference and Zoom training videos, and more. We design most games, use inspiration from other games, incorporate games that we are taught and create new spins on classic games.

3Doodler
Booth 401
www.3doodler.com

Founded in 2012, 3Doodler is a technology company making creativity tangible through its range of 3D printing pens and accessories. 3Doodler is recognized by educators as an easy-to-use classroom tool for open-ended problem solving, self-expression, and project-based learning. It is used across subjects to help students of all ages and ability levels make real-world connections.

4imprint
Booth 301 & 303
www.4imprint.com

4imprint offers over 40,000 promotional products to help schools and organizations create opportunities for leadership development, learning and building student engagement. Stop at our booth and Enter to Win a $500 promotional product order! Visit 4imprint.com, call 877-446-7746, or email 4care@4imprint.com!

6crickets Expanded Learning Management Solutions
Booth 429
www.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!"

9 Square in the Air
Front Porch 2
www.9squareintheair.com

9 Square in the Air® is the original fun and addictive group game that students love! “9 Square fever” is sweeping across the country, and has proven to be incredibly popular with students of all ages over the past 12 years. It’s a perfect lead up game to volleyball, and promotes teamwork and good citizenship. Our portable game can be used indoors or outside, is height-adjustable, with simple set up and easy storage. Our permanent playground game is available for the school who can’t get enough.

95 Percent Group
Booth 601
www.95percentgroup.com

95 Percent Group is an education company whose mission is to build on science to empower teachers - supplying the knowledge, resources, and support they need - to develop strong readers. Using an approach that is based in structured literacy, the company’s One95 literacy ecosystem integrates professional learning and evidence-based literacy products into one cohesive system that supports consistent instructional routines across tiers and is proven and trusted to help students close skill gaps.

100 Mile Club
Booth 608
www.100mileclub.com

Since 1993, 100 Mile Club has helped lead the effort to prevent childhood inactivity and obesity at schools across the nation. We are a physical activity and life skills based program for students, with the goal to run or walk 100 miles during a single year, while being recognized and celebrated with award-winning incentives. More than just a running program, important life lessons are learned along a student’s journey. Our vision is healthy, happy, connected kids, families, and communities!

Active Education
Booth 557
www.activeeducation.com

Active Education helps children play and build social skills through physical and mental activities. We empower students to resolve conflicts, solve problems and become more engaged learners. Our instructors work with children in local Schools to provide fun, activities, and games as a vehicle to support reducing discipline, increase child physical activity, and be mentors.
After School Music Academy
Booth 431
www.afterschoolmusicacademy.org
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.

Afterschool Alliance
Booth 615
www.afterschoolalliance.org
The Afterschool Alliance works to ensure that all youth have access to affordable, quality after-school programs by engaging public will to increase public and private investment in after-school program initiatives at the national, state, and local levels.

Arly
Booth 604
www.arly.com
Arly is a comprehensive youth management platform for all of your school-based childcare programs, unlike any software on the market today. From afterschool activities to extended day childcare and summer, Arly makes it easy to embed evidence-based practices that drive high-quality experiences and impact all year long. 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

ASSIST Programs
Booth 213
www.AssistPrograms.org
ASSIST Programs offers direct services for recess support and after school enrichment. Assist brings the physical fitness and nutrition education to your school site for grades K-8th. We are an educators best first job! At Assist we recruit, hire, train, clear, and qualify future leaders on your campus!

Authorable
Booth 841
www.authorable.com
We invite classrooms behind the scenes of book publishing! As an after school staff member, you deserve something easy to implement, yet fun for kids. Featuring video lessons from a best-selling author, our 8-week enrichment program has everything your team needs to give your students an experience they won’t forget!

BLICK Art Materials
Booth 521
www.dickblick.com
Blick Art Materials is the leader in art supplies in the U.S. since 1911 offering 100,000 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.

bMyAI LLC
Booth 831
www.bmyai.com
At bMyAI, we are pioneering a new era of education equipping elementary-grade students with the tools and knowledge to thrive in a world driven by artificial intelligence (AI). Our after-school programs are designed to ignite curiosity, foster critical thinking, and inspire creativity in young minds, all while harnessing the power of AI. Join us at bMyAI to explore, discover, and innovate with AI, empowering students to become lifelong learners and leaders in the digital age.

BOOST Collaborative
Booth 0101 & 0105
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.

Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks
Booth 443
www.boxcarsandoneeyedjacks.com
We support afterschool programs with math and literacy games, professional development for teachers and families.
At Brains & Motion, we’re embarking on an exciting mission: to bridge the enrichment gap and light up the path to learning success! Imagine a world where every child has the opportunity to explore captivating STEM, Arts, Entrepreneurship and Sports adventures not only during school hours, but also after school and throughout those unforgettable summer days.

BrainStorm STEM Education
Booth 453
www.brainstormedu.com
Our innovative line of NGSS Standard Aligned STEM Kits are game changers for After-School programs and camps. Each STEM Kit 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!

Brown Dog Gadgets
Booth 501 & 503
www.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.

BusTest Express
Get on the Bus Space 1
www.bustestexpress.com
BusTest Express can collaborates with any LEA, District, and/or community partner to bring custom retrofitted Mobile Expanded Learning Centers directly to school sites parking lots on an on-going and re-occurring schedule, any time of the day. Our full-service, turnkey mobile solution is hassle-free and perfect for students in low-income and/or rural communities.

California Adventure Camps
Booth 813
www.californiagadgets.com
At California Adventure Camps we provide services throughout CA School Districts for ELO-P and After/Before-School Programs. Our passion is enhancing children’s lives by providing life-changing enrichment experiences not otherwise accessible to students. We offer award winning talents, awe-inspiring enrichment experiences, and premium staff. With passion, excellence, leadership, integrity, and collaboration, our goal is to provide students with experiences that will inspire them for a lifetime.

California AfterSchool Network
Booth 225
www.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 provide the resources and support needed by the OST field and its partners across sectors to build high quality OST programs that improve the lives of California’s most vulnerable children, youth, families, and communities.

California Healthy Kids Resource Center
Booth 219
www.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 about health related research and instructional materials to support effective programs for students.

California School-Age Consortium (CalSAC)
Front Porch 3
www.calsac.org
The California School-Age Consortium (CalSAC) builds professional networks that provide training, leadership development and advocacy to ensure that all young people have access to high quality out-of-school time programs and to create a more equitable future for California.

Champions® Before- and After-School Programs
Booth 201
www.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 650 sites in 28 states and the District of Columbia.
Clever Crazes for Kids
Booth 606
www.clevercrazes.com
Clever Crazes for Kids® (CCK) is an Always FREE, Always FUN educational enrichment website and app designed for students in preK-8th grades in schools, after-school programs, and homes across the country. CleverCrazes.com is a TRUSTe-certified child-safe, STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) based website available on computers and tablets that engages students in learning, building self-esteem, making healthy choices, and staying physically fit.

CodeREV Kids
Booth 839
www.coderevkids.com
At CodeREV Kids, our mission is to provide children with exciting, confidence-building STEM experiences with technology through robotics and coding. We provide full turn-key solutions for after-school, summer, or other intersessional programs as well as curriculum products such as robots.

Collaborative Classroom
Booth 821
www.collaborativeteachercollection.org
Collaborative Classroom is a mission-driven, nonprofit organization committed to ensuring that all students become readers, writers, and thinkers who learn from, care for, and respect one another. Collaborative Classroom’s evidence-based programs help children develop as proficient readers and writers, appreciate the ideas and opinions of others, learn to agree and disagree respectfully, think critically about big ideas, and become responsible citizens of the world.

Communakit
Booth 833
www.communakit.com
Makers of hands-on speech & language learning kits. Children get to touch and move adorable miniatures as they practice listening and speaking. Engaging, effective and easy to use!

CommunityPass
Booth 513
www.communitypass.net
CommunityPass is a cloud-based solution designed to streamline administrative tasks for school-based organizations. Its user-friendly interface centralizes information and simplifies management for programs. Its integrated payment processor allows seamless payment acceptance. Whether it’s Before & After Care, Enrichment Clubs & Activities, Summer School & Camps, or Adult School & Cont. Ed Trips & Events-Say goodbye to manual handling, CommunityPass makes managing school-based programs a breeze!

Creative Brain Learning | MUSICSTAR
Booth 209 & 211
www.cblc.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).

Curacubby
Booth 835
www.curacubby.com
ELO-P Management Software for School Districts.

Demco
Booth 565
www.demco.com
Demco is a time-tested brand with a single goal: help educators spark curiosity and ignite learning. From inspired furnishings and thoughtful space design to innovative learning tools and top-quality supplies and equipment, our products and services are designed to maximize the potential of educational spaces — and the people they serve. Learn more at demco.com/about-us.

Discount School Supply
Booth 459
www.discountshoolsupply.com
Disney Imagination Campus
Booth 405
www.disneycampus.com
Welcome to Disney Imagination Campus. Through our unique curriculum and learning environment, we are committed to fostering creative thinking, fearless exploration and, of course, Disney magic. It is our mission to provide students with the tools they need to express themselves creatively and academically and to prepare them for real-world challenges.

Drone Legends
Booth 451
www.dronelegends.com
We believe that inside every child lives a legend™, and we use the thrilling and innovative power of drones to unlock that potential in students of all ages and backgrounds. From primary school STEAM education to high school sports and even college-level precision drone racing, we are creating a comprehensive K-12+ education ecosystem centered around drone technology. Get ready to ignite the magic of drones and inspire your students to reach new heights!

Drug Enforcement Administration
Booth 612
www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com
The Drug Enforcement Administration provides a variety of free drug prevention resources available for educators, parents, and the community.

DrumBus/Rhythms of Life
Booth 327
www.drumbus.com
Rhythms of Life aka DrumBus facilitates evidence-based, rhythmic workshops for youth of all ages. Our group-drumming programs foster collaboration, communication, creativity, improve listening skills, provide opportunities for leadership and self-expression and boost self-esteem.

EDIBLE EDUCATION
Booth 441
www.edibleedu.com
Edible Education is the sole provider of the Kitchen a large Cart- your portable, teaching kitchen. Complete with hot and cold running water, induction burner and convection oven, you will have a delicious time cooking with 10 students.

Elemental Hardware DIY Enrichment
Booth 455
www.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.

Enchanted Education LLC
Booth 305
www.enchantededucation.com
Enchanted Education is a STEAM Education and Career Exploration company inspired by the innovators and trailblazers of the themed entertainment industry. Our programs spark imagination, ignite creativity, and increase levels of hope and engagement for the students we serve.

Energy is Everything
Booth 605
www.energy-is-everything.org
Energy is Everything is a TK-12th grade education program that provides educators with the tools and resources to help their students build the knowledge and skills needed for a changing energy future. Enrolled educators gain access to a variety of resources at no cost!
- NGSS-aligned environmental STEAM lessons
- Lessons supplies for a hands-on learning experience
- Online resources to encourage an interest in STEM careers
- Staff support from the Energy is Everything team

Every Monday Matters
Booth 602
www.EveryMondayMatters.com
Every Monday Matters (EMM) is a non-profit organization on a mission to create a world where everyone embraces how much and why they matter. For 17 years, EMM has brought free transformational programming and resources to K-12 education, thereby reaching over 3 million youth and young people and 20,000 educators in all 50 states and 6 countries. Stop by our booth and attend our workshop to learn more about our Mattering Mindset™ methodology. We look forward to meeting you. You matter™.
Expanded Learning Academy
Booth 437 & 439
www.expandedlearningacademy.com
Because we believe that exceptional enrichment experiences begin and end with quality program leaders, teachers and administrators, we are driven to identify, train and support others who share our vision. We offer comprehensive Expanded Learning/After School Teacher training, mentoring and professional development programs for large groups, small groups and individuals.

EZReports Afterschool Management Software
Booth S17 & S19
www.ezreports.org
EZReports is a comprehensive and affordable afterschool management software for grant-funded programs. EZReports meets the data collection and reporting requirements of the new GPRA measures mandated for Federal 21st CCLC programs. EZReports also supports ASES, ASSETs, ELOP, and other grants with live attendance on mobile devices (parent PIN or badge scan), early release codes, automated student uploads, and surveys. EZReports is used by 9 State DOEs and 5,000+ schools and CBOs nationwide.

Fork Farms
Booth S15
www.forkfarms.com
Fork Farms partners with educators to bring hydroponic farming and STEM education to all students. Our farm technology comes with teaching tools to integrate with classroom learning.

FranklinCovey Education
Booth 317 & 319
www.leaderinme.org/extended-learning
For nearly three decades, FranklinCovey Education has been one of the world’s most prominent and trusted providers of educational leadership development, school culture, educator wellness and efficacy, and family engagement. Our extended learning offerings equip summer and after school staff with the skills to administer an innovative curriculum within a secure and nurturing after school setting that cultivates leadership potential and essential life skills in staff and students.

Fulcrum Adventures
Booth 111 & 112
www.fulcrumadventures.com
Based in Los Angeles, California, Fulcrum Adventures is a recognized leader in the field of experience-based 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!

Funtology Fundamentals & iFuntology
Front Porch 4
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.

Gateway Fund Raising Service, Inc.
Booth 203
www.gatewayfundraising.com
Gateway Fund Raising Service, Inc. is a wholesale distributor of quality products to non-profit organizations for fundraising purposes. Our goal is to provide quality products to youth-oriented groups and schools, for the purpose of raising the funds necessary to establish and maintain healthy, wholesome, enriching, academic, athletic, and social experiences for the youth of this nation.

Gopher
Booth 543
www.gophersport.com
For 75 years, Gopher has been a leading supplier of quality Physical Education, Athletic, and Fitness equipment. All of our products are backed by an Unconditional 100% Satisfaction Guarantee. If you aren’t satisfied with your equipment for any reason at any time, we’ll refund your account, replace the product, or provide a refund. No hassles. No exclusions. No kidding!
Gopher is now the proud home of SPARK, the world’s most evidence-based physical education and physical activity programs.
Greenfield Learning
Booth 537 & 539
www.greenfieldlearning.com
Greenfield Learning partners with schools and districts to impact learning in literacy, mathematics and SEL through our Greenfield Learning Consulting Services, Professional Learning Series and Educational Tools, including EssayPop, LightSail, Symphony Math, Cloud9 World and GiveThx. Our team of educators and ed tech specialists customizes our work with your school or district to help support educators and to help learners succeed.

Guidebook Conference App Support
Front Porch 1
https://guidebook.com/g/BOOST2024
The BOOST Guidebook App Support booth is available throughout the conference to assist attendees with the use of the official BOOST Conference app. Download the app to view the entire conference schedule all in one place, including General Sessions, workshop dates/times/locations, BOOST Exhibit Hall hours, meals, special events, maps, and more conference logistics. The app is also a great way to network and connect with other attendees, create a personal schedule during the conference, share photos, and more!

The Heroic Journey SEL and Mental Health
Booth 421 & 423
www.TheHeroicJourneyMentalHealth.org
We know that SEL works – but how can we get kids excited about the skills they need in our stressful world? We use the power of stories.
Created by psychologists and educators in Partnership with YMCA of the USA, our evidence-based work combines psychology and iconic narratives to engage kids in learning skills such as self-compassion, empathy and pro-social conflict resolution.
Featured in Forbes, CBS News, CNN and LA Times. We turn struggles into strengths!

Hey Kanga
Booth 829
www.heykanga.com

High 5 Adventure Learning Center
Booth 611
www.high5adventure.org
High 5 Adventure Learning Center is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to helping individuals, teams, schools, communities and businesses improve the way they live, learn and work together.

Home Science Tools
Booth 825
For over 25 years, our mission at Home Science Tools has been to ignite a joy for learning science. It is our passion to partner with schools and educators across the nation to create student success.

Homeroom
Front Porch 8
www.homeroom.com
Homeroom empowers schools & districts to effortlessly manage their auxiliary programs, such as camps, enrichment clubs, and aftercare, all in one place. From streamlined enrollment to daily operations to daily attendance, we are your partner in success.

I Can’t Wait
Innovation Alley 5, Renaissance Ballroom Hallway
www.dirtpixiebooks.com
Presenting the “I Can’t Wait” book and coloring book series. A children’s story highlighting the joy and anticipation of all kinds of weather through an imaginative child’s eye.

Institute of Reading Development
Booth 307
www.readingprograms.org/schoolprograms
54 Years, 3 Million Students, 1 Goal
The Institute of Reading Development is a nationwide leader in reading skills instruction. For 54 years, we have partnered with colleges and universities to support school districts in delivering K-12 programs grounded in the Science of Reading. We equip students with the resources to develop a strong foundation for reading success. Our programs provide everything needed for extended learning opportunities that empower students to become successful readers.
IRONQUAD
Booth 563
www.ironquadedu.com
Learn, Build, and Do. Learn how planes fly, Build them, and Do what you’ve just learned! Specifically designed curriculum plans will keep you students learning, building, and doing something new every session. Very simple and concise science learning, easy to build aircraft, and Do what they have just learned with a fun challenge to complete, all in one session! Also, we have FPV (First Person View) packages to experience a very unique perspective on flight!

Kangarootime
Booth 559
www.kangarootime.com
Kangarootime powers after school programs with all of the tools they need to succeed. One, easy-to-use system helps providers better manage their revenue cycle and gain deeper insight while streamlining enrollment, engaging families, and tracking attendance.
For more information visit www.kangarootime.com

Kidlet Care
Booth 321
www.kidlet.care
Revolutionize your OST program with Kidlet.care! Kidlet is the most flexible, easy to use platform that simplifies registration, attendance, scheduling, communications, club management, and reporting all tailored to work on any device including your phone. Designed for ease of use, Kidlet enhances parent engagement and operational efficiency, making it the go-to solution OST programs looking to improve their daily operations. Stop by our booth to experience the simplicity and power of Kidlet.

KiwiCo
Booth 427
www.kiwico.com
At KiwiCo, we hope to support your mission to ignite a love for learning. Our goal is to provide opportunities for growth by providing hands-on project that help kids develop creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

Kodely
Front Porch 5
www.kodely.io
At Kodely, we’re dedicated to revolutionizing education by seamlessly integrating technical knowledge with essential soft skills for K-8 students. We empower teachers and schools to enhance pathways in design thinking and digital literacy skills, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving.
We aim to cultivate a culture of lifelong learning, creativity, and adaptability, empowering students to thrive in tomorrow’s workforce.

Lakeshore Learning Materials
Booth 215 & 217
www.lakeshorelearning.com
At Lakeshore, we believe in creating products that matter. That’s why our hands-on learning materials are meticulously crafted to help children reach key milestones, with top-quality furniture designed for any learning space. We’re also proud to offer services like Complete Classrooms® and free eProcurement—making Lakeshore the one-stop shop for all your early childhood and elementary needs.

Learn Fresh
Booth 0102
www.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.

Learning Wrap-ups
Booth 223
www.learningwrapups.com
Hands-on and Self-Correcting curriculum for Math Reading and Science.

Legends of Learning
Booth 701
www.legendsoflearning.com
Legends of Learning creates standards-aligned digital games. In our study with Vanderbilt University, students had higher levels of engagement, increased test scores, and faster comprehension of content. Use Legends of Learning to integrate an exciting game-based learning platform into your curriculum to give your students the superpower of knowledge!
LEGO Education
Front Porch 7
www.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.

LIFT Enrichment
Booth 315
www.liftenrichment.com
We provide healthy culinary workshops to students at low-income schools.

LineLeader by ChildcareCRM
Booth 535
www.lineleader.com
LineLeader is the only all-in-one marketing and management platform for Before & After School programs —so your staff can spend less time on manual tasks and more time on curriculum, homework help, and building relationships with families.

Los Angeles Unified
Get on the Bus Space 2
www.lausd.org/its
Los Angeles Unified Information Technology Services
We would like to present the iDREAM Mobile lab pilot. We aim to empower futures through the iDREAM Mobile Labs and bridging the gap in education. The iDREAM labs travel to schools and are equipped with cutting-edge technology, from Game-Based Learning to Artificial Intelligence, fostering hands-on enriching experiences for students in the most vulnerable school communities during after school, intersession, and summer school sessions.

Luminous Minds
Booth 507
www.luminousmindsinc.com/about
Luminous Minds serves as an educational website and early learning platform offering a library of engaging, standard-aligned, research-based, supplemental reading and enrichment resources designed to support students in TK–2nd grade. Districts/schools utilize our resources to fill in learning gaps and/or supplement/augment their current district-adopted curriculum. We support after-school programs, ELO programs, non-profits, Districts and schools.

Magic Explorers
Booth 323 & 325
www.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!

The Magician School
Booth 419
www.TheMagicianSchool.com
The Magician School is a National After School and Out of School Program. The Magician School Curriculum teaches students common core learning components and social and emotional learning skills through magic tricks. The Magician School works with 150+ schools nationwide and is quickly becoming an industry leader in unique after school programming. Every program has been real world tested with focuses on improving dexterity, coordination, confidence, and communication skills.

MANGO Math
Booth 417
www.mangomath.com
Explore math in a refreshing new way! No more boring worksheets - MANGO Kits are a great way to turbo boost students' learning. MANGO Math kits are set up for small groups of students to grab a math game and start playing. The games provide a relaxed atmosphere where students can build their confidence and skills. MANGO Math, the only subject that counts!

Mastery Coding
Booth 433
www.masterycoding.com
Our project-based coding curriculum is engaging, easy to implement, and prepares students for high-paying STEM careers.
Mileage Club by Fitness Finders
Booth 221
www.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!

MILLU
Booth 811
www.millubox.com
MILLU fosters development through play. We pass on intergenerational wisdom co-created by the community. Our kits enhance the SEL journey, enabling students and staff to delve into character-building themes effortlessly. Our products bring an immersive experience for students to uncover their strengths and embrace their individuality through engaging characters, compelling narratives, creative activities, and interactive games!

MindWorks Resources
Booth 0103
www.mindworkresources.com
MindWorks Resources designs creative kits for programs seeking 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.

Mizzen Education
Booth 461 & 463
www.mizzen.org
Dive into the variety of free, engaging content offered on the Mizzen platform through immersive learning experiences and conversations. Discover firsthand how the Student Reporting Labs curricula empowers young people to uplift stories important to their communities. Explore the Pulitzer Center’s 1619 Project and student-centered activities highlighting the perspectives and experiences of Black Americans. Tinker, design, and play with the ReDiscover Center. Download the Mizzen app today!

Model United Nations Institute
Booth 610
www.learnmodelun.com
Model United Nations is an activity where students step into the shoes of world leaders and get to save the world! Students learn public speaking, debate, teamwork, negotiation, research, and leadership skills as they create and vote on solutions to real-world issues. Model UN is available for high school, middle school, and upper elementary school students as an after school program or summer program.

MoxieBox Art
Booth 409, 411, 413, & 415
www.moxieboxart.com
MoxieBox Art (art projects in a box), offers TK - 12th grade students an immersive, month-long art project containing high quality supplies, detailed lesson plans, and more! Each lesson introduces a new medium, artist and/or movement to the student, while inspiring creative expression. We’ve expanded into learning programs, dual immersion classrooms and special education. MoxieBox helps students express themselves and discover who they are.

Nature Watch
Booth 227
www.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.

Nexplore
Booth 407
www.nexploreusa.com
Nexplore is a one-stop shop - one of the largest in the Nation - for onsite enrichment programs. We offer 33 unique STEAM, life skills and fitness solutions. Our programs are offered weekly at over 300 schools across 8 states and growing. Our mission is to foster the joy of learning and provide upscale enrichments experiences design to meet every child’s aptitude.
Of Many
Innovation Alley 6, Renaissance Ballroom Hallway
www.instagram.com/of_many
I make and sell handmade jewelry from my heart through my hands. I incorporate many natural and organic materials in my designs.

Omnikin
Booth 819
www.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!

Parker-Anderson Enrichment
Booth 0108
www.parker-anderson.org
Our motto is “Fun Comes First!” We educate and entertain through hands-on learning and our abundant array of classes, Parker-Anderson offers the most diverse selection of enrichment classes.

PCS Edventures!
Booth 0104
www.edventures.com
PCS Edventures instills a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) in students all over the globe. With complete turn-key curriculum kits for any grade, subject or learner, students quickly develop the foundations of scientific inquiry, engineering design principles and spatial mathematical awareness through exciting, hands-on, experiential learning.

Piper Learning, Inc.
Booth 509
www.playpiper.com
Join the fun at BOOST 2024 with Play Piper! Let’s ignite that “I Can Do It!” spark in students and teachers with our Piper Computer and Make Kits. Say bye-bye to STEM mysteries, hello to boosted confidence, and easy-peasy approvals for administrators using ELO-P, 21st CCLC or ASES funding!

Playworks
Booth 505
www.playworks.org/southern-california
Playworks is the leading national nonprofit leveraging the power of play to transform children’s social and emotional health. Playworks has served over 3,000 schools and reached more than 2 million students directly and through professional training services since our founding in 1996. We are changing school culture by leveraging the power of safe, fun, and healthy play at school every day.

Positive Action
Booth 531
www.positiveaction.net
Positive Action is an evidence-based, PreK-12, universal health program designed to address the multifaceted dimensions of well-being — physical, mental, social, and emotional — in diverse settings, including out-of-school time, school, family, and community. Its effectiveness is well-supported, with three randomized controlled trials affirming its success in improving health outcomes. The program has garnered recognition from organizations, including the U.S. Department of Education and CASEL.

Practically Equipped
Booth 837
www.practicallyequipped.com
PE offers a comprehensive after-school program comprising 20 classroom-friendly sessions. It empowers students with practical life & wilderness survival skills, fostering adaptability, confidence, and resilience in engaging, hands-on sessions.

Procare Solutions
Booth 817
www.procaresolutions.com
For more than 30 years, Procare Solutions has been helping after school programs 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 and staff management to family engagement, tuition collection and reporting, we help ease the challenges faced with running an after school program. That's why over 37,000 customers choose Procare!
Professor Egghead Science Academy  
Booth 561  
www.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.

ProSolve  
Booth 702, 703, 704, & 705  
www.prosolve.com

ProSolve offers dynamic educational experiences through professional development, teacher training, and innovative programs like QUEST and SLED. These services focus on experiential learning, student leadership, and career readiness, transforming education to engage students in problem-solving, critical thinking, and team collaboration for a future-ready workforce.

Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science Series  
Booth 551  

The Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science materials integrate literacy and hands-on science. What could be better than teaching science through fun stories and having the experiments provided? Each book offers hands on experiments plus additional learning materials. All materials are linked to the Next Generation Science Standards as well as state standards. In addition, experiment supply kits are available. This is perfect for afterschool, summer programs, and science clubs.

RATATAZ  
Booth 205  
www.ratataz.com

RATATAZ is an innovative after-school program that focuses on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. Our program is designed to inspire and engage students with a wide range of fun and interactive experiments that help them learn and understand key concepts in these fields. With a focus on hands-on learning, our program features easy-to-follow instructions that make it accessible and engaging for students of all ages and skill levels.

Reading with Relevance  
Booth 613  
www.readingwithrelevance.org

Reading with Relevance turns great books into great instruction! Our CASEL-certified SEL curriculum breaks high-interest #DiverseBooks into a series of thoughtful lesson plans exploring 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.

Really Good Stuff  
Booth 549  
www.reallygoodstuff.com

Really Good Stuff® is the premier one-stop-shop for top-quality learning products for K-5 classrooms, including content & curriculum, classroom tools, hundreds of ready-to-shop learning kits, and custom kits designed and built for an individual school serving K-5th grade.

Resource Portal  
Booth 815  
www.resourceportal.com

Resource Portal is a comprehensive digital platform designed to centralize, simplify, and optimize the way businesses and individuals access, share, and manage their resources. Leveraging cutting-edge technology, we aim to transform how you navigate the vast landscape of information, tools, and collaborative functions in the modern world.

Rocky Mountain Sunscreen  
Booth 207  
www.rmsunscreen.com

Rocky Mountain Sunscreen is the most convenient and cost-effective way to protect your children from the sun. Our sunscreen products have been trusted by Child Care Centers since 1992. Safety is our top priority, just ONE severe sunburn during childhood can double a child’s risk of getting skin cancer later in life. Rocky Mountain Sunscreen is a bonding base formula that interlocks with your skin allowing it to stay on better and last longer.
Sami’s Circuit
Booth 311
www.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.

Sanford Harmony Academy
Booth 603
www.harmony-academy.org
Sanford Harmony Academy provides educators with professional learning and curriculum resources that support healthy relationships both inside and outside the classroom.

Scholastic
Booth 445, 447, & 449
www.scholastic.com
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.

School of Beats
Booth 109 & 110
www.SchoolofBeats.org
School Of Beats creates and delivers custom STEAM based electronic music educational curriculums for After-School, Youth & Community Programs. We also offer our curriculums to individual students through our video tutorials on the Teachable educational platform.

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union
Innovation Alley 7, Renaissance Ballroom Hallway
www.schoolsfirstfcu.org
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, higher-quality offerings to help you build a strong financial future.

Science Action Club
Booth 607
www.calacademy.org/sac
Designed by a world-class science museum and research institution, Science Action Club features hands-on STEM activities and nature challenges that inspire wonder and spark creativity in middle-school-age youth.

Science Explorers, Inc.
Booth 511
www.scienceexplorers.com
Science Explorers is an award-winning, innovative, science company dedicated to providing an opportunity for children ages 4-11 to discover the wonders of science. Science Explorers makes science cool and exciting with our DIY kits that can be easily incorporated into your camp or after-school program. Each kit includes engaging hands-on science experiments that come individually packed with all materials, step-by-step directions, and instructional videos that make the science fun for everyone!

SCORE SPORTS
Booth 467
www.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.

Skillastics
Booth 0107
www.skillastics.com
Skillastics is the all-in-one solution that makes physical activity simple for after school programs. Our 36-week Curriculum Outline focuses on Fitness, Sports Skill Development, Character and STEM. We also have Unlimited Digital Specialty Programs that bring specialists, remotely, to your program. Skillastics makes Physical Activity Simple and Fun for your Staff and Students!
SPARK
Booth 545
www.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.

Spark Mentoring Programs
Booth 309
www.sparkcurriculum.org
The SPARK Mentoring Programs Speak to the Potential, Ability, and Resilience inside every Kid (SPARK). We provide evidence-based K-12th grade programs and professional development opportunities that increase mental well-being, resilience, emotional regulation, communication, problem-solving, and decision-making skills. Our highly interactive, asset-based programs guide young people to discover their unbreakable SPARK inside through a better understanding of themselves and others.

Speed Stacks, Inc.
Booth 435
www.speedstacks.com
Speed Stacks, Inc. is the worldwide leader in Sport Stacking. We specialize in developing sport stacking products along with a comprehensive curriculum designed for physical education and afterschool programming.

Sperling Center for Research and Innovation
Booth 600
www.sperlingcenter.org
The Sperling Center for Research and Innovation (SCRI) blends practical experience with research insights to help educators and youth development professionals turn evidence into action. SCRI has unique expertise in summer and afterschool, rooted in proven approaches for equitable and engaging experiences for young people. Through a range of services with targeted tools and resources, SCRI offers evidence-based, actionable guidance and practical steps to advance partners’ priorities.

Startup Smartup
Booth 313
www.startupsmartup.com
Startup Smartup is an educational platform that teaches the fundamentals of workforce development and entrepreneurship with a focus on SEL, STEAM and financial literacy.

STEM Center USA
Booth 827
www.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.

STEM in a Box®
Booth 533 & 567
www.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.

STEM Sports
Booth 457
www.stem-sports.com
At STEM Sports, we believe the powerful combination of STEM and sports is the key to meaningful learning that can last a lifetime. We provide standardized, turnkey K through 8 supplemental curricula that use sports as the real-life application to drive STEM-based, hands-on learning in classrooms, after-school programs, camps, and at home across the globe.

STEM Supplies
Booth 547
www.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.
STEMfinity
Booth 0106
www.stemfinity.com
STEMfinity is your One-Stop STEM Shop for infusing PreK-12 STEAM education. Whether you’re working with early learners or soon-to-be graduates, STEMfinity has STEAM solutions for classrooms, at-home, makerspace, afterschool, and summer programs. Our hands-on resources cover many subject areas such as STEAM, Robotics, 3D Printing, Drone Technology, AR/VR/AI, Computer Science, Circuitry, and Beyond.

STIIX
Booth 403
www.hellostiix.com
STIIX brings meaningful, fun, and user-friendly STEM & Career Exposure experiences back into the classroom through our award-winning programs & curriculum.

TCM
Booth 525 & 527
www.tcmpub.com
For over 40 years Teacher Created Materials (TCM) has published innovative, imaginative, and award-winning resources for teachers and students in all subjects for Grades K-12. Since 1977 and still to this day, our driving vision is to: Create a World in which Children Love to Learn!

The Tech Interactive
Booth 803
www.thetech.org
The Tech is a mission driven organization that develops the next generation of problem-solvers locally, nationally and globally, through the creation and distribution of world-class immersive STEAM education resources. We believe that everyone is born an innovator who can change the world for the better.

Trafera
Booth 807 & 809
www.traterra.com
Our purpose is to improve lives and educational outcomes through technology.

Tripp’s Landing
Booth 801
www.trippsthebamboobear.com
We’ve developed a curriculum for after-school programs about Tripp the Bamboo Bear who is traveling to every national park.

Two by Two Character Development
Booth 553
www.twobytwocareerdevelopment.org
Two by Two Character Development is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a kinder world for people, animals, and the environment through heart-felt, hands-on social-emotional learning programs. Our SEL programs provide intentional, competency-based instruction, with a magical component...animals! When the head, hands, and heart are engaged, children excitedly identify, practice, and apply lifelong social skills into their daily lives.

Unwind Designs
Front Porch 6
www.TheJewelSchool.com
Unwind Designs has created a unique platform for children to be able to express their creativity by drawing their own artwork and then jewel it to a sparkling finish. Children will have creative control over their design choices and color options.

USA Pickleball
Booth 425
www.usapickleball.org
USA Pickleball is the National Governing Body for the sport of pickleball in the U.S. and provides players with official rules, tournaments, rankings and promotional materials. The association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation and governed by a board of directors and professional staff who provide the guidance and infrastructure for the continued growth and development of the sport.
The USTA SoCal provides tennis to P.E. and After School programming. We provide FREE equipment, curriculum, and training for teachers/coaches. Our tennis curriculum involves modified equipment (smaller racquets and larger tennis balls) to make learning this new sport fun and accessible. We have curriculum for grades K through High School. We are able to set up a tennis court in any specific area using Net Tape and/or small nets.

Waldorf University

Waldorf University is a leader in online education, providing degrees in over 75 areas of concentration, including associate’s, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees, as well as an extensive certificate program. Waldorf provides a complimentary, no obligation, evaluation of all professional training certificates and prior education to determine credit transfer value toward the degree of choice. Waldorf also partners with businesses and organizations to offer their employees an education benefit.

The Walking Classroom

The Walking Classroom is an evidence-based program of standards-aligned podcasts that improve students’ physical, mental and academic health. Suitable for kids in grades 3 – 8. Podcast topics include science, social studies, biographies, and language arts. Kids get badly needed exercise, develop healthy habits, and discussion of embedded character values provides SEL support. Students Walk. Listen. And Learn.

Wonder Kits

Inspired by curiosity, Wonder Kits are easy-to-use STEM curriculum kits that only require 10 minutes of prep time. Each box contains materials needed to run a hands-on, engaging activity for up to 25 students and feature easy to follow instructions, a how-to video, and tips to make every project a learning opportunity for both the facilitator and students. Designed and created to fit the challenges and needs of Out-of-School time, Wonder Kits ignite a love of learning!

Woodcraft Rangers

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.

Work ED

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.

ZTAG - Healthy Habits, Bright Minds

Discover ZTAG – an innovative platform fostering Healthy Habits and Bright Minds. Our unique platform combines active play and immersive learning, promoting face-to-face interactions in a tech-centric world. More than a game, ZTAG enhances team-building, problem-solving, and cooperation, making it a precious resource for all ages. Join ZTAG, transform screen time into valuable interaction, and help shape a healthier, more connected future. Step into the world of ZTAG – where we’re not just playing.
The BOOST Gear Shop offers a variety of BOOST branded clothing items, posters, and training tools to enhance your program. All proceeds benefit the BOOST scholarship fund to support professional development opportunities for out-of-school time educators.

Stop by the BOOST Collaborative Booth in the Exhibit Hall (0101 & 0105) and visit our Gear Shop!
SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT
• #SEL4ALL
• Developmental Assets
• Better Behavior
• Classroom & Program Management

ACTIVE AND ENGAGED LEARNING
• Homework Helpers
• Energizers, Icebreakers, and Team Builders
• Creative Youth Development- Art is Everywhere
• Project-Based Learning
• Teaching & Connecting in a Virtual World

SKILL BUILDING
• BOOST Cafe Scavenger Hunt & Orientation (FREE for 2022 BOOST Conference attendees!)
• Civic Engagement & Leadership
• 4Cs: Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, Critical Thinking
• Dream Manager 101

YOUTH VOICE AND LEADERSHIP
• Youth Voice & Leadership
• Empower, Engage, Enroll
• Creating Leadership Roles (and Jobs!) for Students
• Creating Surveys, Focus Groups, and Youth Advisory Boards

HEALTHY CHOICES & BEHAVIOR
• Prevention Path: A 4-Part Series on Physical, Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Health

DIVERSITY, ACCESS, AND EQUITY
• Teaching Tolerance

QUALITY STAFF
• Professionalism & Leadership
• Leadership 2.0 (2 hours)
• FISH Philosophy & Leadership, Part 1
• FISH Philosophy & Leadership: Becoming World Famous, Part 2
• Leadership Development
• Communication 101
• Communication 201

CLEAR VISION, MISSION, AND PURPOSE
• What’s Our Mission & Vision?

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS
• Building Partnerships That Last
• No Family Left Behind
• The Principal’s Principles

CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
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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 targeted 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.

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