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APRIL 28 - MAY 1, 2026 • PALM SPRINGS, CA

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WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL BOOST CONFERENCE & EXPERIENCE!



On behalf of the 2026 BOOST Leadership Team, welcome to the BOOST experience. We are truly honored to gather with you as part of the BOOST community: a network rooted in purpose, connection, and a deep commitment to young people. This week in Palm Springs, we come together not just as professionals, but as a collective of caring adults who believe in the power of love, belonging, and possibility.

At BOOST, we are more than a conference; we are a movement grounded in lifting one another up, taking care of each other, and showing up with empathy and intention. Our work is deeply human. It's about creating spaces where adults and youth feel seen, heard, and valued, and that begins with how we care for one another as colleagues, partners, and friends. This community thrives because we collectively lead with heart.

We are proud to convene the largest and most dynamic global community of in- and out-of-school time educators. Throughout the week, we invite you to fully engage in the richness of this experience- over 200 workshops, the BOOST Film Festival, BOOST Nation Town Halls, the Exhibit Hall, Meet the Authors, Podcast Lounge, Field Trips, and the many special moments in between. Be intentional about building new connections. Every person here carries wisdom, lived experience, and a story worth sharing. This is the power of the collective—and this is where the magic of BOOST truly comes alive.

As we gather, we honor the importance of our shared work. What we do matters, not just individually, but collectively. Together, we are shaping systems, strengthening communities, and expanding opportunities for young people everywhere. When we collaborate, support one another, and lead with love, our impact multiplies.

We are so grateful to be in community with you. May this week restore your spirit, spark new ideas, and deepen your connections. May you leave feeling inspired, supported, and reminded that you are never alone in this work.

Thank you for being HOPE DEALERS and for the care you bring into the world each day. Because of you, we continue to inspire youth, inspire learning, and inspire change. Together, we are making a difference, and we are so proud to walk alongside you in this shared journey.

In gratitude and love,

Tia Quinn & The BOOST Leadership Team
BOOST Collaborative

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SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

APRIL 28 TUESDAY

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

9:00AM - 5:00PM
CONFERENCE ORIENTATION

10:00AM - 5:00PM (3-8 HOURS)
PRE-CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

10:00AM - 5:00PM
REGISTRATION

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

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

1:00PM - 8:00PM
BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

1:30PM - 5:30PM
BOOST GOLF EVENT

5:30PM - 6:30PM
WELCOME RECEPTION

6:30PM - 9:30PM
SPECIAL EVENTS

INSPIRATION STATIONS WEDNESDAY

10:30AM - 11:15AM
11:30AM - 12:15PM

2:45PM - 3:30PM

THURSDAY

10:00AM - 10:45AM
11:00AM - 11:45AM

1:15PM - 2:00PM

CAMP INSPIRE SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY

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

2:45PM - 3:30PM

THURSDAY

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

1:15PM - 2:00PM

FRIDAY

9:15AM - 10:00AM

APRIL 29 WEDNESDAY

7:00AM - 4:00PM
REGISTRATION

7:30AM
BREAKFAST W/ EXHIBITORS

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

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

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

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

10:00AM - 5:15PM
MEET THE AUTHORS

10:00AM - 5:15PM
BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

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

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

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

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

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

6:30PM - 8:30PM
SPECIAL EVENTS

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

APRIL 30 THURSDAY

6:45AM - 8:30AM
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 - 4:45PM
MEET THE AUTHORS

10:00AM - 8:30PM
BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

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

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

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

3:31PM
EXHIBIT HALL CLOSING

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

5:30PM - 7:30PM
SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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

MAY 1 FRIDAY

7:30AM
BreakFEST

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

8:00AM - 10:00AM
REGISTRATION

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

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

8:30AM - 11:00AM
MEET THE AUTHORS

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

1:00PM - 3:00PM
EXTRA CREDIT

1:00PM - 6:00PM
BOOST GOLF EVENT

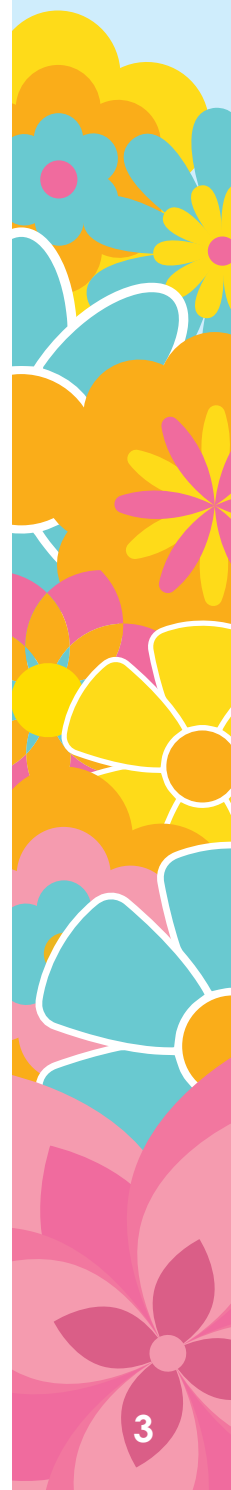
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This schedule is subject to change. Please see the conference app for real-time updates.

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.

Thank you to our BOOST Ambassadors for making a difference!

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BECOME A 2026-2027 BOOST AMBASSADOR

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE BOOST CONFERENCE & MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

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



INTERESTED?

<http://bit.ly/AmbassadorTeamInterest>

CONTACT US

communications@boostcollaborative.org

GET ON THE INTEREST LIST

NOW THROUGH JUNE 13

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

WEEK OF JUNE 15

Participate in a mandatory
informational webinar

JUNE 26

Due date to submit application

JUNE 22

Due date to submit interest in applying

JUNE 30

BOOST Ambassadors Announced



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Honor Roll- Mary Jo Ginty- We miss you!

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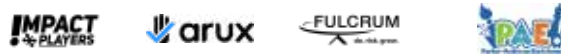
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Summit K12
Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort
Teen Science Cafe Network
Think Red Project
Think Together
TSP Afterschool Programs
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U.S. Soccer Foundation
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WE GIVE BACK!

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Participate in the LifeStream Blood Drive and help save lives.



THINK RED INSPIRE & PAINT

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



TOUR DE BOOST

Participate in our annual Tour de BOOST Walk/Scavenger Hunt on Thursday morning. All proceeds will benefit FIND Food Bank.



TRASH TO TREASURE PROGRAM

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





FIELD TRIPS OFF-SITE LEARNING & EXCURSIONS

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 28-THURSDAY, APRIL 30



Escape Room Palm Springs

5:30PM - 8:30PM

\$21 per person (includes admission)

2500 North Palm Canyon Drive, Suite B3, Palm Springs, CA 92262. **BOOSTers are responsible for their own transportation.**



Noche Tropical (Tropical Night) Salsa Dancing - TUESDAY ONLY

7:30PM-10:00PM

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



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29



Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

12:30PM-4:15PM

COST: \$85 Includes round-trip shuttle transportation, tram fare, and reservations and sit-down lunch at Pines Café (see menu options below), and 9.25% Sales Tax and 20% Gratuity included.



Agua Caliente Cultural Museum (AACM)

1:15 PM-4:00PM

COST: \$15 (includes admission, 50-minute facilitated tour of the permanent exhibit, wireless headset device)



THURSDAY, APRIL 30



Pickleball- Open Play at the Rowan Pickleball Courts

10:00AM-12:00PM

\$10 per person (includes admission and equipment)



FRIDAY, MAY 1



BOOST Golf Outing at Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort (Legend Course)

1:00PM-6:00PM

COST: \$65 per person (Includes golf cart, range balls, and 15% merchandise discount inside pro shop. Additional fee, if needed- Rental Clubs are \$60 per person and include a sleeve of Callaway balls and tees)



BOOST FIELD TRIPS LEGEND



Walking



Shuttle



On Your Own



Pre-Registration Required

2026 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/ABCUSD
Afterschool Allstars Los Angeles
After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles. Alliance Bloomfield High School
After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles - Alliance Stern Mass High School
After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles. Potrero Heights Elementary School
Bear Glasgow YMCA
Boys and Girls Club of Burbank and Greater East Valley - Franklin Avenue Elementary
Camp Fire Inland Southern California
Delhaven Community Center/ Hacienda La Puente Unified School District
EduCare Foundation | LAUSD
Elevo/Berryessa Union School District
Elevo/Los Banos Unified School District
Harmonium, Inc - Klassic Kids
KIPP Philosopher Academy
LEARN
Never Gallery Ready and Toronto District School Board
Norwalk La Mirada Unified
Pomona USD
Para Los Ninos Charter Elementary
Para Los Ninos Charter Middle School
Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District, Expanded Learning Program
Rialto Unified School District – ELP
South Whittier School District
Think Together/ Paramount School District
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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 2027 BOOST Conference?

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

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CALIFORNIA AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK

Thriving Together: Building a Stronger Expanded Learning Ecosystem

This workshop series explores the interconnected elements that help Expanded Learning and OST programs flourish—from advocacy and quality to workforce development, well-being, and integrated systems. Participants will engage in sessions that strengthen each part of the ecosystem while contributing to a shared vision for resilient, community-centered supports.

SMOKETREE D/E, PSCC



LEGO® EDUCATION

Inspiring the Builders of Tomorrow Through Purposeful Play

The LEGO® Education-sponsored strand at BOOST 2026 showcases how learning through purposeful play transforms outside-of-school experiences. Through hands-on workshops and district-led showcases, participants explore LEGO® Education-powered learning that supports equity, UDL, English learner development, and belonging. Sessions offer scalable, ready-to-implement strategies that help districts build sustainable, play-based systems and future-ready skills.

MESQUITE C, PSCC



THINK TOGETHER

Empower, Engage, Elevate: A Collaborative Path to Success

TA collection of interactive workshops inviting participants to grow together through meaningful connection, courageous dialogue, and creative practice. Through reflection, collaboration, and hands-on activities, we explore how relationships, brave choices, and imagination build resilience, spark innovation, and empower individuals and teams to co-create brighter, student-centered futures. Participants leave with practical tools, renewed perspective, and shared momentum for positive change.

MESQUITE E/F, PSCC



ZTAG

ZTAG Play with Purpose: Educator Workshop Series

ZTAG Play with Purpose: Educator Workshop Series is a six-session workshop series created for the BOOST audience, designed to show how ZTAG can support meaningful, high-energy student engagement across a variety of school settings. Each session gives educators and youth leaders a hands-on experience with the system while exploring practical connections to SEL, classroom and program integration, wellness, STEM, and inclusive access for all learners. With a focus on active participation, real-world implementation, and broad appeal across grade levels, the series helps BOOST attendees see how ZTAG can bring play, purpose, and versatility to their students and programs.

PALM GROVE, PSCC



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ELEVO

Expanded Learning 2.0: Building Excellence Through Workforce Transformation and Program Innovation

Expanded learning is a key opportunity to redesign systems of learning, healing, and growth, especially for students furthest from opportunity. Amid challenges like staffing and engaging diverse learners, this strand explores how expanded learning can drive curriculum, staff development, and program environments that help all students thrive before, during, and after school.

MESQUITE B, PSCC



IT TAKES ALL OF US

It Takes All of Us: Building Power, Pathways, and Dignity in the Expanded Learning Workforce

This strand is a call to action. Across four sessions, participants will challenge dominant systems, reclaim workforce power, and co-create a bold future for expanded learning. Explore leadership practices, map meaningful career pathways, and advance strategies for equity and justice. Together, we build workforce dignity and sustainable pathways to ensure thriving professionals and high-quality opportunities for all young people.

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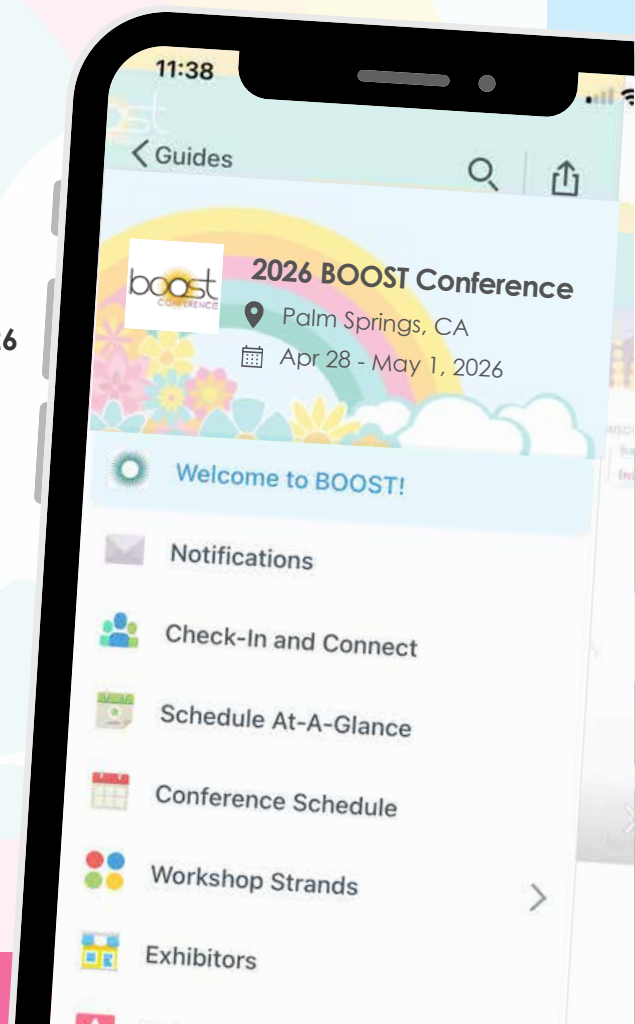
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Please visit www.boostconference.org/meet-the-authors for more information about our Meet the Authors events.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

1:00PM-2:00PM

Connecting Through Conversation: A Playbook for Talking with Students

Erika Bare, M.Ed., Superintendent/Author, South Umpqua SD/Connecting Through Conversation, Ashland, OR; Tiffany Burns, M.Ed., Faculty Instructor/Author, Southern Oregon University/Connecting Through Conversation, Ashland, OR



2:30PM-3:30PM

Seated In The Ashes

Anthony Walker, CEO & TV Producer, The Dupree Exchange, Atlanta, GA



4:00PM - 5:00PM

Victorious Underdog

Roosevelt Sargent, Author/Speaker/Pastor, Roosevelt Sargent Speaks, Madison, TN



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

10:00AM-11:00AM

Duty of Care

Jitendrapal (Jit) Kundan, Executive Director, The Origins Program - Developmental Designs, Minneapolis, MN



11:30AM-12:30PM

Sacred Lessons: Teaching My Father How to Love

Mike de la Rocha, Author, Sacred Lessons, Burbank, CA



2:45PM - 3:45PM

Thriving in Intersectionality: Immigrants, Belonging, and Corporate America

Lola Adeyemo, CEO, Founder, EQImindset/Immigrants in Corporate Inc., San Diego, CA



4:15PM - 5:15PM

The Confidence Project: A Journey Through the Confidence Constellation

Joshua Faden, President & Founder, Community of Teachers, Washington, DC



THURSDAY, APRIL 30

10:00AM-11:00AM

Hello, Friend: A Guide to Making Friends

Cara Zelas, Early Childhood Educator, Big World of Little Dude, New Canaan, CT



11:30AM-12:30PM

SEL Muscle Mastery: 6 Tools for Building Resilience and Connection in Schools and Communities

Lori Woodley-Langendorff, Chief Executive and Visionary Officer, All It Takes, Simi Valley, CA



1:30PM-2:30PM

Write Your Evolving Story

Billy Mawhiney, Executive Director and Author, South Dakota Afterschool Network, Sioux Falls, SD



3:45PM-4:45PM

Leading With Culture

Shaun Hurtado, Principal, Modesto City Schools, Modesto, CA



FRIDAY, MAY 1

8:30AM-9:30AM

Watch Me Rise: From Streets of Despair to the Halls of the Ivy League

Dr. Doug "Dr. Luff" Luffborough, III, President & CEO, Higher Level Leadership, Chula Vista, CA



10:00AM-11:00PM

Teach the Brain, Change the World

Lyndsay Morris, Founder of Generation Wellness, Generation Wellness, Olympia, WA



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



TUESDAY, APRIL 28

1:00PM-2:00PM

STREAMline LIVE at BOOST: Real Conversations Driving the Future of STEM Learning

Shawn Petty, Chief Innovation Officer; William "Bill" Albert, CEO, STEMfinity, Boerne, TX

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4:00PM-5:00PM

Let's Taki About It - Youth Professional Edition

Billy Mawhiney, Executive Director, OST Evaluation Learning Specialist, South Dakota Afterschool Network, Sturgis, SD; Desmond Keller, OST Evaluation Learning Specialist, Black Hills Special Services Cooperative, Sturgis, SD

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

10:00AM-11:00AM

Be the Human AI Can't Replace

Arvin Ross, Director of Innovation, Human Intelligence Movement, Inver Grove Heights, MN

humanintelligencemovement.org/unscripted-intelligence-live-podcast



11:30AM-12:30PM

The IMPACTFUL Way!

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

www.youtube.com/@iamimpact7



2:45PM - 3:45PM

Sacred Lessons Podcast with Baratunde Thurston

Mike De La Rocha, Author, Sacred Lessons: Teaching My Father How to Love, Burbank, CA; Baratunde Thurston, Author, Storyteller, Producer, Life with Machines, Palm Springs, CA

sacredlessons.com/podcast



THURSDAY, APRIL 30

10:00AM-11:00AM

Inspire the Leader Within

Laurie Brooks, Client Partner, FranklinCovey Education, Vista, CA; Rachel Solis, Client Partner, FranklinCovey Education, Draper, UT

www.leaderinme.org/change-starts-here



1:30PM-2:30PM

Your Superpower Is Your Adversity: Transforming Struggle into Strength

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

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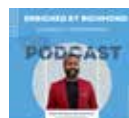


3:45PM-4:45PM

Collaborating for the Solution

Richmond Brown, Founder, Enriched by Richmond, Los Angeles, CA

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FRIDAY, MAY 1

9:30AM-10:30AM

The Potential Protocol

Dee Hankins, Human Behavior & Resilience Expert, Dee Hankins, Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, CA

www.DeeHankins.com/podcast



BOOST NATION: TOWN HALL



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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

10:30AM-12:15PM

Expanding Student Success: The State of Expanded Learning in CA

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

Join CDE, CAN, and others from the System of Support for Expanded Learning for a rich discussion on California's current Expanded Learning landscape, including the latest on ELO-P funding, federal policy implications, and critical updates on "Strategic Plan 3.0." Participants will have the opportunity to hear the latest updates from state leadership and engage in dialogue to help shape the future of Expanded Learning.

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



2:45PM - 4:45PM

Charting the Course: Afterschool Policy in Trump's Washington

Jodi Grant, JD, Executive Director; Jennifer Rinehart, MA, Senior Vice President, Strategy and Programs, Afterschool Alliance, Washington, DC

Afterschool and summer programs are currently facing unprecedented threats, while at the same time exciting new opportunities exist. In this town hall, afterschool policy experts break down the latest federal policies under the Trump administration and share practical advocacy and partnership strategies to help you navigate challenges, seize opportunities, and secure critical support for your programs. Leave with new ideas and strategies to ensure that our programs remain available for all youth

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Supporting Young Minds: Exploring Mental Health Screening, Free Skill Building Resources, and Data Trends for Advocacy

Theresa Nguyen, LCSW, Chief Research Officer, Mental Health America, Alexandria, VA

Recent funding and policy changes, and the rise of digital technologies, have created a new landscape for supporting youth mental health. Join Mental Health America (MHA) to learn about the data MHA is collecting on youth mental health trends, resources for mental health screening in schools, and free toolkits that include skill-building materials for students. This town hall discussion will explore current challenges in your local community and available supports to strengthen youth mental health.

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

1:15PM - 2:30PM

Telling a Bigger Story: Using Race Class Gender Narrative to Advance LGBTQ+ Justice

Anthony Brisson, MAT, Senior Policy Analyst/Program Specialist, National Education Association (NEA), Washington, DC

This session explores how the Race Class Gender Narrative (RCGN) framework can strengthen LGBTQ+ advocacy and communications. Participants will learn how to tell stories that connect across identities and experiences, framing LGBTQ+ rights as a shared struggle for dignity, safety, and freedom. Through examples, discussion, and practical exercises, we'll examine how to counter divisive narratives and build solidarity across race, class, and gender lines to move hearts, minds, and policy.

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

3:45PM - 5:15PM

Protecting California K-12 Students from Harmful Law Enforcement (including ICE) Encounters in Schools

Brenda Rosas, Equal Justice Works Fellow, ACLU of Southern California Education Equity Project, La Habra, CA

This session will equip educators and staff with the tools to protect students and respond effectively to law enforcement and immigration enforcement on campus. The presentation will provide an overview of the school-to-prison/deportation pipeline, legal protections for students in California schools, how to create safe and supportive environments, how to prepare for law enforcement encounters, rights when interacting with law enforcement or immigration agents on or near campus, how to support students impacted by detention or deportation, and action steps and resources. As part of the session, participants will have the opportunity to review their own district's sanctuary school policy and learn how to advocate for stronger protections.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 1

9:15AM - 11:15AM

From Suffering and Surviving to Healing and Thriving: Applying Indigenous Wisdom and a Critical Wellbeing Paradigm to Recalibrating Education Ecosystems

Roberto Rivera, Ph.D., Executive Director, Alliance for the 7th Generation, Chicago, IL; Jennifer Leavitt-Moy, President, Cadre LLC, Chicago, IL

What does it take to build education ecosystems where all young people, especially those most marginalized, can truly thrive, even in politically tumultuous times? A global scan searching for long-standing, holistic success stories uncovered something remarkable: only 4 sites worldwide met the criteria, and each was led by Indigenous communities using what is now known as the Critical Wellbeing Paradigm. Join us for an upcoming Town Hall to explore how this powerful, community-centered approach is transforming education ecosystems. You will learn how the Critical Wellbeing Paradigm and a strategic wellbeing management platform are helping diverse staff, students, and communities reclaim and recalibrate their ecosystems: centering mental health, belonging, and voice participation, while amplifying youth and community partnership through meaningful data. Through real-world case studies, discover how expanded learning organizations are using this approach to drive lasting impact, even in politically complex and uncertain times. Participants will leave with practical strategies and tools to use the right data to amplify the voices that matter most, strengthen wellbeing across their ecosystems, and systematize wellbeing and sustainable change. This is more than a conversation: it is an invitation to reimagine what is possible, and to become part of a growing movement catalyzing education ecosystems worldwide.

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BOOST FILM FESTIVAL



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



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

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

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

10:30AM-12:15PM

A PLACE TO BREATHE

Moderator: Tiffany Roberson, MS, Deputy Executive Director, Hudson Guild, New York, NY



2:45AM-4:45PM

THE BODY POLITIC

Moderator: Ashley Ellis, M.Ed., Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging and Director of Enrichment, Atlanta Speech School, Atlanta, GA



THURSDAY, APRIL 30

10:00AM-12:00PM

THE SMARTEST KIDS IN THE WORLD

Moderator: Ryan McCarthy, PP, Executive Director, Global Kindness Initiative & The Kind Campus, San Francisco, CA



1:15PM-2:30PM

LOCKER ROOM TALK

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



3:45PM-5:15PM

FIREBOYS

Moderator: Molly Stoeckel, MA, Director of Older Youth Programs, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA

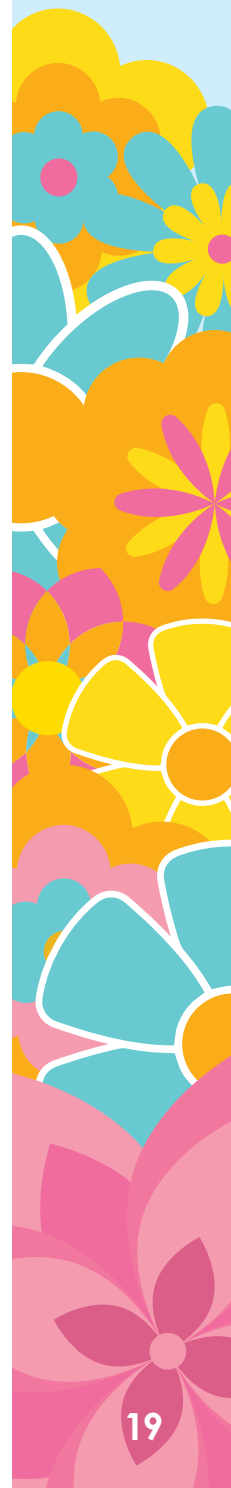


FRIDAY, MAY 1

9:15AM-11:15AM

MAKE A CIRCLE

Moderator: Knisha "Knash" Nash, Director of Program Training & Development, Think Together, Riverside, CA



CAMP INSPIRE WORKSHOP SESSIONS

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



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

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

Understanding the Brain to Get to the Heart of Healthy Relationships

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

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

Power Up with micro:bit! Plug-and-Play Solar Powered STEAM for OST

Shaun Baram, Learning Success Manager, Forward Education, Ontario, Canada

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

Play. Tinker. Inspire: Reimagining STEAM in Expanded Learning Spaces

Michelle Morrisey, M.Ed., District Partnerships Manager, SAM Labs, San Diego, CA

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

Flying Eggs and Sticky Fred-Cultivating Curiosity with the Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science Series

Terri Johnson, M.Ed., Owner/Developer, Creative 3, Quirkles and Fuddlebrook School Science Series, Springfield, MO

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

The Future of Afterschool

Richard Ginn, MA, CEO; Amber Georgieff, MA, Director of Turnkey Programs, Black Rocket Productions, Freehold, NJ

2:45PM - 3:30PM - Station 2

Mindful Transitions: Creating Calmer, More Connected After-School Spaces

Stacy Hemingway, Founder and Head of Curriculum, Conscious Classroom, Kirkland, WA

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

10:00AM - 10:45AM - Station 1

Turning Big Feelings into Superpowers Through Play, Science, and Connection

Aicha Sharif Choudhuri, MA, MBA, Co-Founder, InnerJoy Ed, Mequon, WI

10:00AM - 10:45AM - Station 2

Stack Up for Success: Building Skills Through Movement and Teamwork

Matt Burk, Vice President; Jamie Limberg, Account Director, Speed Stacks, Larkspur, CO

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

MLB Players STEM League - Creating the Next Math Champion

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

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

School Yard Rap: Educate, Engage, Empower

Brandon Brown, CEO, School Yard Rap, Fresno, CA

1:15PM - 2:00PM - Station 1

Empowering Educators: How HOKALI Academy Elevates Teaching Excellence

Paloma Turin, Head of Community Growth, HOKALI, San Francisco, CA

1:15PM - 2:00PM - Station 2

Imagination Station Camp: Where Creativity, Play, and Learning Connect

Jessica McDivitt, MAT, Director of Curriculum, Work ED, Lake Elsinore, CA

FRIDAY, MAY 1

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

Clever Craze for Kids: FREE STEAM-integrated K-8 Academic Enrichment Website & App

Desiree Rainbolt, Expanded Learning Consultant, Clever Craze for Kids, San Bernardino, CA

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

Waves of Kindness: Bringing Social-Emotional Learning to Life Through Art, Literacy & Community

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

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CONFERENCE WORKSHOP & SPECIAL EVENT LOCATIONS

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

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

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

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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!

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!

MOTHER'S ROOM

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

Tuesday, 8:30AM-5:00PM
Wednesday, 7:00AM-5:30PM
Thursday, 7:00AM-5:30PM
Friday, 7:00AM-11:30AM

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.

COLLEGE CREDITS

We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to earn transferable College Credits in partnership with UC San Diego (UCSD) Division of Extended Studies. Participation in the BOOST Conference grants you the opportunity to earn one (1) unit of college credit by participating in select BOOST Conference workshops. Participants will receive a transcript for their records upon course completion from the UC San Diego Division of Extended Studies. The College Credit registration fee is \$55, payable to UC San Diego Division of Extended Studies. If you are interested in participating in the College Credits program, please visit the [On-Site Registration Booth](#) in the [PSCC lobby](#).

For more information, please visit www.boostconference.org/earn-college-credits

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.

2026 INSPIRATION STATIONS

Wednesday and Thursday in the Primrose Foyer

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

Inspire Youth. Inspire Learning. Inspire Change.

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

Wednesday

10:30AM – 11:15AM

11:30AM – 12:15PM

2:45PM – 3:30PM

Thursday

10:00AM – 10:45AM

11:00AM – 11:45AM

1:15PM – 2:00PM



WEDNESDAY

10:30AM-11:15AM

Station A- Strong Starts and Smooth Landings: Building a Behavior Support System for Your Before and After School Program

Shannon Hyde, Behavior Support Program Manager, Harmonium, Inc., San Diego, CA

Station B- Tools for Today: Building Character and Connection One Kind Heart At A Time

Icicle Freeland, MMCM, Director of Outreach and Partnerships, Two by Two Character Development, Dubuque, IA

Station C- It's Never Too Early to Dream Big!

Laura Garcia, College Readiness Advisor, Waukegan to College, Waukegan, IL

Station D- Airbrush Action!

Leo Garrardo, Director of Arts, After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, CA

Station E- Colorful Traditions, Powerful Messages: Youth Crafts with Purpose

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

Station F- Building Belonging with Bots: Trauma-Informed AI Tools for Tutors Supporting Students

Experiencing Homelessness

Angelique Singh, Ed.D, Curriculum & Assessment Specialist, School on Wheels, Los Angeles, CA

11:30AM - 12:15PM

Station A- Word-Building Games, Activities & Learning Mats to Support Literacy, Reading, and English Learners in Afterschool Programs

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

Station B- Unlocked: The Next Level You (Self Quality Improvement)

Christina Green, Afterschool Coordinator, Bay Area Community Resources (BACR), Oakland, CA

Station C- Make It A Game: Designing Programs Kids Want to Be Part Of

Adam Brody, President, Strategic Kids, Laguna Hills, CA

Station D- Hope is Not A Strategy, But A Heart of Many

Jitendrapal Kundan, Executive Director and Research, Minneapolis, MN

Station E- Easy-to-Teach STEM Projects for Afterschool | Make & Take!

Patti Pape, Training & Customer Relationships, Nature Watch STEM Kits for Afterschool, Agoura Hills, CA

Station F- Author Mindset: 3 Unexpected Ways to Help Kids See Themselves as Creators

Susie Harder, Author, Founder & CEO, Authorable, Clovis, CA

2:45PM-3:30PM

Station A- Light Up & Chill: Electrical Engineering Meets Crafting

Kay Yang, M. Eng., Founder & Lead Tinkerer, Tinker the Robot, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Station B- Maker Magic: How to Design a Creative, Low-Cost Makerspace Anywhere

Bill Albert, CEO, STEMfinity, Boise, ID

Station C- Bugs and Slugs: Jewels of the Night

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

Station D- Effective Reinforcement Systems That Work!

Jennifer Fairburn, Strategic Quality Business Partner, KinderCare Education - Champions, Summerville, SC

Station E- Let's Get Phygital! How to Use No-code Tech to Pair Analog and Digital Learning for Media Literacy Outcomes

Karen Darricades, Founder and CEO, LitKit, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Station F- From Nostalgia to Now: Breaking Up With "We've Always Done It This Way"

Lori Woodley-Langendorff, Founder/Chief Visionary Officer, All it Takes, Simi Valley, CA

THURSDAY

10:00AM - 10:45AM

Station A- Beyond the Pages: Exploring Hands-On Science with Interactive Science

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

Station B- Transform Student Behavior Through the Power of Connection

Tiffany Burns, University Instructor & Co-Founder Connecting Through Conversation, Ashland, OR

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

Janelle Matthews, Regional Partnerships Manager, Playworks, Oakland, CA

Station D- Gifts of Inspiration

Elle Essenmacher, Account Executive, Harmony Academies, National University, San Diego, CA

Station E- Prompt with Purpose: Play, Prompt & Create Hands-On STEM with AI

Shelia James, Manager, STEM Next / Teen Science Cafe Network, Conway, SC

Station F- Interactive Notebooking That Transforms Class Culture

Sandi Howard, Education Consultant, Authorable, Ocean Springs, MS

11:00AM - 11:45AM

Station A- Inner Coaching for Educators: Designing SEL Lessons from the Heart Outward

Sena Lee, Co-founder, MILLU, La Mirada, CA

Station B- GKI STEAM: Everyday Science, Extraordinary Learning

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

Station C- Building Confidence Through Play

Jamie Limberg, Account Manager, Speed Stacks, Larkspur, CO

Station D- Lights! Camera! Action! Easy Stop Motion Animation

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

Station E- From Plan-and-Prep to Plug-and-Play

Negar Yaghoobi, CEO, Enrilo, New York, NY

Station F- Make Music Anywhere: Creative, Low & No-Cost Tools for Bringing Music to Afterschool Programs

Lauren Casserly, Program Specialist, Elevo, San Diego, CA

1:15PM - 2:00PM

Station A- How About a Feel-Good Pause?

Daniel Hatcher, Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Washington, D.C.

Station B- Show the Impact, Protect Your Budget: Making the Case for Expanded Learning

Rod Hsiao, CEO, InPlay, San Mateo, CA

Station C- Universal Mental Health Screening in Schools

Theresa Nguyen, LCSW, Chief Research Officer, Mental Health America, Alexandria, VA

Station D- Playful Strategies for Consistent Student Engagement

Sean Keelan, Regional Partnership Manager, Playworks, Oakland, CA

Station E- OPEN

Station F- OPEN



ost | OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME INNOVATIONS (OSTI) AWARDS



Afterschool Alliance

On behalf of out-of-school time educators and leaders across the country, we are proud to celebrate and honor the Afterschool Alliance's ongoing efforts and leadership at the 2026 BOOST Conference. Without their leadership and tireless efforts, millions of our students would not have access to high-quality after school programs.

We will celebrate Jodi Grant and the entire Afterschool Alliance team with an OSTI (Out-of-School Time Innovations) Champion Award during the general session/lunch on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 12:30pm.

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The purpose of the OSTI Champion Award is to honor a person or organization that has made a significant impact to protect, promote, and advance our field through advocacy and policy measures. The nominee has worked to raise awareness, improve policy, or influence legislation through initiatives or programs supporting the out-of-school time field. For more information visit <https://www.boostconference.org/osti-awards>

WORKSHOP LEGEND

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)

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, Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELOP) 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.



- PK**
PRE-KINDERGARTEN
- E**
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- M**
MIDDLE SCHOOL
- H**
HIGH SCHOOL
- HE**
HIGHER EDUCATION
- ULA**
UPPER-LEVEL ADMINISTRATION
- MLA**
MID-LEVEL ADMINISTRATION
- CB**
CAPACITY BUILDING
- DS**
DIRECT SERVICE

WORKSHOP LEGEND

2026 BOOST CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



TUESDAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

REGISTRATION

8:30AM-5:00PM

PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER LOBBY

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

PRE-CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

9:00AM-5:30PM

PASADENA, CATALINA, MADERA, SIERRA

(Pre-registration is required)

BOOST CONFERENCE ORIENTATION

9:00AM-5:00PM

PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER LOBBY

(Every hour on the hour)

FRIENDSHIP CORNER

10:00AM-4:00PM

GREATROOM/SNUG ROOM

BOOST SWIM CLUB

1:00PM-5:00PM

POOLSIDE RENAISSANCE

MEET THE AUTHORS

1:00PM-5:00PM

SMOKETREE F

BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

1:00PM-5:00PM

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER, RENAISSANCE

ZEN DEN

3:00PM-5:00PM

TAHQUITZ

OPENING WELCOME RECEPTION

5:30PM-6:30PM

ROCKS LOUNGE/POOLSIDE RENAISSANCE

SPECIAL EVENTS & FIELD TRIPS

6:00PM-9:00PM

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

PRE-CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

9:00AM-5:30PM

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Rita Rasuli, MS, Prevention Coordinator, San Joaquin County Office of Education, Stockton, CA; Erin Harrison, MS, Director, Expanded Learning Programs, Turlock Unified School District, Turlock, CA

Youth Mental Health First Aid is an evidence-based training that teaches adults how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges in youth. This training helps adults who work with youth be able to provide initial support to youth ages 12-18 who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and guide them to the appropriate care. (This course is mandatory for 8 hours to qualify for the MHFA Certificate).

Sierra



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
OFFICE OF EDUCATION



1:00PM-4:00PM

Planning for Impact: Tips and Tools to Launch Evidence-based Summer Learning

Hillary Oravec, MA, Managing Partner, The Learning Agenda, Akron, OH; Patricia "Pat" Lewis, Ed.D., Senior Consultant, The Learning Agenda, Denton, TX; Jared Scheck, MA, Strategic Initiatives Manager, The Learning Agenda, Chicago, IL



Whether you're launching a new summer program or strengthening an existing one, this energizing, hands-on Pre-conference Academy will equip district summer learning leaders with evidence-based strategies and proven tools to plan and lead high-impact programs. Using The Wallace Foundation's Summer Learning Toolkit and Getting to Work on Summer Learning, 2nd Edition, we'll explore real-world strategies that boost engagement, improve outcomes, and build lasting demand. Learn from a district leader, apply adaptable tools, and collaborate to solve common challenges. All attendees will receive a free copy of the Wallace Foundation's Summer Learning Toolkit and Getting to Work on Summer Learning, 2nd Edition.

Catalina



10:00AM-4:30PM

Heart-Centered Connections: Creating Inclusive Environments For Neurodiverse Children

Niki Elliott, Ph.D., Director, Center for Embodied Equity and Neurodiversity (CEEN), University of San Diego, San Diego, CA



The Heart-Centered Connections model supports teachers, community educators, and caregivers in creating trauma-informed, neuroinclusive learning environments. These environments, rooted in adult social-emotional wellness, promote emotional resilience and academic success for neurodiverse youth. By examining the connections between educational neuroscience, neurodiversity, trauma-informed teaching, and social-emotional learning, participants gain practical tools to engage effectively with youth. This holistic approach helps foster environments where all learners, especially those with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, mental health diagnoses, or trauma, can thrive.

Madera

1:00PM-5:00PM

Navigating Grants World: A Practical Guide For Expanded Learning and OST Professionals

Gabriela B. Delgado, M.A., M.P.A., GPC, Senior Director of Strategic Projects, San Diego County Office of Education, San Diego, CA



As our funding environment shifts, building capacity around grant development is essential for sustaining and expanding programs. This session empowers out-of-school time professionals to confidently navigate the changing landscape, strengthening their ability to identify and secure grants that support transformational after-school experiences. Participants will explore ways to discover new funding sources, gain insights into the grant lifecycle, and apply proven best practices for crafting compelling and successful proposals.

Pasadena

MEET THE AUTHORS

1:00PM-5:00PM

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

SMOKETREE F



BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

1:00PM-5:00PM

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

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER



SWIM CLUB

1:00PM-5:00PM

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

Poolside Renaissance

Sponsors:



POOLSIDE RENAISSANCE

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3:00PM-5:00PM

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

TAHQUITZ

OPENING WELCOME RECEPTION

5:30PM-6:30PM

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

ROCKS LOUNGE/POOLSIDE RENAISSANCE

Reception Sponsor



Drink Sponsor



Live Music by
DJ Walt White



TUESDAY

OPENING RECEPTION HAT CONTEST

5:30PM-6:30PM

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



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

Hat Contest Winners will be announced at 6:00PM

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



POP-UP DINNERS

6:15PM-8:00PM

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



LGBTQ+ AND ALLIES MIXER

7:00PM-9:00PM

Join us for a fun mixer and the chance to meet and socialize with other members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies. Please wear your BOOST name badge to receive food and drink specials. In partnership, BOOST Collaborative, Human Rights Campaign (HRC), and the National Education Association (NEA) are dedicated to creating safe, inclusive, and welcoming communities.



V LOUNGE & MARTINI BAR

FIELD TRIPS- CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!

Escape Room

5:30PM-8:30PM

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



Noche Tropical (Tropical Night) Salsa Dancing

7:30PM-10:00PM

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



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

LOUNGE EVENT

8:00PM-9:00PM

HILTON HOTEL BAR & LOUNGE

BOOST Trivia Extravaganza Party

Home Science Tools is bringing the fun to Lounge Night at BOOST! Join us for the BOOST Trivia Extravaganza Party, where curiosity meets competition and bragging rights are on the line. Kick back, grab a drink, and put your knowledge to the test with fast-paced trivia, great company, and plenty of laughs. Whether you're a trivia champ or just here for the vibes, this is the place to be. Door Prizes throughout the night, and prizes for our winners!



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

REGISTRATION

7:00AM-4:00PM

PSCC LOBBY

BOOST CONFERENCE ORIENTATION

7:30AM-8:30AM

PSCC LOBBY

MORNING RECESS (Indoor & Outdoor)

7:30AM-8:30AM

PSCC, EAST LAWN & PRIMROSE C & D

BREAKFAST & NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

7:30AM

EXHIBIT HALL

EXHIBIT HALL

7:30AM-4:00PM

EXHIBIT HALL

BLOOD DRIVE

8:00AM-1:00PM

PSCC, EAST LAWN

OPENING/GENERAL SESSION

8:45AM-9:45AM

OASIS 3 & 4

BOOST CONFERENCE ORIENTATION

7:30AM-8:30AM

Last chance to participate! BOOST Conference Attendee Promising Practices: How to Navigate the Conference and Make the Most of Your Professional Development Experience.

[PSCC Lobby](#)

BREAKFAST & NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

7:30AM-8:30AM

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

RELAXATION STATION

7:30AM-4:00PM

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

Note: This is for attendees only.



MORNING RECESS ACTIVITIES

7:30AM-8:30AM

MORNING MAGIC IN THE PLAYGROUND!

Kickstart your day with a FUN, fast, and fantastically USEFUL showcase of FIVE different indoor/large-group activities that you can IMMEDIATELY replicate with the young people you serve. From a BRAND NEW approach to kickball (you'll never play the same way again!) to BEDSHEET VOLLEYBALL ...what a great way to launch the conference and laugh and learn in "the playground" with our friends from Leading To Change!

[PSCC, PRIMROSE C & D: THE PLAYGROUND](#)

Sponsor:



Mindful Movement for Calm Transition

Efficient and effective transitions create optimal learning environments. Conscious Classroom offers its "5-parts of the Day" Mindful Movement practice to equip you with tools for maintaining calm, connection, and having some fun through any transition throughout your day. Join us for a movement practice, expand your toolkit, and take time for yourself to turn inward to enhance your conference experience.

[PSCC, EAST LAWN](#)

Sponsor:



BOOST COFFEE BAR 7:30AM-11:30AM

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

PSCC, EXHIBIT HALL, PRIMROSE A & B



BOOST BLOOD DRIVE 8:00AM-1:00PM

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

PSCC East Lawn



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

OASIS 3 & 4

WELCOME TO BOOST

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



FIRESIDE CHAT: BARATUDE THURSTON AND MIKE DE LA ROCHA

Who Tells the Story? Culture, AI, and the Future of American Democracy

Baratunde Thurston, Emmy-nominated storyteller, comedian, and thought leader, joins Mike de la Rocha, bestselling author, artist, and entrepreneur, for a timely conversation on storytelling, culture, and civic participation as the United States approaches its 250th birthday.

Drawing from their work at the intersection of art, media, and movement-building, they explore how stories shape our sense of belonging, responsibility, and possibility, and how culture can bring people from vastly different backgrounds into shared purpose. The discussion will examine the growing influence of AI on storytelling and democracy, asking how emerging technologies can deepen, rather than dilute, our humanity. Together, they will invite us to see ourselves not just as witnesses to history, but as active authors of America's next chapter.



BOOST BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS 9:45AM-10:15AM

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

EXHIBIT HALL

KEYNOTE MEET & GREET AND BOOK SIGNING 9:45AM-10:15AM

How To Be Black

In this satirical guide to race issues, Baratunde Thurston shares his 30-plus years of expertise in being black, with essays like "How to Be the Black Friend," "How to Speak for All Black People," "How To Celebrate Black History Month," and more. Audacious, cunning, and razor-sharp, *How to Be Black* exposes the mass-media's insidiously racist, monochromatic portrayal of black culture's richness and variety. Fans of *Stuff White People Like*, *This Week in Blackness*, and *Ending Racism in About an Hour* will be captivated, uplifted, incensed, and inspired by this hilarious and powerful attack on America's blacklisting of black culture.

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



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

MEET THE AUTHORS 10:00AM-11:00AM

Duty of Care

Jitendrapal (Jit) Kundan, Executive Director, The Origins Program - Developmental Designs, Minneapolis, MN

11:30AM-12:30PM

Sacred Lessons: Teaching My Father How to Love

Mike de la Rocha, Author, *Sacred Lessons*, Burbank, CA

ZEN DEN

10:30AM-4:30PM

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BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE 10:00AM-11:00AM

Be the Human AI Can't Replace

Arvin Ross, Director of Innovation, Human Intelligence Movement, Inver Grove Heights, MN

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER

BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE (CONT.)

11:30AM-12:30PM

The IMPACTFUL Way!

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

MORNING WORKSHOPS

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

15 OMG FREE TOOLS To Raise Your Youth Engagement Game

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

Get ready for a LIGHTNING round of proven tools and strategies to raise your workforce engagement game. We'll cover the BEST of technology (like a free gamification app for 2000 participants), program design (how to use the roller coaster method to life), and media (including FREE mashed-up mixes of today's music and movies). You'll leave with your head spinning, a listing of resources, and NEW ideas to immediately use in your work with young people

M H HE MLA DS

Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality

Santa Rosa

AI in Action: Moving from Fear to Fluency with Practical Guidelines & Creative Tools

Derek Suzuki, MA, Instructional Technology Program Manager, San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, CA

Generative AI is reshaping education. Join SDUSD's Instructional Technology Program Manager to move beyond hype to practical, human-centered implementation. Using SDUSD's AI guidelines as a case study, we'll explore AI's impact on student well-being and get hands-on with creative tools. Aligned with citizenship and agency themes, this session offers a toolkit for navigating ethical implications and fostering digital literacy. Leave with resources to build a "human-first" AI culture.

ULA MLA DS

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

Pueblo A/B

Arux: Trends and Technology in After School

Robin Mattaini, Director of Customer Service; Thomas Sawatzke, Director of Sales & Marketing; Nathan Mortensen, Customer Success Specialist, Arux, Minneapolis, MN

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the latest innovations from Arux. Explore new features that strengthen community connections and simplify child tracking throughout the day. Get a first look at upcoming enhancements and tools shaping the future of after-school management. Plus, gain insights into emerging trends and key learnings from programs nationwide to help you stay inspired and connected.

PK E ULA MLA CB DS

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

Mesquite D

Bridging Belonging: Connecting Classrooms, Communities, and Careers

Dr. Lola Adeyemo, DSL, Consultant & Non-Profit Founder, EQImindset/Immigrants in Corporate Inc., San Diego, CA

Belonging isn't just a feeling—it's a foundation for learning and leadership. In this interactive workshop, Dr. Lola Adeyemo shares practical strategies for helping educators and youth-development leaders build inclusive programs that connect classrooms, communities, and careers. Participants will explore partnerships, mentorship models, and tools that strengthen belonging and purpose for all youth.

M H HE MLA CB DS

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

Ventura

Building a Culture of Care: Integrating Wellness as a Way of Being to Support Site Coordinators

Lupita Perez, Senior Specialist, Equity & Quality; Tiffany Gipson, Director, Equity & Quality; Melissa Perez, Manager, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

Thriving workplaces begin with a culture that centers care, belonging, and balance. From the Site Coordinator's vantage point and experience, learn practical ways to weave wellness into daily routines and relationships. CAN will share how wellness strategies and practices are an integral foundational element of the Fellowship and Registered Apprenticeship Program.

PK E M H MLA

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

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Building Better Bonds

Megan Shaw, School Age Program Manager, Neighborhood House, Salt Lake City, UT

Strong student-staff connections are the foundation of a successful program. Let's share strategies to foster meaningful relationships with youth and create positive environments where they feel valued and understood. By strengthening these connections, you'll not only enhance engagement but also proactively address and reduce problem behaviors. Join us to learn and share tools and techniques that you can apply immediately in your program.

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WEDNESDAY

Centering Youth, Sharing Power: Trust-Building Across Expanded Learning Systems

Moderator: Michelle Jaramillo, MA, Director, Education Initiatives, San Diego Foundation, San Diego, CA
Panelists: Brandon Steppe, Founder & Executive Director, David's Harp Foundation, San Diego, CA; Christopher Stephens, Coordinator, System of Support for Expanded Learning, San Diego County Office of Education, San Diego, CA; Kara Wilson, M.Ed., Education Specialist, ASSETS Coordinator, Youth Transition Campus (YTC), East Mesa, San Diego County Office of Education, San Diego, CA

San Diego County is actively reimagining how expanded learning is designed, funded, and delivered across districts, community-based organizations, and public-private partners. This panel features cross-sector leaders engaged in that work, sharing candid insights on real hurdles, trust-building practices, and how igniting the unique superpower of every partner reduces burden, strengthens partnerships, and unlocks sustainable scale. Attendees will gain practical learning applicable across regions.

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Smoketree A-C

Civic Engagement and Service Learning: Empowering Your Kids to be Superheroes in Their Communities

Ryan McCarthy, PP, Executive Director, Global Kindness Initiative & The Kind Campus, San Francisco, CA

At a time when our country is facing severe social and political challenges, empowering our Youth to be community leaders is more important than ever before. Come learn and design fun, hands-on projects to help Youth become the superheroes their communities deserve!

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Palm Canyon A & B

Designing Multi-Dimensional Learning Experiences

Kristen Henry, Ed.D., Sr. VP, Curriculum & Training; Ryanna Navaroli, M.Ed., Manager of Curriculum: STEAM & Primary, Elevo, San Diego, CA; Kari Adams, MA, Inclusive Leadership Center Director, Thompson Policy Institute, Orange, CA

Learning is most powerful when it engages the whole child, mind, body, and sense of purpose. This session explores how Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and the Science of Learning and Development (SoLD) work together to create inclusive, flexible learning experiences that support physical, mental, social-emotional, and academic growth.

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Mesquite B

Don't Hate the Core - Partner with It! Turn the Afterschool Drag into an Academic Powerhouse!

Ayo Coker, M.Ed., Program Development & Training Specialist III, Think Together, Ontario, CA

Academic outcomes are what funders and districts are increasingly focused on, heightening the need to position programs as drivers of student success. In this workshop, participants will learn how to translate district and state academic priorities into engaging after-school practices through interactive activities, small group strategy building, and peer-to-peer sharing to further strengthen partnerships that boost student achievement.

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Strand: Think Together Strand; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Mesquite E/F

Expanding Student Success: State of Expanded Learning in CA

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

Join CDE, CAN, and others from the System of Support for Expanded Learning for a rich discussion on California's current Expanded Learning landscape, including the latest on ELO-P funding, federal policy implications, and critical updates on "Strategic Plan 3.0." Participants will have the opportunity to hear the latest updates from state leadership and engage in dialogue to help shape the future of Expanded Learning.

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

Madera/Catalina

Funology 101: The Science of Joy in Afterschool

Clint Darr, M.Ed., Resource Center Coordinator, Missouri Afterschool Network, Fulton, MO

Laughter is powerful—it builds connections, reduces stress, and sparks creativity. In Funology 101, we explore the art and science of bringing humor, play, and joy into afterschool programs. Learn practical ways to infuse fun into daily routines, strengthen relationships through laughter, and create a culture where both youth and staff thrive. Because when learning is joyful, everyone wins!

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality

Plaza C

Game On: LEGO League Future Edition for STEM Engagement

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

Step into the future of STEM education with LEGO League Future Edition. This session invites you to explore how LEGO Education CS & AI kits can transform afterschool classrooms into arenas of innovation and competition. Engage in hands-on activities that demonstrate the power of game-based learning and discover how to implement thrilling STEM competitions in your schools and districts. Empower your students with skills in computer science and artificial intelligence while fostering teamwork and creativity. Join us to learn how to inspire the next generation of problem solvers and innovators.

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

Mesquite C

Growing Staff Capacity to Create Systems for Success!

Tim Torres Mofhitz, M.Ed., Education Consultant, FranklinCovey Education, Turlock, CA

Equip after school programs and support staff with practical tools and empowering systems that grow capacity in both adults and students, and foster an environment of belonging. Ideal for providing ongoing program support for veteran and new staff alike.

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

Andreas

Improve Program Effectiveness with an Afterschool Management Software

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

Come see why 10 State DOEs and 5,000 schools/CBOs nationwide rely on registration, live attendance, and reporting using EZReports, the comprehensive afterschool management software for grant-funded programs. EZReports meets the data collection and reporting requirements mandated for Federal 21st CCLC programs. EZReports also supports 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.

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

Mesquite G/H

Leading With Dignity: Counter-Dominant Leadership in Practice

Kim Cabais, Program Manager, California School-Age Consortium, El Sobrante, CA

Leaders are often asked to deliver results within systems shaped by hierarchy, urgency, and compliance—conditions that can unintentionally undermine worker dignity and trust. This workshop explores counter-dominant leadership as a practical approach to using power with clarity and care. Participants will examine how everyday leadership practices can either reinforce dominance or uphold dignity, and will explore strategies to orient towards dignity.

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Strand: It Takes All of Us Strand; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; CA Focus

Sierra

LGBTQ+101: Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth

Joseph Clark, MS, Director of Action & Advocacy, Oasis Center, Nashville, TN

This workshop is designed to equip and empower educators and OST staff with the knowledge and tools needed to support and respect LGBTQ+ students so they can learn, grow, and thrive. Utilizing current school climate data, this session will offer introductory best practices on creating open and affirming spaces and classrooms for all young people, especially those who identify within the LGBTQ+ spectrum.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Older Youth

Chino A/B

Master the Chaos - Turn Unruly Energy into Engaged Movement

Leslie Fisher, MA, Training and Curriculum Specialist; Sandy Slade, CEO & Founder, Skillastics, Corona, CA

Ever feel like your students have endless energy but zero focus? Discover simple, proven strategies to reduce chaos, boost participation, and make physical activity the highlight of your program. Using techniques modeled through the Skillastics® Physical Activity Program, you'll learn how to turn high-energy groups into engaged, on-task teams—transforming activity time from stressful to smooth, fun, and effective.

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Primrose C&D

A Place to Breathe

Moderator: Tiffany Roberson, MS, Deputy Executive Director, Hudson Guild, New York, NY

A PLACE TO BREATHE explores the universality of trauma and resilience through the eyes of immigrant and refugee healthcare practitioners and patients. This feature-length documentary intertwines the personal journeys of those who are transcending their own obstacles by healing others. Combining cinema vérité and animation, the film highlights the creative strategies by which immigrant communities in the U.S. survive and thrive. The film weaves together the arcs of Rodrigue (DR Congo), Socheat (Cambodia), Norma (Guatemala), and the young couple Edgar and Yania (Mexico and Uruguay) as they pursue their dreams of supporting their communities' healing. Common ground and chance connections join these unique stories as the film humanizes those who have migrated here, sharing their wisdom and perspectives that enrich and strengthen our communities. This is more critical than ever with the devastating effects that COVID-19 is having on communities of color and immigrant populations. A PLACE TO BREATHE moves audiences to envision new understandings of wellness for all.

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WEDNESDAY

Serving Well: An Exploration of What it Means to Be Well and Serve Well

Ashley Ellis, M.Ed., Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging and Director of Enrichment, Atlanta Speech School, Atlanta, GA

This session is a capacity-building workshop geared toward supporting practitioners' wellness and the sustainability of impactful work. In this workshop, participants will envision and define what it means to BE well individually and collectively. Participants will identify obstacles to wellness and create action plans to consistently reflect on and maintain their wellness in service.

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Plaza B

YOU Are the Difference!

Manuel "Manny" Padia, M.Ed., Recreation Administrator, City of Glendale, Glendale, AZ

During this session, we will use a series of optical illusions to discuss the important roles that we, as Out-of-School Time professionals, play in the lives of our students and participants. Attendees will leave the session with a better appreciation for the importance of after school programs and be re-energized and motivated to take on the rest of the year because they have been reminded of just how amazing their job is!

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality

San Jacinto

Victorious Underdog

Roosevelt Sargent, Author/Speaker/Pastor, Roosevelt Sargent Speaks, Madison, TN

Victorious Underdog is a gripping, deeply human story of resilience and transformation. Roosevelt opens the door to a life shaped by hardship, difficult choices, and moments that could have ended very differently. But this is not a story about being defined by the streets — it is about rewriting the narrative through faith, responsibility, and hope. Today, Roosevelt's work centers on creating spaces where young people and leaders alike feel seen, valued, and reminded that their story is still being written — and it matters.

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Tapestry

What is My Value Instructionally to the Educators I Supervise?

Baruti Kafele, MA (Principal Kafele), Retired Principal, Education Consultant/Speaker, Author, Jersey City, NJ

The presenter argues that, "The primary purpose of staff supervision is the continued improvement of instruction." When the instructional side of leadership suffers, it adversely impacts the entire school academically. The presenter will provide attendees with strategies toward maintaining a focus on the instructional side of their leadership.

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Strand: Staff Leadership

Pasadena

ZTAG Kickstart: The Play & Move Experience

Quan Gan, MS, Owner/CEO; Steven Hanna, Playmaker Developer, ZTAG, Valencia, CA

The ZTAG Play & Move Experience is an interactive introductory workshop designed for anyone to experience ZTAG firsthand through interactive gameplay, movement, and guided exploration of the system. Our session gives attendees an opportunity to see how ZTAG creates high-energy, engaging experiences that can be used across a variety of school and youth program settings. In addition to a live demo and hands-on participation, our workshop will highlight practical ways educators and program leaders can use ZTAG to support student engagement, enrichment, group activities, and multi-age programming. Attendees will leave with a clear understanding of the platform, its versatility, and how it can be implemented to bring purposeful play into their own sites and programs.

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Palm Grove

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

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

Luna, 11 years old

Whittier School District
Whittier, CA

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

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

Aiden, 9 years old

Think Together
Jurupa Valley, CA

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#StudentQuotes

I stay after school because...

Its fun and they help me with all my homework.

Kateryn, 12 years old
Bresee, Los Angeles, CA

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Station A

Strong Starts and Smooth Landings: Building a Behavior Support System for Your Before and After School Program

Shannon Hyde, Behavior Support Program Manager, Harmonium, Inc., San Diego, CA

The bell may ring, but the work of supporting social-emotional growth continues. At Harmonium, we have a unique opportunity to leverage a team of behavior specialists dedicated to supporting both students and staff within our before and afterschool programs. Join us to explore the systems we've implemented through our comprehensive behavior support program and discover how we create consistency, guidance, and success throughout the day.

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Station B

Tools for Today: Building Character and Connection One Kind Heart At A Time

Icle Freeland, MMCM, Director of Outreach and Partnerships, Two by Two Character Development, Dubuque, IA

Do you find kids struggling to make real connections away from a screen? This session will equip you with practical ways to teach empathy and community through play-based learning that develops real-life skills. Learn about the research and how using rescue-inspired stuffed cats and dogs, each with their own backstory and medical history, through Kindhearted Kids helps kids build character, deepen relationships, and engage with the world around them, one kind heart at a time.

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Station C

It's Never Too Early to Dream Big!

Laura Garcia, College Readiness Advisor, Waukegan to College, Waukegan, IL

Waukegan to College is a national award-winning program that supports students from 5th grade through the college preparation process. Through our cohort and 1:1 advising sessions, we equip students and their families with the tools to build a brighter future. Join us to learn about our Individualized Student Success Plans, discover student and parent engagement techniques, and see what it's like to be a Waukegan to College scholar.

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Station D

Airbrush Action!

Leo Garrardo, Director of Arts, After-School All-Stars, Los Angeles, CA

Not an artist? Perfect — this workshop's for you! We'll cover the basics of airbrushing, from using the tool to building up your control and technique. You'll get to play around with a variety of stencils, and we'll provide both a practice T-shirt and a project cloth for you to work on. Whether you're brand new or have some experience, this workshop is a great fit for all levels! Perfect for anyone wanting to explore this awesome medium!

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Station E

Colorful Traditions, Powerful Messages: Youth Crafts with Purpose

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

Engage youth through vibrant, multicultural crafts that open the door to meaningful prevention conversations. Participants will create projects like cascarnes and sugar skull art inspired by Día de los Muertos while learning how to naturally weave prevention and healthy choice messaging into culturally responsive, hands-on activities. Leave with ready-to-use ideas that inspire creativity, connection, and positive decision-making.

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Station F

Building Belonging with Bots: Trauma-Informed AI Tools for Tutors Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness

Angelique Singh, Ed.D, Curriculum & Assessment Specialist, School on Wheels, Los Angeles, CA

Learn how School on Wheels uses trauma-informed AI tools to help tutors build trust, belonging, and SEL support with unhoused students.

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Station A**Word-Building Games, Activities & Learning Mats to Support Literacy, Reading, and English Learners in Afterschool Programs***Chandra Roughton, Administrative Program Director, Luminous Minds, Loomis, CA*

Want to add engaging, hands-on reading activities to your afterschool program? Join this interactive session to play, practice, and create word-building mats for elementary students! These activities boost vocabulary, phonemic awareness, and foundational reading skills while making literacy fun and accessible for English Learners. Participants receive a Make-and-Take Kit containing a learning mat, a whiteboard pen, and vocabulary cards.

PK E DS**Station B****Unlocked: The Next Level You (Self Quality Improvement)***Christina Green, Afterschool Coordinator, Bay Area Community Resources (BACR), Oakland, CA*

Unlocked: The Next Level You is an Inspiration Station centered on intentional self-care and personal growth. This session encourages you to pause, reflect, and invest in becoming the best version of yourself mentally, emotionally, and personally.

E M MLA DS**Station C****Make It A Game: Designing Programs Kids Want to Be Part Of***Adam Brody, President, Strategic Kids, Laguna Hills, CA*

This Inspiration Station invites educators to explore how intentional gamification can transform entire programs—not just individual activities. Participants will see how games, play, and storytelling can be embedded into curriculum design, classroom management, and leadership moments to boost engagement and reinforce SEL. Attendees leave with strategies they can immediately adapt and scale in their own programs.

PK E MLA DS**Station D****Hope is Not A Strategy, But A Heart of Many***Jitendrapal Kundan, Executive Director and Research, Minneapolis, MN*

Hope in itself is not a strategy, but Heart of Many, let's explore ways we can keep this heart beating toward individual and communal success as our Duty of Care. Participants will learn ways to reduce the gap between goal setting and goal achievement for self and their students. Hope without action is toxic positivity.

MLA CB H**Station E****Easy-to-Teach STEM Projects for Afterschool | Make & Take!***Patti Pape, Training & Customer Relationships, Nature Watch STEM Kits for Afterschool, Agoura Hills, CA*

Not a "Science" person? No problem! Here's a way to make science fun and educational for children...and easy for you! Come prepared to make and take! Many afterschool educators are reluctant to lead STEM activities ...we get it! Given the right hands-on materials and resources, teaching science can be EASY and FUN. Overcome the fear of leading science activities and see how to make the teaching and learning process hands-on while still being aligned to science standards.

PK E M MLA DS**Station F****Author Mindset: 3 Unexpected Ways to Help Kids See Themselves as Creators***Susie Harder, Author, Founder & CEO, Authorable, Clovis, CA*

What if "author mindset" isn't about perfect writing—but creativity, collaboration, and sharing ideas? In this interactive session, participants explore three surprising ways to unlock storytelling with students: discovering creative roles, building meaningful characters, and turning problems into stories. Walk away with ready-to-use activities that make creativity accessible, engaging, and fun for every learner.

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CAMP INSPIRE WORKSHOPS

10:30AM-11:15AM

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Station 1

Understanding the Brain to Get to the Heart of Healthy Relationships

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

"Make and Take" a model of the brain as we investigate how the WIZARD & LIZARD parts of our brain function in relation to our emotional responses to external stimuli and the way that our emotions direct our attention, energy, and actions. The session will be hands-on and interactive with an opportunity to explore mindfulness activities, resources, and apps. Everyone will leave with concrete resources to use immediately.

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Station 2

Power Up with micro:bit! Plug-and-Play Solar Powered STEAM for OST

Shaun Baram, Learning Success Manager, Forward Education, Ontario, Canada

Ready to supercharge your OST program with simple STEAM that actually ignites? Join us for a high-energy, hands-on deep dive where we turn the Palm Springs sunshine into a literal power source! Whether you're a coding pro or a total tech-newbie, you'll walk away with a plug-and-play project from Forward Education's library that's designed to engage every learner through a "low floor, high ceiling" approach. We're ditching the dry lectures for real-world climate solutions, a quick trip outside to test our solar builds in the desert sun, and a chance for you to win a Smart Solar Energy Kit for your own site. Come see how easy it is to bring world-class, SDG-aligned STEAM to your afterschool community!

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11:45AM - 12:30PM

Station 1

Play, Tinker, Inspire: Reimagining STEAM in Expanded Learning Spaces

Michelle Morrisey, M.Ed., District Partnerships Manager, SAM Labs, San Diego, CA

Discover how play-based learning can spark creativity and confidence in expanded learning programs. In this hands-on session, explore how SAM Labs empowers expanded learning educators to turn tinkering into meaningful STEAM experiences that inspire curiosity, problem-solving, and future-ready skills—no coding background required!

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Station 2

Flying Eggs and Sticky Fred-Cultivating Curiosity with the Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science Series

Terri Johnson, M.Ed., Owner/Developer, Creative 3, Quirkles and Fuddlebrook School Science Series, Springfield, MO

Are you tired of hearing "I am bored" or "How much longer?" from your students? Well, this won't happen when you are utilizing the Quirkles and/or Fuddlebrook programs in your sessions. The lessons are already created for you. All you have to do is watch the kids have fun as exciting stories and hands-on science come alive. Yes, eggs will fly, spoons (Fred) will stick, and perhaps a mess will be made, all while making literacy and science come together in a way that students can relate.

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BOOST COFFEE BAR

12:00PM - 4:00PM

PSCC, EXHIBIT HALL, PRIMROSE A & B

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



FIELD TRIP

12:00PM - 4:00PM



PALM SPRINGS AERIAL
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Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

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

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



LUNCH & GENERAL SESSION

12:30PM-1:30PM

GENERAL SESSION INSPIRATION BOOSTER

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OSTI AWARDS

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



2026 OSTI CHAMPION AWARD- AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE

On behalf of out-of-school time educators and leaders across the country, we are proud to celebrate and honor the Afterschool Alliance's ongoing efforts and leadership at the 2026 BOOST Conference. Without their leadership and tireless efforts, millions of our students would not have access to high-quality after school programs.



Learn more about the Afterschool Alliance here www.afterschoolalliance.org

CALL TO ACTION: AMPLIFY YOUR VOICE



Jodi Grant, JD

Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance, Washington DC

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



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

Learn more: www.afterschoolalliance.org

FIELD TRIP

1:15PM - 4:00PM

Agua Caliente Cultural Museum (AACM)

Me Yah Whae (Hello), BOOSTers! Join us for a guided highlights tour of the AACM to experience the geography, history, and culture of the Agua Caliente Band of the Cahuilla Indians within their nearly 10,000-square-foot gallery featuring five exhibition areas that each offer a unique piece of the Agua Caliente story. AACM was named one of the world's greatest places in 2024 by Time Magazine so complete your Palm Springs experience by celebrating indigeneity.



Visit the Field Trip Hub in the [Renaissance Ballroom Hallway](#) to purchase your ticket!

BOOST BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

1:30PM-2:30PM

EXHIBIT HALL

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

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

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

25 Fabulous Enrichment Ideas (& Where to Get More)

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

Engagement comes from High Quality Enrichment! Come explore a list of 25 Fabulous Enrichment Ideas and workshop on how to make them work at your site or in your larger multi-site program. We'll cover numerous low-cost and completely free resources to keep the fabulous ideas flowing once you are back home as well. A hands-on interactive experience as you customize a fabulous enrichment idea just right for your program!

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[Ventura](#)

Active Minds, Strong Bodies: Building Connection and Confidence Through Play

Fred Rasuli, CEO, TSP Afterschool Programs, Turlock, CA

This interactive session explores how physical activity and team-based play can strengthen student engagement, attendance, and social-emotional skills. Participants experience fun, movement-based activities that can be easily implemented in afterschool programs to promote inclusion, teamwork, and confidence for all students.

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The After-School Field Guide: From "IN" Charge to "IN" Sync with Students

Ray Trinidad, M.Ed., CEO, IMPact People/Players, Chula Vista, CA

This interactive, field guide-inspired session helps staff create safe, empowering after-school spaces through positive discipline. Using real-world scenarios, hands-on activities, and a human-centered approach, participants will explore strategies to manage behavior, build trust, and foster a sense of belonging for students and staff alike. Walk away with ready-to-use tools, fresh insights, and a renewed mindset for leading with heart.

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Attendance Recovery & Expanded Learning: A Profitable Partnership

Katie Brackenridge, MPP, Consultant, Think Together, Oakland, CA

Are you still a mix of confused and interested in how to leverage Attendance Recovery? School year 2025-26 was the first year that the state's Attendance Recovery policy allowed districts to recoup lost attendance dollars and learning. Learn from a diverse mix of district leaders who are building school/expanded learning partnerships to implement this tricky policy in ways that benefit expanded learning, the district, and, most importantly, students.

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Beyond Fun: Building Real-World Skills and Career Awareness in TK - 8 Programs

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

We're all here to change the narrative: out-of-school-time programs are not just "extras". They're powerful engines for skill-building, confidence development, and career exposure — if we design them that way. Build your own take-home project in this session and discover how enrichment programs can deliver real-world learning outcomes in technical skills, SEL, and career awareness, making clear why this field deserves recognition and continued investment as part of the larger learning ecosystem.

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BEYOND ICEBREAKERS! Innovative and NON-CRINGY Challenges to Engage

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. INNOVATIVE, energetic, and IMMEDIATELY replicable - be ready to walk out with a new catalogue of FREE tools that will lead to great program cohesion and youth participation. Follow the music and laughter for this standing room only session!

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Santa Rosa

The Body Politic

Moderator: Ashley Ellis, M.Ed., Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging and Director of Enrichment, Atlanta Speech School, Atlanta, GA

Amid the George Floyd uprising, Brandon Scott, a young reform-minded leader, is elected mayor of Baltimore. His goal is to reduce gun violence in the city through a new, public health-focused, community-led approach, rather than relying solely on policing, as other leaders have done. With unfettered access, THE BODY POLITIC follows him and his team of young community leaders throughout their first year in City Hall, revealing their ambitious plan to lower the city's violence rate and challenge a long history of racism. As opposition mounts, Mayor Scott's commitment to his principles puts his political future in jeopardy. Cameras continue to follow to see if his holistic plan will lead to healing in Baltimore—and maybe even reveal a pathway forward for the nation.

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Strand: Film Festival
Horizon I

Building Bright Futures: Summer Learning with LEGO Education

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

Dive into the world of summer learning with LEGO Education Science and LEGO Education CS & AI. This interactive session will introduce you to innovative programs designed to spark curiosity and creativity in students. Discover how hands-on experiences with LEGO can enhance science and technology skills, while exploring concepts in computer science and artificial intelligence. Join us for a fun and engaging session where you'll have the opportunity to build, experiment, and learn how to inspire young minds during summer programs.

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Strand: LEGO Education Strand; Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships
Mesquite C

Building Scalable Career-Ready Programs in Expanded Learning with High School Interns

Leticia Bradley, MA, District Administrator; Program Manager; Ingrid Aispuro, Personnel Liaison; Stephanie McIntire, MA, Work Based Coordinator; Rubi Paceco, Site Lead/Coordinator on Special Assignment; Mariah Garcia, Site Lead/Coordinator; Theresa Alvarado, Site Lead/Coordinator; Larry Bradley, Intern to Site Assistant, Porterville Unified School District, Porterville, CA

Learn how Porterville Unified leveraged its Pathways and Expanded Learning programs to provide hands-on, career-aligned work experiences for more than 350 high school students during the 2024-2025 school year. Internships spanned engineering, coding, culinary arts, and health sciences, enabling students to learn in real-world settings, build leadership skills, and gain early exposure to the workforce. Leave with a roadmap for starting an internship program within expanded-learning settings.

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

Charting the Course: Afterschool Policy in Trump's Washington

Jodi Grant, JD, Executive Director; Jennifer Rinehart, MA, Senior Vice President, Strategy and Programs, Afterschool Alliance, Washington, DC

Afterschool and summer programs are currently facing unprecedented threats, while at the same time exciting new opportunities exist. In this town hall, afterschool policy experts break down the latest federal policies under the Trump administration and share practical advocacy and partnership strategies to help you navigate challenges, seize opportunities, and secure critical support for your programs. Leave with new ideas and strategies to ensure that our programs remain available for all youth

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

Madera

Confidence Counts: Why Leadership Changes the Game for Adolescent Girls

Kelly Meredith, Director of Partnership Development, Lean In Girls, Austin, TX

By middle school, many girls begin to doubt their abilities—holding back from taking risks, speaking up, and stepping into leadership. Afterschool programs can change that story! In this interactive session, discover how programs nationwide are using the FREE Lean In Girls curriculum to help girls ages 11-15 build confidence, resilience, and belonging. Experience hands-on activities, hear success stories, and leave with free, ready-to-use tools to bring this empowering program to your community.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Older Youth

Plaza C

Evolving Models of Recruitment, Training, and Retention

Teresa Rivas, Training Manager; Jeff Charbonneau, Sr. Director of Talent Acquisition; Martha Arevalos, Lead Training Manager; Marty Sullivan, Lead Training Manager; Taylor Mitchel, Lead Training Manager; Bryce Fortenberry, Operations Manager, Elevo, San Diego, CA

Programs succeed or fail through the staff working directly with students each day. This session will explore staffing and training strategies that lead to high-quality programs that provide consistency for staff and students year over year.

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Strand: Elevo Strand; Staff Leadership

Mesquite B

Exploring Career Mapping in Expanded Learning

Maria Ramirez, Senior Program Manager – Workforce, Partnership for Children and Youth, Sacramento, CA; Virgtrere McGee, High School Program Manager, Girls Inc. of Alameda County, Oakland, CA; Marilyn Alas, Director of Programs, Torrance, CA

This interactive workshop invites expanded learning professionals to reflect on and explore their career journeys in the expanded learning field. Participants will identify what motivates themselves and their teams, examine how expanded learning roles cultivate transferable skills, support professional growth, and open pathways for long-term careers. Participants will explore how to use storytelling to strengthen staff retention, motivation, and professional development strategies.

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Strand: It Takes All of Us Strand; Staff Leadership; Sustainability; CA Focus

Sierra

Hitting Curveballs: The Human OS Upgrade

Dee Hankins, Inspirational Speaker, Dee Hankins Consulting, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Life is going to throw curveballs. If you're working in education or after-school, you're currently standing in the batter's box during a hurricane of behavioral issues, staff burnout, and energy leakage. Most people try to "motivate" their way through it. In this high-energy, high-impact session, Dee installs the 3-Bucket Philosophy, an intertwined mental filter that turns chaos into a standard of excellence. You'll learn how to stop wasting your best energy on the things you can't control so you can hit a home run with the things you can.

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Strand: Storyteller's Cafe; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Tapestry

How to Collaborate With Your Superintendent, Cabinet, and Board

Moderator: Rod Hsiao, MPP, CEO, InPlay, San Mateo, CA

Panelists: Lupe Ruvalcaba, MS, Coordinator of Student Support Services, Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, San Jose, CA; Ginger Shea, Ed.D., Director of Enrichment and Special Programs, Oxnard School District, Oxnard, CA; Jason Viloria, Ed.D., Educational Consultant, School Leaders, Foothill Ranch, CA

Expanded learning coordinators often have to deliver on ambiguous goals handed down from above. Coordinators have to contend with a thicket of regulatory requirements, political minefields, and a leadership that may ask you to achieve programmatic goals without giving you the resources to accomplish them. What are effective strategies to collaborate with your superiors so that you are given the necessary authority, discretion, and resources to deliver expanded learning programs to meet district goals?

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Strand: Panel; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Smoketree A-C

Insanity or Genius? The Magic of Camper Choice at Day Camp

Kristina Woznicki, Chief Executive Officer, The Summer Learning Collaborative, Inc., New Castle, DE

Discover how you can elevate your day camp culture by allowing campers to self-select their daily activities and how to overcome barriers for implementation. The session will discuss how SummerCollab has successfully implemented choice activities for campers in grades 1-8 and the magic that happens when kids make their own choices. If you are looking to improve culture, decrease camper behavior and/or enhance your staff development, then Magic of Camper Choice might be your solution.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality

Plaza B

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Lead Together: From Solo Burden to Shared Vision

Sweta Chawla, PharmD/MS, Leadership Coach, Vocal Empowerment and Mural Facilitator, Adjunct Professor, Albany, CA

In today's changing educational landscape, old models of leadership—where one person carries every challenge—no longer work. Many educators lead through excellence as doers, but true leadership requires cultivating others, fostering connection, and leading with clarity. In this interactive session, Dr. Sweta Chawla helps participants reimagine leadership as a shared process that reduces burnout, deepens engagement, and builds cultures of growth and belonging.

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Strand: Staff Leadership

Pueblo A/B

The Leadership Compass: Mastering Your Leadership Style and How to Effectively Lead Others

Doug Luffborough, III, Ph.D., President & CEO, Higher Level Leadership LLC, Chula Vista, CA

How would you define yourself as a leader? Do you know your leadership style? Are you able to identify the leadership styles of others? Based on the directionals on a compass (North, South, East, and West), the purpose of this workshop is to enable participants to articulate at a higher level their dominant leadership style and, through inquisitive conversations, identify the leadership styles of others.

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

Plaza D

Play and Nature for Healing and Health

Daniel Hatcher, MPH, Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Washington, DC; Blanca Orellana, Middle School and Multigenerational Programs Director, Bresee Foundation, Los Angeles, CA

Get ready to pause, breathe, and play. In this play-based workshop, we'll explore how simple moments in nature can bring calm, spark creativity, and strengthen resilience for youth, families, and the adults who support them. Together, we'll rediscover the awe and joy that connect us to ourselves, each other, and the world around us.

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

Andreas

The Power of Partnerships: Scaling Expanded Learning with Purpose

Carolyn Taylor, M.Ed., STEAM Project Manager, Lyricos Learning LLC., Laguna Niguel, CA; Matt Gehrett, Ed.D., Director, Educational Technology and Expanded Learning; Adriana Hayes, Coordinator, Expanded Learning, Dinuba Unified School District, Dinuba, CA; Yareli Magana, MPA, Program Facilitator, CHOICES After School Program, Tulare County Office of Education, Visalia, CA; Danny Santana, MS, Director, CHOICES After School Program, Tulare County Office of Education, Visalia, CA

This interactive panel brings together district and county leaders to share how they define roles, make decisions, and build sustainable partnerships that center on student impact. Through real-world examples, panelists will unpack how expanded learning strategies are designed to align with district goals, leverage funding streams effectively, and address common implementation gaps. Participants will engage in dialogue around what it takes to move from isolated programs to cohesive, scalable systems—without adding burden to staff.

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

Mesquite D

Shaping the Future: Advancing the Education, Health, and Human Services Ecosystem Plan

Vanessa Hernandez, Senior Specialist, Policy & Outreach; Nat Rosales, Specialist, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

This timely session provides a look at emerging themes and progress made since March while offering space to influence the final direction of the education, health, and human services ecosystem plan. Participants will help shape a cohesive, future-ready framework for Expanded Learning.

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

Smoketree D/E

Stop Simulating, Start Advocating: Rethinking Disability Simulations

Sylvia Mac, Ph.D., Associate Director, Center for Embodied Equity and Neurodiversity (CEEN), University of San Diego (USD), San Diego, CA

Many out-of-school-time programs rely on disability simulations (e.g., blindfolds, wheelchairs, or sensory-restriction activities) to build empathy and awareness. While well-intentioned, research shows that these activities frequently reinforce pity, fear, and stereotypes. Participants will leave with practical ways to reimagine awareness activities, so they highlight barriers in the environment, not deficits in individuals, moving toward advocacy instead of sympathy.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality

Catalina

We've Got Your Back®: Superpowers for Safety in After-School Programs - The After-School Experience

Michael Kimball, President and CEO, M.C. Kimball and Associates, Seaside, CA; Summer Prather-Smith, Ed.D., Director of Engagement and School Climate, Santa Rita Union School District, Salinas, CA

Rooted in the Santa Rita Union School District's We've Got Your Back® framework, this session shows how after-school programs can extend safety and SEL learning through hands-on, trauma-informed activities. Participants explore playful "safety superpowers" like Super Eyes, Super Friend, and Super Decider, using games, mindfulness, and teamwork to build calm, connection, and belonging across all learning environments.

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Strand: Partnerships & Building Relationships

Plaza A

Wellness as Liberation: Creating Healing-Centered Spaces for Youth to Thrive

Abra Smith, MS, Executive Director; Alexis Caples, Out-of-School Time Development Guide; Joy Parson, Out-of-School Time Development Guide, Kalamazoo Youth Development Network, Kalamazoo, MI

This session centers on the intersection of wellness, equity, and resiliency. Participants will explore how they can create healing-centered, liberatory environments where youth feel safe, seen, and empowered to lead. This session will equip adults with the tools to support youth in having healing-centered discussions around race and other societal issues. This session provides practical strategies for promoting the social and emotional skills of identity, belonging, and agency.

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

Palm Canyon A&B

When the Heat is On: Communicating Through Conflict

Erika Bare, M.Ed., Superintendent/Author, South Umpqua SD/Connecting Through Conversation, Ashland, OR; Tiffany Burns, M.Ed., Faculty Instructor/Author, Southern Oregon University/Connecting Through Conversation, Ashland, OR

Keep your cool when the heat is on! Increase your skill set navigating tricky conversations guaranteed to come our way. We explore practical strategies to ensure calm when things get heated. We will also apply communication strategies to de-escalate and diffuse potentially explosive situations, AND discuss ways to avoid escalation in the first place. Additionally, we share a number of practical and immediately applicable strategies to build connection in these increasingly divisive times.

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Strand: Staff Leadership

Pasadena

ZTAG Belonging in Motion: Active SEL Through Play

Quan Gan, MS, Owner/CEO; Steven Hanna, Playmaker Developer, ZTAG, Valencia, CA

ZTAG Active SEL is designed to explore how ZTAG can support social-emotional learning through movement-based, interactive experiences. In our session, attendees will participate in active SEL gameplay while also taking a closer look at our lesson plan curriculum and how it can be used to guide meaningful reflection, build connection, and reinforce skills such as teamwork, communication, self-regulation, and confidence. Through hands-on play and practical discussion, participants will see how ZTAG can help create structured opportunities for belonging, positive peer interaction, and purposeful engagement across a variety of program settings. Attendees will leave with ideas for using active gameplay and lesson-based facilitation to bring SEL to life in a way that feels fun, accessible, and impactful for students.

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Strand: ZTAG Strand; Program Design, Development & Quality

Palm Grove

INSPIRATION STATIONS

2:45PM - 3:30PM

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Station A

Light Up & Chill: Electrical Engineering Meets Crafting

Kay Yang, M. Eng., Founder & Lead Tinkerer, Tinker the Robot, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Take a fun break from the BOOST bustle with Tinker the Robot! Explore basic electrical engineering as you craft a light-up purse charm featuring our adorable robot, Tinker. Infuse creativity, giggles, and hands-on tinkering as you sew, connect circuits, and tinker! Experience learning like a student, then take home your creation—and fresh ideas to spark curiosity and creativity in your own programs.

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Station B

Maker Magic: How to Design a Creative, Low-Cost Makerspace Anywhere

Bill Albert, CEO, STEMfinity, Boise, ID

Discover how to spark innovation through hands-on making—without breaking the budget. Join STEMfinity's Bill Albert and Shawn Petty for a collaborative session on designing creative, flexible makerspaces for any learning environment. Explore layout ideas, low-cost materials, and strategies to empower students to invent, build, and explore in afterschool and classroom settings.

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Station C

Bugs and Slugs: Jewels of the Night

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

This station will highlight how to blend science, art, and active play to spark creativity and critical thinking. Engage in career-connected learning as you do the job of an entomologist to investigate the fascinating adaptations of fireflies! Engage in observation and exploration, test out your firefly communication skills, and share your discoveries with an artistic creation.

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Station D

Effective Reinforcement Systems That Work!

Jennifer Fairburn, Strategic Quality Business Partner, KinderCare Education - Champions, Summerville, SC

Get ready for a hands-on, high-energy Inspiration Station designed to transform how you motivate kids! Participants will create and implement a positive reinforcement system right at the table. Plan to leave with a clear, practical system tailored to your students and your space. Explore what drives positive behavior, how to reinforce it consistently, and how to make your system fun. Participants will receive ready-to-use tools and resources to inspire their program or classroom!

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INSPIRATION STATIONS (cont.)

Station E

Let's Get Phygital! How to Use No-code Tech to Pair Analog and Digital Learning for Media Literacy Outcomes

Karen Daricades, Founder and CEO, LitKit, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

In this hands-on workshop, explore how no-code tools can blend analog art with digital layers to boost media literacy. Create your own augmented reality postcard to take home—no experience needed, all materials provided. Learn to tap into the digital abundance through free image libraries to teach search, sourcing, and critical thinking skills in ways that sneak vital digital literacy skills into creative play. Remix images, videos, and sounds for artworks that will wow learners and colleagues.

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Station F

From Nostalgia to Now: Breaking Up With "We've Always Done It This Way"

Lori Woodley-Langendorff, Founder/Chief Visionary Officer, All it Takes, Simi Valley, CA

Many caring adults still teach to the world they grew up in, not the one students actually live in today. This Inspiration Station offers an honest, supportive look at why staff resist 21st-century practices and how attachment to "we've always done it this way" holds students back. You'll gain language, strategies, and conversation moves to loosen that grip on old practices and spark mindset shifts that serve all students now.

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CAMP INSPIRE

2:45PM-3:30PM

PSCC LOBBY

STATION 1

The Future of Afterschool

Richard Ginn, MA, CEO; Amber Georgieff, MA, Director of Turnkey Programs, Black Rocket Productions, Freehold, NJ

Do not be afraid! Although AI often has negative connotations, it is a powerful learning tool when utilized properly in the classroom or after-school setting. Explore how new technology and artificial intelligence will transform afterschool enrichment and improve outcomes for both enrichment providers and their students.

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STATION 2

Mindful Transitions: Creating Calmer, More Connected After-School Spaces

Stacy Hemingway, Founder and Head of Curriculum, Conscious Classroom, Kirkland, WA

Transform after-school transitions into moments of calm connection! Learn simple, breathwork, and mindful-movement practices to help students regulate and re-engage after the school day- helping them feel grounded, supported, and ready to thrive.

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MEET THE AUTHORS

2:45PM-3:45PM

SMOKETREE F

Thriving in Intersectionality: Immigrants, Belonging, and Corporate America

Lola Adeyemo, CEO, Founder, EQImindset/Immigrants in Corporate Inc., San Diego, CA

4:15PM-5:15PM

The Confidence Project: A Journey Through the Confidence Constellation

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



BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

2:45PM-3:45PM

Sacred Lessons Podcast with Baratunde Thurston

Mike De La Rocha, Author, Sacred Lessons: Teaching My Father How to Love, Burbank, CA, Baratunde Thurston, Emmy-nominated Storyteller, Producer, and Thought Leader, Palm Springs, CA

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER

BOOST LIVE NETWORKING RECEPTION

4:45PM-6:00PM

ROCKS LOUNGE & TERRACE

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

Live music featuring DJ Walt White



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DUCK DUCK BOOST RELAY RACE

6:00PM

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



RENAISSANCE HOTEL POOL



LOUNGE EVENT

7:00PM-8:00PM

Trivia & Toast: A Fun Night with TSP

Join the TSP Afterschool Programs Team for a fun one-hour lounge event! Test your trivia skills, enjoy friendly competition, and win great prizes like gift cards, T-shirts, drink tickets, and more. Relax, connect, and unwind with peers at the Hilton Palm Springs during this lively BOOST evening event. Don't miss your chance to play, laugh, and take home something awesome!



HILTON HOTEL BAR & LOUNGE

BOOST HOMECOMING PARTY

8:00PM-11:59PM

Rainbow Unicorn Sparkle

You are invited to a fabulous, whimsical, and colorful celebration featuring the magic of unicorns and the vibrant colors of a rainbow. Show off your unique sparkle and shimmer as you dance the night away to 80s & 90s Hip Hop during our unforgettable, enchanting festivities under the stars. Costumes encouraged!

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

8:00PM - Bring your VIP ticket to the Rocks Lounge and redeem it for a free beer (while supplies last)

*VIP tickets can be obtained at our Homecoming sponsor booths in the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday.

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

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

10:00PM - Silent Disco- The After Party

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

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

MORNING RECESS- TOUR DE BOOST

6:45AM-8:30AM

MEET @ PSCC EAST LAWN

MORNING RECESS

7:00AM-8:00AM

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BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

8:00AM

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GENERAL SESSION

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VARIOUS LOCATIONS

TOUR de BOOST WALK/SCAVENGER HUNT

MEET @ PSCC EAST LAWN

Join fellow BOOSTers on a fun and adventurous Tour de BOOST walk and a scavenger hunt for charity around Palm Springs. This 2-mile hunt through scenic Palm Springs will lead you around the Palm Springs area as you and your teammates search for famous statues, art installations, the Palm Springs Walk of Stars, and notorious landmarks of the rich and famous! Enjoy a beautiful Palm Springs morning, get some exercise, and best of all, connect with other BOOSTers as you raise money for a local charity.



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

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

Proceeds to benefit: FIND Food Bank



MORNING RECESS

7:00AM - 8:00AM

PSCC EAST LAWN

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

Start the Day the Playworks Way!

Your morning boost starts here! Join Playworks for a fun, active Morning Recess experience that brings energy, connection, and a little joy before the day's sessions begin. Through simple, inclusive games, you'll get to move, laugh, and see how Playworks helps schools create positive, welcoming environments for students. No matter your role, you'll leave with new games and ideas you can take back to your programs and use right away.



Morning Recess Sponsor: Playworks

BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING WITH EXHIBITORS

8:00AM

EXHIBIT HALL

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

BOOST COFFEE BAR

8:00AM-11:00AM

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!

PRIMROSE A & B, EXHIBIT HALL



OPENING & GENERAL SESSION

8:45AM – 9:45AM

OASIS 3 & 4

Harnessing the Mega-Decade of Sports to Transform Afterschool

Mega-sporting events like the FIFA World Cup and Olympic Games don't just captivate the globe—they spark movements, inspire young people, and catalyze new opportunities for learning and connection. This plenary session will explore how the surge of energy around soccer and other sports can and should be felt in afterschool programs everywhere.

A dynamic panel featuring Ed Foster-Simeon, President & CEO of the U.S. Soccer Foundation, alongside professional athletes and sports leaders, will discuss why this is a pivotal moment for the afterschool field—and how we can leverage the power of play to support whole-child development, community well-being, and greater access to high-quality opportunities.



MODERATOR:

Ed Foster-Simeon
President & CEO, U.S. Soccer Foundation



PANELISTS:

Christopher Jefferson
Jen Munoz
Amobi Okugo

KEYNOTE MEET & GREET

9:45AM- 10:15AM

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

Join us for a special Meet & Greet with panelists from the U.S. Soccer Foundation's General Session, **Harnessing the Mega-Decade of Sports to Transform Afterschool**.

FIELD TRIP

10:00AM-12:00PM

Pickleball- Open Play at the Rowan Pickleball Courts

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



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

MEET THE AUTHORS

10:00AM-11:00AM

SMOKETREE F

Hello, Friend: A Guide to Making Friends

Cara Zelas, Early Childhood Educator, Big World of Little Dude, New Canaan, CT

11:30AM - 12:30PM

SEL Muscle Mastery: 6 Tools for Building Resilience and Connection in Schools and Communities

Lori Woodley-Langendorff, Chief Executive and Visionary Officer, All It Takes, Simi Valley, CA

BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

10:00AM-11:00AM

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER

Inspire the Leader Within

Laurie Brooks, Client Partner, FranklinCovey Education, Vista, CA; Rachel Solis, Client Partner, FranklinCovey Education, Draper, UT

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THURSDAY

#iAmlImpact Healing Circles

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

Tired of recycled PD that talks at you instead of to you? Step into a #iAmlImpact Healing Circle—a radical space for truth, healing, and transformation. Through raw dialogue and restorative practice, educators and leaders rediscover purpose, release burnout, and realize the change their schools need starts within. This isn't about more content—it's about more YOU. Real. Restorative. Revolutionary.

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Mesquite A

8 Steps to Getting Your Esports Club Started

Claire LaBeaux, Chief Advancement Officer, NASEF (Network of Academic and Scholastic Esports Federations), Brookhaven, GA

Ready to launch your scholastic esports program? In this interactive session, learn NASEF's "8 Steps to Starting Your Esports Club," a practical roadmap for schools, educators, and organizations. Explore real-world successes, challenges, and best practices, and discover how NASEF can jump-start your program with free toolkits, curriculum, and a supportive global community. We'll take you from "don't know" to "let's go!"

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality

Plaza D

Ambassador Youth Employment: The Cyclical Impact of Cross Age Mentoring

Moderator: Vanessa Reyes, Youth Service Specialist, Sacramento City Unified School District Youth Development Support Services, Sacramento, CA

Panelists: Maggie Kemper, Student Ambassador; Linda Her, Student Ambassador; Faith Hui, Student Ambassador, Sacramento City Unified School District, Sacramento, CA

Learn to leverage student leadership through a workforce development lens while impacting and strengthening feeder pattern relationships. This student and adult panel provides an overview of our Ambassador Youth Employment (AYE) program and offers direct testimony from present and past participants along with the support staff that create the cohesion of a sustainable program.

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

Smoketree A-C

The Art of the Warm Demander: Leveraging Relationships to Support High Performance for All

K'lon Benson, Training Manager; Manuel Avina, Curriculum & Training Manager; Julio Garcia, Training Manager, Elevo, San Diego, CA

This session introduces the "warm demander" as an evidence-based strategy for building strong developmental relationships that foster belonging and encourage student growth. We explore what characterizes the "warm demander," why it is effective for managing student behavior, how attendees' current approaches map to the "warm demander," and concrete steps to cultivate a "warm demander" approach across all relationships.

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

Mesquite B

Building Durable Skills in Afterschool: Hands-on Strategies to Help Students Thrive

Carol McElvain, JD, Co-Founder, PAVE Educational Consulting, Glen Ellyn, IL; Alison Wineberg, MS, Education Consultant, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Madison, WI

Discover what "durable skills" are and why they matter for youth success. In this interactive session, afterschool professionals will try hands-on strategies to build these life skills into daily programming. Leave with ready-to-use tools, an action plan, and ways to help students take charge of their own skill growth.

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

Pueblo A/B

Building Social, Emotional, and Physical Wellness Through Play: The U.S. Soccer Foundation Model

Michael Vaughan-Cherubin, Associate Vice President of Programs, U.S. Soccer Foundation, Washington, DC; Ysabella (Bella) Ferruzzi, Associate I, Programs, U.S. Soccer Foundation, San Antonio, TX

Discover how soccer can transform after-school and summer learning spaces into hubs of social, emotional, and physical growth. The U.S. Soccer Foundation's Soccer for Success and Coach-Mentor trainings equip educators and program leaders with evidence-based strategies to promote wellness, mentorship, and belonging through play. Participants will leave with practical tools, lesson plans, and frameworks to engage youth in ways that are active, inclusive, and purpose-driven—on and off the field.

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

Ventura

Connection Counts: Leveraging PDSA for Double-Digit Absenteeism Reduction

Scott Payne, MA, Director ELOP- Student Services, Mary Wendland, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent- Student Services, Hemet Unified School District, Hemet, CA

Chronic absenteeism is a persistent challenge, but Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) offers a proven roadmap for success. Discover the mechanics behind HUSD's "Connection Counts" initiative, which reduced chronic absenteeism by 17.7%. This innovative workshop details a strategic approach focused on two core pillars: building strong, meaningful student-school relationships and delivering targeted support to re-engage frequently absent students.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality; Sustainability

Plaza C

Plan Better, Do Better: Strategic Planning Lessons from LA's BEST

Michele Broadnax, MBA, President & CEO; Evelyn Wang, Ph.D., Director of Evaluation, LA's BEST, Los Angeles, CA; Gina Airey, MBA, ACC, CEO, Evoke Collective, Santa Monica, CA

Learn how to use strategic planning to grow alignment in your team, strengthen partnerships, and clarify an aspirational vision. Using LA's BEST's experience as a guide, this session will help you create a focal question to shape your strategy, reimagine your organization's impact and sustainability, and identify the right stakeholders to bring your vision to life. Walk away with tools and templates to lead an inclusive, effective strategic planning process.

PK E ULA MLA CB

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

Palm Canyon A/B

Emotional Health: Recognizing it in Yourself, Your Staff, and Your Students

Marissa Carlson, MS, CPS, Executive Director; Maura McGowan, CPS, Program Director, NH Teen Institute, Auburn, NH

Our ability to monitor and manage our emotional health has become more important than ever to our own well-being and the relationships we have with those at home and in the workplace. In addition to being able to identify and take steps to further understand aspects of their own emotional health and wellness, this workshop will offer participants tools that can be brought to all of those they support through their jobs and in their lives.

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

Plaza B

From Voice to Power: Building Student-Led Systems for Change

Melissa Erickson, M.Ed., Executive Director, Alliance for Public Schools, Lithia, FL; Julia Sarmiento-Cohen, M.Ed., Resiliency, Character, and Life Skills Education Supervisor, Hillsborough County, Ruskin, FL; Aleasha Stevens, M.Ed., PMP, Senior Director of Partner Alliances, 7 Mindsets, Roswell, GA

What happens when students move beyond giving input and share power in the decision-making process? Explore lessons learned from over a decade of student leadership work in the nation's 7th largest school district. This is not a program—it's a process that empowers students to design, lead, and refine initiatives based on the needs of their school communities. Participants will learn how student-led efforts improve school climate, increase engagement, and foster a stronger sense of belonging.

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

San Jacinto

Get FAST and FURIOUS with Omnikin!

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

Join in this fast-paced, action-packed session that will leave your students begging for more! With everything from intense fitness games to hilarious partner tag activities to the ultimate cooperative team sport of Kin-Ball, this session will have it all! Omnikin's wide range of products are crowd pleasers by themselves, but these activities will solidify that the gym is the place to be in your school. So what are you waiting for?! Come join Team Omnikin today and blow your students away!

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Strand: Outdoor Activity Showcase; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership

PSCC East Lawn

Hip Hop as Healing: The Art and Science of Thriving in Tumultuous Times

Roberto Rivera, Ph.D., Executive Director, Alliance for the 7th Generation, Chicago, IL; Emile YX? Jansen, Founder and Director, Heal the Hood, Cape Town, South Africa

The dominant narrative tells us that youth mental health is in crisis, educator wellbeing is deteriorating, burnout is at an all-time high, and there are not enough therapists to meet the need, leaving us resigned to a future defined by trauma. This workshop offers a powerful counter-narrative: that our capacity to heal and thrive already exists within our cultures, communities, and creativity.

Grounded in the work of Hip Hop as Healing and informed by decades of practice, this session explores how youth development professionals and culture brokers are leveraging Hip Hop as a global healing modality. Across communities worldwide, they are using Hip Hop to create spaces where young people can sustain language, identity, and culture while fostering resilience, connection, and wellbeing. Participants will not only learn about this approach but also experience it. Hip Hop, a 50-year-old global cultural phenomenon, carries forward African and Indigenous ceremonial practices that have supported healing and survival for generations. This workshop invites you to engage with the elements and knowledge systems of the culture as tools for transformation.

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You will leave with a deeper understanding of Hip Hop as both art and science, along with practical strategies, tools, and newly released global resources to integrate into your pedagogy and programming. Together, we will explore how to build and sustain culturally grounded, healing-centered ecosystems that support youth, educators, and communities in moving beyond surviving toward thriving, even in times of crisis and chaos.

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

Chino A/B

It Takes All of Us: A Call to Transform the Expanded Learning Workforce

Lupine Reppert, MPA, Executive Director, California School-Age Consortium, Pittsburg, CA; Maria Ramirez, Senior Program Manager – Workforce; Aleah Rosario, Co-CEO, Partnership for Children and Youth, Sacramento, CA

A stronger future for young people requires a stronger, more just workforce. Join us to shape a bold vision for expanded learning and elevate strategies that advance workforce dignity. Together, we can build a respected, visible profession with living wages, clear pathways, aligned systems, policy alignment, and shared leadership across California's expanded learning ecosystem—ensuring all young people access high-quality, culturally affirming opportunities.

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Strand: It Takes All of Us Strand; Staff Leadership; CA Focus

Sierra

Leadership in this Moment - How We All Impact Social Change

Leslye Lugo, Senior Specialist, Policy & Outreach; Malia Villarreal, Senior Specialist, Policy & Outreach; Heather Williams, Director, Policy & Outreach, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

Dive into how social change really happens, the role each person plays in advancing change, and how you fit into the larger picture. Together, we'll unpack the many ways individuals, organizations, and networks spark influence and how you can channel your own impact to fuel meaningful change and support youth flourishing.

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

Smoketree D/E

Math With Me in Mind: How to Center Student Math Identity to Boost Math Achievement

Liesl McConchie, MA, Author and Consultant, Math With the Brain in Mind, San Diego, CA

The middle school years are a free fall for mathematics achievement. But the emotional cliff of a student's mathematical identity begins much earlier, and continues beyond their K-12 education. For many students, math is intimidating—leading to anxiety, disengagement, and self-doubt. But what if math class could be a place where every student feels confident and capable? This transformative session helps educators rethink how they approach math by focusing on identity, confidence, and a sense of belonging. This session unpacks the science of how one's mathematics identity is formed in the brain, with practical activities to foster a positive math identity. Successful intervention programs must address students' emotional relationship with mathematics, as it has a direct impact on their cognitive relationship with mathematics.

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Strand: Program Design, Development & Quality

Pasadena

One Vision, One Program: Reimagining What's Possible in Expanded Learning

Emily Tay, MPA, Expanded Learning Program Consultant; Suzanne Hill, Expanded Learning Program Consultant, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Downey, CA

As CA's Expanded Learning landscape evolves, LEAs are exploring ways to streamline operations and braid funding in Expanded Learning. This workshop introduces the Single, Comprehensive Expanded Learning Program (SCP), which integrates ASES, 21st CCLC, ASSETS, and ELO-P. Participants will learn how SCPs enhance efficiency, equity, and sustainability. Come engage in interactive activities to assess system alignment and leave with actionable steps to improve data, compliance, and student access.

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

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Operationalizing Love: Developing A Critical Theory of Love in Our Social Justice Work

Duryle Brooks, Ph.D., Founder, Love and Justice Consulting, Baltimore, MD

What's the role of love in our social justice work? Grounded in Black liberation theology and Black feminist thought, this session explores how love is shaped by systems and how redefining it can deepen healing, accountability, and collective transformation. Participants will apply the Critical Theory of Love framework as a competency for advancing justice-centered pedagogy and leadership.

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Strand: Staff Leadership

Catalina

PBIS After the Bell: Building Equitable Behavior Systems in Expanded Learning

Molly Stoeckel, MA, Director of Older Youth Programs, Think Together, Los Angeles, CA; Mallory Baquero, MBA, Director of Elementary and Early Learning Programs, Think Together, Whittier, CA

This session explores what it truly means to bring PBIS into Think Together's expanded learning programs. Participants will examine how structured behavior systems advance equity, reduce punitive responses, and create consistent, supportive environments for students and staff after the bell. Through real-world scenarios and practical planning, teams will leave with concrete tools, site-level next steps, and a clear view of how this work connects to our ongoing PBIS training and support series.

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

Mesquite E/F

Resilience: The Power of One

Shree Walker, Ed.D., Educator, Author, Speaker, Resilient Walker, LLC, Los Angeles, CA

Resilience: The Power of One invites participants to discover how one person's courage can spark collective change. Through storytelling, reflection, and hands-on activities, participants explore personal resilience, purpose, and the impact of their choices—proving that one resilient heart can inspire hope, healing, and transformation in others.

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Strand: Storyteller's Cafe; Program Design, Development & Quality; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Older Youth

Tapestry

The Smartest Kids in the World

Moderator: Ryan McCarthy, PP, Executive Director, Global Kindness Initiative & The Kind Campus, San Francisco, CA

In many ways, THE SMARTEST KIDS IN THE WORLD is a classic coming-of-age, road-trip film- wide-eyed U.S. high school kids, recognizably American in their bravado, setting out to discover the world. What each of them knows at the beginning of their journey as a foreign exchange student is that something is missing in their public high school in the United States. They are not getting what they need and want. They are in various ways stuck, or bored, or unchallenged, and they long for something more. The film acknowledges that the students' teachers are also not getting what they need and want, and that the students' parents feel frustrated and powerless in the face of the system. Much has been written about the challenges and failures of education in America. But this film is not about parents or teachers or educational theory; it is about students. Our students. Our children. What do they think about their education? What is their experience and their insight? What do we have to learn by listening to them?

Strand: Film Festival; Older Youth

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Horizon I

Startup Thinking for ELO-P Success: Build. Reflect. Improve. Repeat.

Moderator: Shauna Hultgrien, Business Development Manager, 6crickets, Bellevue, WA

Panelists: Jessica Stout, Student Enrichment and Wellness Program Specialist, La Habra City School District, La Habra, CA; Jose Fausto-Urbe, Director II, Expanded Learning Programs, Alisal Union School District, Salinas, CA; Cherie Gann, Administrator Expanded Learning, Mt. Diablo Unified School District, Concord, CA; Kirsten Knapp, Director of Expanded Learning, Desert Sands Unified School District, La Quinta, CA

What happens when Expanded Learning leaders think like start-ups? Join this lively panel to hear how ELO-P teams use the Build-Reflect-Improve-Repeat framework to grow flexible programs that evolve with their students and partners. From CALPADS and attendance recovery to design and implementation, learn how iteration, collaboration, and data-driven insights fuel continuous improvement.

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

Mesquite D

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

Jan Zatloukal, Curriculum Designer, PCS Adventures, Meridian, ID

Discover play-based STEAM learning for TK-8! Explore three dynamic stations: Cubelets Bot Builder for hands-on engineering and robotics, Rockin' Robots with Sphero indi blending coding and music, and Drone Designers, where teams choreograph and code creative aerial performances. Leave inspired with interactive, age-appropriate ideas to spark curiosity, collaboration, and problem-solving in your program!

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

Mesquite G/H

Supporting Young Minds: Exploring Mental Health Screening, Free Skill Building Resources, and Data Trends for Advocacy

Theresa Nguyen, LCSW, Chief Research Officer, Mental Health America, Alexandria, VA

Recent funding and policy changes, and the rise of digital technologies, have created a new landscape for supporting youth mental health. Join Mental Health America (MHA) to learn about the data MHA is collecting on youth mental health trends, resources for mental health screening in schools, and free toolkits that include skill-building materials for students. This town hall discussion will explore current challenges in your local community and available supports to strengthen youth mental health.

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

Madera

Teach the Brain, Change the World: Innovative Strategies that Teach Peace and Decrease Behavior Referrals

Lyndsay Morris, M.Ed., Founder of Generation Wellness, Generation Wellness, Olympia, WA

When students and adults understand how their brains function under stress and the "why" behind their impulsivity, anger, frustration, and lack of focus, we empower them to make positive choices and master self-regulation. This interactive session provides the blueprint for not only teaching emotional regulation but also creating spaces that promote self-regulation and well-being.

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

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TK/K Success in Afterschool: Strategies That Work

Rahele Atabaki, M.Ed., Coordinator, Sacramento County Office of Education, Mather, CA

This interactive session offers practical strategies to support TK and Kindergarten students in afterschool and summer programs. Participants will learn how to create engaging, developmentally appropriate activities, foster social-emotional growth, and build supportive learning environments. Attendees will leave with actionable tools to help early learners thrive academically, socially, and emotionally in expanded learning settings.

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Plaza A

Transforming Academic Hour at Bakersfield City School District: Engaging Learning with LEGO Education Science

Denise Phillips, Solution Architect, LEGO Education, Groveland, CA; Jennifer Boesch, ELOP Program Specialist;

Nicole Kisner, ELOP Program Specialist, Bakersfield City School District, Bakersfield, CA

Break away from the traditional routine of homework and silent reading during the afterschool academic hour. Discover how LEGO Education Science can revolutionize your ELO-P programs by providing engaging, standards-aligned activities that captivate students' interests. This session offers hands-on experiences with LEGO materials, empowering educators to create dynamic learning environments. Hear firsthand from the Bakersfield City School District about their successful integration of LEGO Education Science in middle school programs. Join us to explore strategies that make learning exciting and impactful during the power hour.

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

Mesquite C

Unconventional Fun: A Session of Non-Traditional Games

Madison Roloff, Sr. Territory Sales Representative, Gopher Sport, Owatonna, MN

"Unconventional Fun: A Session of Non-Traditional Games" invites participants to step outside the box and engage in a variety of exciting, offbeat games that break the mold of typical team-building exercises. Designed to get everyone moving, thinking, and bonding, these games provide a refreshing and fun way to energize teams, spark connections, and build trust in a lively, relaxed environment. Get ready for a playful and memorable experience!

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Strand: Large Exhibitor Showcase; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Primrose C&D

ZTAG Into Learning: Real Classroom Integration

Quan Gan, MS, Owner/CEO; Steven Hanna, Playmaker Developer, ZTAG, Valencia, CA

The ZTAG Real Classroom workshop is designed to inspire everyone to use their imagination to plan how ZTAG can live within their own learning environments. In our session, participants will navigate interactive puzzles and challenges that encourage them to think creatively about classroom integration, student engagement, and instructional design. Attendees will explore questions such as: How can ZTAG be used within an existing lesson? How can educators build a meaningful activity using the tools, materials, and imagination they already have? Through active gameplay, collaborative idea-sharing, and guided discussion, our workshop will highlight how ZTAG can move beyond demonstration and become a flexible tool for creativity, problem-solving, and real classroom application. Participants will leave with practical inspiration for designing experiences that make learning more active, engaging, and student-centered.

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Strand: ZTAG Strand; Program Design, Development & Quality

Palm Grove

INSPIRATION STATIONS

10:00AM – 10:45AM

PRIMROSE A & B

Station A

Beyond the Pages: Exploring Hands-On Science with Interactive Science

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

Are you tired of hearing "I am bored" or "How much longer?" from your students? This won't happen when you use the Quirkles and/or Fuddlebrook programs in your sessions. The lessons are already created for you. All you have to do is watch the kids have fun as exciting stories and hands-on science come alive. Yes, eggs will fly, spoons (Fred) will stick, and perhaps a mess will be made, all while bringing literacy and science together in a way students can relate to.

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Station B

Transform Student Behavior Through the Power of Connection

Tiffany Burns, University Instructor & Co-Founder Connecting Through Conversation, Ashland, OR

Everyone knows connection matters, but this session shows you exactly how to use it to create real change in student behavior. You'll learn practical strategies to de-escalate students, stay calm under pressure, avoid power struggles, and respond with greater confidence. This fast-paced session is packed with real-life examples and back-pocket strategies you can use immediately.

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Station C

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

Janelle Matthews, Regional Partnerships Manager, Playworks, Oakland, CA

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

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Station D

Gifts of Inspiration

Elle Essenmacher, Account Executive, Harmony Academies At National University, San Diego, CA

Participants will paint inspiring words on glass stones and write messages of encouragement on note cards. Small gift bags will be provided to hold stones and notes. Participants will be encouraged to trade bags with each other to share their "gifts of inspiration."

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Station E

Prompt with Purpose: Play, Prompt & Create Hands-On STEM with AI

Shelia James, Manager, STEM Next / Teen Science Cafe Network, Conway, SC

Explore how AI can be a simple, supportive co-pilot for hands-on STEM in OST and early learning. In this interactive roundtable, participants will test ready-to-use prompts, share ideas, and explore how to plan activities, support facilitation, and build confidence. Walk away with a free prompt pack and access to a supportive community to continue learning.

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Station F

Interactive Notebooking That Transforms Class Culture

Sandi Howard, Education Consultant, Authorable, Ocean Springs, MS

Learn how to use Interactive Observational Journaling to transform your class culture and change behavior management from reactive to proactive.

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Station A

Inner Coaching for Educators: Designing SEL Lessons from the Heart Outward

Sena Lee, Co-founder, MILLU, La Mirada, CA

Discover how to design SEL that truly makes a difference. In this hands-on workshop, educators will explore a simple framework for turning everyday moments into immersive, play-based lessons that pass on vital life lessons, build character, and nurture confidence, empathy, and authentic connection—helping every student feel seen, valued, and inspired to grow.

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Station B

GKI STEAM: Everyday Science, Extraordinary Learning

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

Step into a world where science feels simple, creative, and alive. GKI STEAM makes discovery accessible for all learners—using everyday materials to spark big ideas, real-world connections, and joyful learning experiences. Join us for a hands-on STEAM session and experience how accessible, everyday learning can inspire innovation.

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Station C

Building Confidence Through Play

Jamie Limberg, Account Manager, Speed Stacks, Larkspur, CO

In this interactive Inspiration Station, participants will explore how movement-based play can strengthen social-emotional skills and create positive program culture. Through simple stacking challenges, attendees will see how goal-setting, perseverance, cooperation, and self-confidence naturally emerge when students are given the right tools and encouragement. This session delivers quick inspiration and practical ideas to energize students of all ages and abilities.

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Station D

Lights! Camera! Action! Easy Stop Motion Animation

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

Have you always wanted to do Stop Motion Animation in your program? Come have fun making awesome animations! Using a powerful and simple free app you will learn five styles of animation in minutes. Then we'll examine exactly what you need to know and to have to be able to make a wildly successful Stop Motion Animation program happen at your site(s). You'll walk away with a whole new skill and a full implementation plan specific to your needs. Come be the creative filmmaker you already are!

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Station E

From Plan-and-Prep to Plug-and-Play

Negar Yaghoobi, CEO, Enrilo, New York, NY

This interactive small-group workshop invites after-school leaders to explore a core question: how can we make enrichment more consistent in the real rhythm of after-school? Together, we will examine why enrichment often breaks down when it depends on extra planning and prep, what a plug-and-play model can mean in practice, and how leaders can reduce operational burden while creating more meaningful daily experiences.

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Station F

Make Music Anywhere: Creative, Low & No-Cost Tools for Bringing Music to Afterschool Programs

Lauren Casserly, Program Specialist, Elevo, San Diego, CA

Looking to bring music into your afterschool program without stretching your budget? In this hands-on session, participants will explore DIY instruments, learn how to integrate STEAM through music, and discover free, ready-to-use music resources. Learn how to implement engaging music experiences in afterschool programs using low- and no-cost resources and share the strategies that have worked for you. Leave with practical tools to expand access to music in any program setting.

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STATION 1

Turning Big Feelings into Superpowers Through Play, Science, and Connection

Aicha Sharif Choudhuri, MA, MBA, Co-Founder, InnerJoy Ed, Mequon, WI

Join InnerJoy for an immersive, joy-filled workshop that blends neuroscience, emotional intelligence, and creative play. Discover how "big feelings" can become superpowers when children learn to understand, regulate, and express them through art, movement, and storytelling. Grounded in evidence-based CBT, DBT, and ACT practices, this session equips educators with ready-to-use tools, crafts, and coping strategies to help every child think, feel, and choose with heart.

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STATION 2

Stack Up for Success: Building Skills Through Movement and Teamwork

Matt Burk, Vice President; Jamie Limberg, Account Director, Speed Stacks, Larkspur, CO

"Stack Up for Success" explores how Sport Stacking integrates physical activity with cognitive and social-emotional learning. This interactive session demonstrates how stacking enhances eye-hand coordination, focus, and academic readiness while fostering teamwork, communication, and self-confidence. Participants will experience hands-on activities and discover how Stacking can be implemented to promote holistic student development in afterschool environments. Each attendee will receive a FREE set!

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11:15AM-12:00PM

STATION 1

MLB Players STEM League - Creating the Next Math Champion

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

Launched in partnership with the MLB Players Trust, MLB Players STEM League is a baseball-inspired program for students in grades 4-8. The program brings to life the energy of the sport through a board game and curriculum that cultivate students' math and social-emotional skills. The program is FREE for youth-development organizations and schools of all types, helping young people build new skills, confidence, and a passion for learning through a fun and engaging program rooted in sport.

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STATION 2

School Yard Rap: Educate, Engage, Empower

Brandon Brown, CEO, School Yard Rap, Fresno, CA

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

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BOOST COFFEE BAR

11:30AM-3:30PM

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



NETWORKING LUNCH

12:00PM-1:00PM

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

EXHIBIT HALL



The Art of Confidence: Creativity, Connection, and Courage in OST Programs*Joshua Faden, MAT, President & Founder, Community of Teachers, Washington, DC*

Unleash the art of confidence! In this playful, hands-on workshop, participants will explore The Confidence Constellation and Challenge Cycle—creative frameworks that help youth embrace challenges, build resilience, and celebrate growth. Through color, movement, and imagination, you'll design Confidence Creatures, Crests, and Constellations and leave with fun, ready-to-use tools to spark confidence and curiosity in every learner.

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Plaza A

Beyond the Game: Building Culturally Responsive Organizational Capacity in Out-of-School Time*Julián Alonso Restrepo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, MA*

Out-of-School Time (OST) programs support youth growth, but without cultural responsiveness, they risk reinforcing inequities. This interactive workshop, based on the study "Cultural Responsiveness and Organizational Capacity in Sport-Based Youth Development," explores how internal capacity shapes authentic cross-cultural engagement. Through a real-world case study, reflection, and action planning, participants will align key capacity areas with equity-driven, culturally responsive practices.

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Beyond the School Bell: Elevating Mental Health Supports for Students and Families*Sohil Sud, MD, Director, Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CalHHS), Sacramento, CA; Mary Beth Boyer, Ed.D., Education Programs Consultant, California Department of Education, Sacramento, CA*

Leaders from CYBHI and CDE will share how state investments are transforming schools and expanded learning programs into hubs of prevention and early support. The session highlights free digital tools (Soluna, Mirror, BrightLife Kids), peer-to-peer and family engagement, and CYBHI investments such as the Fee Schedule, free trainings, and Wellness Coaches. CDE will show how districts are integrating these supports beyond the school day.

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Strand: Partnerships & Building Relationships; CA Focus

Pasadena

BOOST Your Learning & Community Connections*Meredith White, Program Manager, BOOST Collaborative, San Diego, CA*

This hands-on session offers participants an interactive overview of the BOOST Cafe Online Training & Learning Community. Explore ways to access grant funding and thousands of free, high-quality resources while connecting with like-minded colleagues. Our online community is curated to enhance and empower your professional development, build capacity, and leverage interactive tools to support your program. Laptops are required.

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Rocks Lounge

Build a Dynamic After-School Esports Program*Alan Sitomer, M.Ed., CEO, Mastery Coding, Thousand Oaks, CA*

Learn how to build a high-impact after-school esports program that boosts engagement, improves attendance, and connects students to STEM and career pathways. This session covers equipment, game selection, team structures, digital citizenship, and project-based learning. Walk away with practical tools to launch an inclusive, inspiring esports program.

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

Primrose C&D

Coaching for Impact: 12 Practices to Elevate Youth Development in Sport*Jessy Newman, Principal Researcher, American Institutes for Research (AIR), Chicago, IL*

Learn how the Million Coaches Challenge and its partners are transforming youth sport by equipping coaches with 12 core practices that foster safe, inclusive, and growth-focused environments. Connect out-of-school time program quality standards with practical tools and resources to elevate youth development through sport.

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THURSDAY

Family & Community Engagement with LEGO Education & Morongo Unified

Breanna Flores, MBA, Key Account Manager, LEGO Education, Rancho Mirage, CA; Sally Stevens, Director Expanded Learning; James Edwards, TOSA, Expanded Learning, Morongo USD, Twentynine Palms, CA

Learn how Morongo Unified is using STEM and purposeful play to create inclusive, joyful learning experiences for families and their community. This strand highlights Family STEM Nights, low-entry family engagement models, and take-home learning experiences that remove barriers to participation. A Morongo Unified spotlight will share scalable strategies for building strong home-to-school connections.

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Mesquite C

Feed More, Spend Less: Expanding Access to Free Meals

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

Learn how expanded learning programs can access free after-school and summer meals through federally funded nutrition programs like the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This workshop breaks down why consistent nutrition is critical for youth development and how programs can stop paying out of pocket for meals. Participants will learn about eligibility requirements, compliance basics, and the difference between becoming an independent sponsor or partnering with an experienced sponsor like Impact LA. Attendees will leave with practical next steps and the opportunity to begin the application process on the spot so they can feed more students while spending less.

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Chino A/B

From Barriers to Belonging: Using Data and PBIS to Mainstream Students with IEPs into Afterschool Enrichment

Benjamin Plá, M.S., Expanded Learning Program Specialist, San Jacinto Unified, San Jacinto, CA; Brendan Garvey, M.Ed., BCBA, Director of Programs & Services, Bridge The Gap, San Marcos, CA

Discover how North Mountain Middle School transformed its afterschool program to include students with IEPs through data-driven decision-making and PBIS practices. Learn how collaboration between school staff and community partners broke down barriers, built staff confidence, and created a culture of belonging where all students can engage and thrive in enrichment opportunities.

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Plaza D

From Duplication to Innovation - Partnerships that Break the Mold

Manuel Avina, Curriculum & Training Manager; Kristen Henry, Ed.D., Sr VP, Curriculum & Training, Elevo, San Diego, CA; Esther Garcia, MA, Special Projects Coordinator, Rowland Unified School District, Rowland Heights, CA

District, community, and thought leaders will discuss building programs and partnerships through a whole child lens. They will explore how districts and their expanded learning partners can integrate in-school and out-of-school time initiatives without duplicating efforts, to reach underserved students, and better serve all students.

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Mesquite B

From Foster Care to Future Builder: Unseen Strength, Unbreakable Leadership

Janelle Matthews, Regional Partnerships Manager, PLAYWORKS, Oakland, CA

Join former foster youth Janelle Matthews as she invites educators, leaders, and youth advocates to step into a deeper understanding of the young people they serve. Through Janelle's personal story and a reflective journey, participants will explore how shared challenges—like displacement and loss—can shape a young person's sense of worth. Leave with a renewed capacity to lead with empathy, connection, and transformative support.

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Strand: Storytellers Cafe; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Tapestry

Game Changers: Elevating Staff Engagement During Gym and Outdoor Time

Gregg Lauderdale, M.S., CEO; Lisa Damon, MS, Account Manager, GL Consulting, LLC, Afton, MN

If your physical activity time feels chaotic or your staff seems disconnected, this workshop is for you. We are skipping the theory and going straight to the "how-to" of running a great gym and outdoor game time. You will learn how to coach staff to facilitate rather than just supervise, structure activities, and support group behavior with confidence. You will leave with engagement tips and ready-to-use activity resources that help your staff build stronger connections with youth.

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Santa Rosa

In N Out: Take Space to Pause on the Go

Chizu Ukachi-Nwata, Youth Co-Lab Leader, California Department of Public Health, Office of Health Equity, Napa, CA; Stefanie Boltz, Project Manager, California Health and Human Services Agency, Sacramento, CA

Join us in learning about the CDPH-OHE's pioneering campaign, Take Space to Pause, and how you can bring and incorporate some of those very best ideas, tools, and resources right to youth in your community, integrating Take Space to Pause (TSTP) in and out of the classroom. Discover the campaign's piece de resistance - the Pause Plan. Create your very own and leave with a game plan on how you can carry TSTP with you on the go - wherever, whenever - and gain additional resources courtesy of the CYBHI to complement the Pause Plan! This interactive workshop will cover the story behind the campaign, what Take Space to Pause is, a guided activity whereby participants get to create their own pause plans alongside Stefanie and Chizu, examples of what TSTP integration can look like in and out of the classroom and a spotlight on additional resources highlighting the campaign's "Move Through It, Think Through It, and Talk Through It model".

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Innovating Together: Partnering to Meet the Needs of Students with Disabilities Beyond the School Day

Asha Levert-McDowell, Assistant Director Expanded Learning; Audrey Dawkins, M.Ed., Expanded Learning Opportunities Manager, Napa County Office of Education, Napa, CA

This interactive workshop highlights how intentional collaboration between school districts and county offices of education can transform Expanded Learning programs into inclusive spaces that fully support students with disabilities. Participants will explore our model that bridges the school day and afterschool environments, ensuring continuity of care, learning, and belonging. Through shared lessons learned, presenters will demonstrate how cross-agency partnerships can remove barriers.

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San Jacinto

Leading With Culture – Creating Schools That All Students Want to Attend

Shaun Hurtado, M.Ed., Principal, Modesto City Schools, La Loma Junior High, Modesto, CA

Leading with Culture helps you build schools students want to attend. We'll contrast toxic vs. positive culture, apply the 5 Pillars (Relationships, Trust, Vision, Community, Habits). Practice No-Dot student mapping and quick-win tools such as music & mood, PBIS 'catch them being good, and gratitude to boost belonging and results.

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Palm Canyon A&B

Linking, Learning, Leading: Workforce Development Strategies Across California

Maria Ramirez, Senior Program Manager – Workforce, Partnership for Children and Youth, Sacramento, CA; Hada Guzman, Girls Inc. of Alameda County, Oakland, CA; Tia Anzellotti, VP of Programs, arc, San Diego, CA

Participants will learn organizational effectiveness tools and collaborative strategies through projects such as developing data-informed retention strategies and building buy-in for professional development pathways. Attendees will leave with actionable, tested ideas to apply in their organizations while supporting a stronger, more equitable expanded learning workforce.

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Sierra

Locker Room Talk

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

The docu-short LOCKER ROOM TALK follows the Kingston Tigers over the course of their football season, both on and off the field, as they seek the championship and redefine what it means to be men. Along the way, through the power of true storytelling, they face the cultural expectations of masculinity head-on and ultimately, share deeply personal stories about love, loss, and triumph. Whether or not the Tigers win the game, a bigger battle has been won: the team has changed the way they view women and themselves. The goal of LOCKER ROOM TALK is to inspire men and boys to become empowered to speak up for themselves, each other, and in the face of violence against women. The stories, vulnerability, and bravery of the young men featured in the film will inspire change in other teams, high school and college students, and adults, making the world a freer and safer place for us all.

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Horizon I

Mappineering Your Future: A Visual Path to Achieving Your Best Life

John Diggs, Your Mappineering Mentor, John Diggs, Consulting, Gilbert, AZ

In "Mappineering Your Future: A Visual Path to Achieving Your Best Life," John Diggs will teach you how to create a personalized mind map to unlock clarity, set powerful goals, and overcome obstacles. You'll discover how to map out your vision for health, wealth, success, and happiness, while building resilience and focus to achieve your dreams. Walk away with a clear, actionable plan to design the life you truly desire.

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THURSDAY

NBA Math Hoops - Creating the Next Math Champion

Hunter Strickland, MBA, Senior Regional Program Coordinator, Learn Fresh, Philadelphia, PA

Through the training, educators will learn best practices for implementing the NBA Math Hoops game and curriculum, gain free access to the Learn Fresh program management platform and all associated program materials, and discover opportunities to extend students' learning through virtual and in-person community events. Educators will immediately gain access to all necessary materials to begin implementing the program with students in their classrooms.

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Mesquite G/H

Operation Outbreak: An Infectious Way to Learn

Moderator: Liesl McConchie, MA, Math With the Brain in Mind, San Diego, CA

Panelists: Todd Brown, Ed.D., Co-founder, Director of Innovation and Training, Operation Outbreak, Staunton, VA; Micah Ross, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT; Teresa Kung, M.Ed., Teacher, West Career and Technical Academy, Las Vegas, NV

The Operation Outbreak interactive panel will be a Q&A providing lived experiences from teachers on how student-run simulations teach outbreak dynamics, data literacy, and community preparedness. Hear classroom examples, research insights, and implementation tips. Also, you will leave with access to free curricula, setup, and implementation guidance.

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Smoketree A-C

Rooted in Connection: Restorative Practices in Our Everyday Actions

Vannary Jim, MS, Training and Development Specialist, Think Together, San Bernardino, CA

Restorative Justice isn't just for responding to conflict, this is a way of life. Restorative Justice believes a community is defined as a group of people deeply interconnected through relationships. When there is a healthy balance of relationships THAT enables the community to function well and thrive. In this interactive session, participants will explore practices including circle processes and restorative conversations as tools for community building.

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Sparkling STEM Career Interest: Engaging Diverse Teens Through Teen Science Cafés

Sheila James, Manager, STEM Next Opportunity Fund/Teen Science Café, Conway, SC

Discover how Teen Science Cafés ignite curiosity and confidence by empowering teens to lead hands-on STEM learning experiences. This interactive session introduces a free, nationally supported model that helps educators create inclusive, youth-led programs connecting teens with STEM experts.

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Strand: Partnerships & Building Relationships; Older Youth

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Strengthening Systems: Quality as the Foundation for Thriving Programs

Troy Selvey, Manager, Equity & Quality; Peter Alton, Specialist, Equity & Quality, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

Quality isn't a checklist—it's a system-wide commitment. This session illustrates how quality practices shape positive conditions across afterschool, expanded learning, health, and human services. Participants will explore tools for building a culture of continuous improvement and aligning partners around shared definitions of quality.

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

Smoketree D/E

Supercharge Expanded Learning: District Success Stories of Smart Systems & Community Partnerships

Shilpa Dalmia, Co-Founder and CTO, ActivityHero, Palo Alto, CA; Dr. Amber Gascoigne, Director of Expanded Learning, Palm Springs Unified School District, Palm Springs, CA

Join Dr. Amber Gascoigne, Palm Springs USD's Director of Expanded Learning, and Shilpa Dalmia, ActivityHero's Co-Founder/CTO, for an interactive discussion on designing and running impactful before- and after-school programs. Gain a behind-the-scenes look at Palm Springs' unique approach and discover how to leverage systems and local partnerships for streamlined processes, enhanced attendance/enrollment, and robust community engagement. There'll be time for peer collaboration and strategic planning.

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Mesquite D

Teaching Our Movements How to Love: Leadership Beyond Patriarchy, Competition & Burnout

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

What if burnout, disconnection, and harm within our movements aren't personal failures, but inherited systems at work? Inspired by Sacred Lessons: Teaching My Father How to Love and grounded in over a decade of movement-building and cultural strategy through Revolve Impact, this interactive workshop invites leaders to examine how systems of patriarchy, domination, and competition quietly shape how we organize, make decisions, and relate to one another.

Together, we'll explore how inherited systems of control and scarcity normalize emotional suppression, a culture of urgency, and overwork, and how these patterns reproduce harm even within spaces committed to justice. Participants will reflect on the role of cultural memory, ancestral practices, and community traditions in healing collective wounds. From storytelling circles and land-based grounding and relational accountability practices rooted in global traditions, we'll examine how culture offers us medicine for these challenging times.

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Telling a Bigger Story: Using Race Class Gender Narrative to Advance LGBTQ+ Justice

Anthony Brisson, MAT, Senior Policy Analyst/Program Specialist, National Education Association (NEA), Washington, DC

This session explores how the Race Class Gender Narrative (RCGN) framework can strengthen LGBTQ+ advocacy and communications. Participants will learn how to tell stories that connect across identities and experiences, framing LGBTQ+ rights as a shared struggle for dignity, safety, and freedom. Through examples, discussion, and practical exercises, we'll examine how to counter divisive narratives and build solidarity across race, class, and gender lines to move hearts, minds, and policy.

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Madera

Turning Numbers into Narratives: Using Data to Win Support for Afterschool

Jennifer Rinehart, MA, Senior Vice President, Strategy and Programs, Afterschool Alliance, Washington, DC

Discover how to transform data into compelling stories that capture funders' and policymakers' attention. Using insights from the newly released America After 3PM report and other research, this session will show how to weave data into persuasive grant proposals and advocacy efforts that highlight afterschool's impact and make a strong case for continued investment in youth.

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ZTAG in Motion: Wellness Through Play

Quan Gan, MS, Owner/CEO; Steven Hanna, Playmaker Developer, ZTAG, Valencia, CA

ZTAG Wellness Through Play is an active workshop that encourages participants to explore how movement-based gameplay can support student wellness, participation, and positive energy across a variety of school and youth program settings. In our session, attendees will experience ZTAG through fast-paced, interactive play while discussing how active experiences can be used to promote movement, engagement, and healthy social interaction throughout the day. The workshop will also highlight ways ZTAG can fit into wellness initiatives, PE-style rotations, enrichment blocks, and group-based programming where staff are looking for activities that are both fun and purposeful. Participants will leave with practical ideas for using play to create energizing experiences that support student well-being and keep learners actively involved.

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Palm Grove

INSPIRATION STATIONS

1:15PM – 2:00PM

Station A

How About a Feel-Good Pause?

Daniel Hatcher, Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Washington, D.C.

Join a play-based Inspiration Station designed to help you pause, breathe, and reset. Together, we'll create simple "Feel-Good" Plans. You'll leave refreshed with a back-pocket resource. And yes, there will be lots of stickers!

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Station B

Show the Impact, Protect Your Budget: Making the Case for Expanded Learning

Rod Hsiao, CEO, InPlay, San Mateo, CA

End-of-summer presentations can determine the future of your expanded learning programs. Will you be ready to make the strongest possible case? In this interactive session, participants will plan for their presentation to the Superintendent, cabinet, and board by identifying key messages, data, and stories that demonstrate impact. Share strategies with peers and gain practical guidance from a former district board member and consultant for expanded learning coordinators.

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Station C

Universal Mental Health Screening in Schools

Theresa Nguyen, LCSW, Chief Research Officer, Mental Health America, Alexandria, VA

Mental Health America is piloting and launching a universal mental health screening tool in Fall 2026. This station will be a focus group and discussion about school-based mental health needs, including design and access to the following resources: mental health education in and out of school time, mental health screening, administrative data collection needs, linkage to specialty mental health care clinics, and best practices for leveraging data for grants.

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Station D

Playful Strategies for Consistent Student Engagement

Sean Keelan, Regional Partnership Manager, Playworks, Oakland, CA

This interactive workshop explores playful strategies to get kids excited and involved in ANY program area. From attention getters and icebreakers to minute movers and grouping games, staff will learn play-based tools to energize, refocus, and engage kids throughout your programming.

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CAMP INSPIRE WORKSHOPS

1:15PM-2:00PM

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STATION 1

Empowering Educators: How HOKALI Academy Elevates Teaching Excellence

Paloma Turin, Head of Community Growth, HOKALI, San Francisco, CA

HOKALI Academy is dedicated to continuous educator training and support, helping instructors grow through meaningful learning, collaboration, and ongoing guidance. In this workshop, we'll come together to reflect on what motivates educators to excel and engage students effectively. Participants will explore the Academy's resources and tools, including an app that supports connection and real-time feedback, fostering a strong, collaborative learning community.

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STATION 2

Imagination Station Camp: Where Creativity, Play, and Learning Connect

Jessica McDivitt, MAT, Director of Curriculum, Work ED, Lake Elsinore, CA

Imagination Station is a flexible TK-2 camp model built around short, high-engagement discovery stations that run simultaneously. The experience is easy to facilitate, highly engaging for young learners, and designed to support early literacy, STEAM exploration, social development, and creative thinking through tactile learning.

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BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

1:30PM-2:30PM

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER

Your Superpower Is Your Adversity: Transforming Struggle into Strength

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

MEET THE AUTHORS

1:30PM-2:30PM

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Write Your Evolving Story

Billy Mawhiney, Executive Director and Author, South Dakota Afterschool Network, Sioux Falls, SD

BOOST BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

2:30PM-3:30PM

EXHIBIT HALL

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

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



BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

3:45PM-4:45PM

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER

Collaborating for the Solution

Richmond Brown, Founder, Enriched by Richmond, Los Angeles, CA

Leading With Culture

Shaun Hurtado, Principal, Modesto City Schools, Modesto, CA

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS II

3:45PM – 5:15PM (1.5 HOURS)

#iAmImpact Presents: Healing Circles

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

Tired of recycled PD that talks at you instead of to you? Step into a #iAmImpact Healing Circle—a radical space for truth, healing, and transformation. Through raw dialogue and restorative practice, educators and leaders rediscover purpose, release burnout, and realize the change their schools need starts within. This isn't about more content—it's about more YOU. Real. Restorative. Revolutionary.

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Santa Rosa

Better Together: Crafting Powerful Community Partnerships

Nicole Marshall-Wheeler, M.A., 4-H Youth Development Advisor, University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, Oroville, CA; Marianne Bird, M.S., Emeritus 4-H Youth Development Advisor, University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, Sacramento, CA; Grace Belt, M.A., Youth, Family, and Communities Advisory, University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, Eureka, CA; Ally Lemmer, M.A., 4-H Healthy Living Academic Coordinator, University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, Davis, CA

There are benefits and challenges in engaging community partners in ExL programs. Forming strong partnerships takes time, trust, and commitment. Based on a recent study, we'll explore data-driven strategies for successful collaboration. Participants will explore challenges and rewards in establishing partnerships; how connecting and cooperating differs from collaborating; key considerations throughout the partnership process; and leave with a toolkit to support building partnership of their own.

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Beyond Compliance: Building Cultures of Continuous Improvement in Expanded Learning

Lisa Rice, Senior CQI Specialist; Patrick Freeland, MS, Director of Statewide Quality Improvement Systems, The Forum for Youth Investment, Washington, DC

The California Department of Education calls on expanded learning programs to engage in continuous quality improvement (CQI) using the state's Quality Standards as a guide. In this interactive session, participants will explore how observation and reflection strengthen staff practice, build a culture of learning, and turn CQI into a powerful tool for improving the daily experiences of children and youth.

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Ventura

Building Future-Ready Afterschool Programs with LEGO Education

Jesse Woodward, Key Account Manager, LEGO Education, Enfield, CT

Join Mt. Diablo Unified School District and LEGO® Education to explore how expanded learning programs can leverage STEAM and science experiences to engage students beyond the school day. Discover practical strategies for designing impactful, play-based afterschool environments that foster curiosity, creativity, and future-ready skills.

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College and Career in Expanded Learning

David Guzman, Expanded Learning Program Site Coordinator, Modesto City Schools, Modesto, CA

Come and learn how Modesto City Schools involves college and career in the expanded learning world in grades 6-12. Students explore post-secondary options, build career readiness skills, and set future goals. Through interactive activities, guest speakers, and hands-on projects, students gain knowledge about college pathways, vocational training, and workforce opportunities, empowering them to make informed decisions about their education and career journey.

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THURSDAY

The Compass Care Program: A Wraparound Approach Helping Families and Schools Address Chronic Absenteeism

Moderator: Jonathan Nakamoto, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, WestEd, Seal Beach, CA

Panelists: Jaz Ponce, Wellness Coach, Seneca Family of Agencies, Los Angeles, CA; Rebeca Cerna, MPH, Senior Director, WestEd, Seal Beach, CA

Compass Care is a family-centered wraparound program using strengths-based practices to address barriers to student attendance. The workshop begins with an overview of the program by a Wellness Coach, followed by WestEd's review of preliminary positive findings from an evaluation of Compass Care and a summary of how to evaluate chronic absenteeism programs. Finally, WestEd will contextualize how Compass Care fits in with other California initiatives and approaches to improving school climate.

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Connected Supports: Integrating Mental Health and Expanded Learning

Donielle Prince, M.S.Ed., Ph.D., Senior Specialist, Equity & Quality; Jeff Davis, Executive Director, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

When schools and Expanded Learning programs collaborate effectively, student supports become stronger and more seamless. This session provides practical strategies for creating self-sustaining systems that promote mental health, engagement, and overall well-being.

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The Connection Lab: Building Social Skills Through Play and Dog Therapy (With Special Guest Billy, the therapy dog!)

Cara Zelas, B.Ed., Early Childhood Educator & Founder, Big World of Little Dude, New Canaan, CT

Step into The Connection Lab, a hands-on workshop where play meets purpose. Discover how research-based, dog-therapy-inspired strategies can strengthen executive functioning and social skills in expanded learning and early childhood settings. Through storytelling, movement, and structured group activities, educators will gain simple, low-prep tools to support communication, cooperation, focus, and self-regulation. Billy, a certified therapy dog from Paws & Hearts, will join us to model connection-centered practices in action. Walk away with adaptable ideas you can implement immediately, no dog required!

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Cooking is Hot, Hot, Hot!

Ann Butler, Founder, The Edible Education Group, Midlothian, VA

Just starting a cooking program? Or want to hear the story of successful culinary programs? This is the hands-on session for you. Join the Edible Education Group team, where you will be provided with resources, examples, and stories of successful culinary programs throughout California and beyond. Join our chef to create a simple, delicious recipe you can enjoy and replicate with your students.

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Empowering Middle Schoolers to Make Healthy Choices: Implementing FREE Underage Drinking Prevention Education Curriculum

Leticia Barr, MAT, MS, Education Advisory Board Member; Thomas Grane, Director, Educational Programs, Responsibility, org, Washington, DC

By focusing on SEL, educators play a crucial role in guiding students to say "NO" to underage drinking. Ask, Listen, Learn: Kids and Alcohol Don't Mix free underage drinking prevention program empowers kids ages 9-13 to say "YES" to a healthy lifestyle. This session will provide best practices for empowering students to make healthy choices through free SEL and brain-based resources that teach the impact of underage drinking and marijuana use, and how both negatively impact kids' mental health.

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Every Body Moves!: Leading Inclusive and Engaging Physical Activities for Youth

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

An inclusive physical activity ensures that ALL youth can participate regardless of age, background, identity, or ability, and where ALL youth receive similar opportunities to be active and engaged. This session will share fun games suitable for all populations, strategies for selecting appropriate activities, ways to modify activities to promote inclusion, and techniques for managing youth groups in an activity setting. Join us to learn how to create fun, active, and inclusive experiences for your program!

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Facilitating After School STEAM Workshops with KiwiCo

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

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

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Fireboys

Moderator: Molly Stoeckel, MA, Director of Older Youth Programs, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA

FIREBOYS is the untold story of young men incarcerated in California who are offered a way out: by fighting wildfires. Immersive and personal, this coming-of-age story is told from the perspectives of young men as they summon the courage to fight fires and confront their pasts.

Alex Bailon, 18, whom we meet in prison, and Chuy Hernandez, 20, who is about to be released after serving his sentence, have both enrolled as volunteer firefighters for the California Department of Corrections and Cal Fire's conservation "fire" camp program. Among the 43 camps across the state, Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp alone is staffed exclusively by juveniles -- young people under the age of 21.

Following these young men from prison, fighting wildfires in the forests of California, and finally, back to their homes on the outside, Fireboys examines a correctional path that is both hopeful and destructive; California's fire camps support Alex and Chuy's rehabilitation but also exploit their labor to address one of the state's most urgent environmental problems.

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From Interest to Identity: Helping Youth See Themselves in STEM

Nancy Scales-Coddington, MBA, Founder, Creative Director, SciComm Solutions, Ithaca, NY

Youth develop stronger STEM identities when they see themselves as capable creators, problem-solvers, and innovators. This interactive, research-informed session explores how out-of-school programs uniquely shape STEM Identity. Participants will gain practical, inclusive strategies to foster confidence, belonging, and persistence—turning curiosity into lasting engagement and identity in STEM.

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Sierra

Glitter & Grit: From Foster Care to District Chair

Nicole "Joanie" Theus, Expanded Learning Coordinator, ABC Unified School District, Cerritos, CA

Everyone complimented her smile, but no one knew the world behind it. Growing up in foster care, she often felt unseen, unheard, and unchosen. In this heartfelt and interactive session, you will step into her journey from growing up in foster care to serving as a District Coordinator for Expanded Learning programming. Through storytelling, conversation, and moments that inspire change, you will explore how grit shapes resilience and how sparkling moments of impact, what she calls "glitter," can help a child feel seen, loved, and inspired to shine! Walk away energized, uplifted, and ready to leave a little glitter and maybe a big smile everywhere you go!

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Tapestry

How to Plan and Facilitate Transformative AND Joyful Team Meetings

Brooklyn Joseph, M.Ed., Lead Program Facilitator; Malia Tayabas-Kim, M.Ed., Director of Programs, Lead by Learning, Oakland, CA

Turn your team meetings into powerful learning opportunities. This hands-on workshop provides a ready-to-use framework and facilitation strategies to design purposeful, engaging, and joyful professional learning. Participants will explore practical protocols, learn how to create psychological safety, and practice structuring meetings that honor your team. Leave with a complete template and concrete tools to lead meetings where your team feels valued, learns deeply, and takes meaningful action.

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THURSDAY

Inclusion After the Bell: Strategies to Support Students with Disabilities in After-School Programs

Robin Elliott, Ed.D., Associate Dean, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY; Annie Middlemist, Leadership and Development Consultant/Social-Emotional Learning Implementation Specialist, Annie Middlemist Consulting, Phoenix, AZ

This interactive session equips after-school educators with practical tools to make enrichment programs more inclusive for students with disabilities. Participants will explore Universal Design for Learning (UDL), SEL-based strategies, and adaptable activity modifications that promote belonging and engagement for all learners. Walk away with easy-to-implement supports and collaborative practices that empower both staff and students to thrive in inclusive after-school environments.

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Leading the Leaders: Using Transformational Leadership to Develop Young Staff in Out-of-School Time

Elena Arias, Director of Programs, After-School All-Stars Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Transformational leadership invites supervisors to see young staff not simply as employees to manage but as emerging leaders to intentionally develop. In out-of-school time programs, many team members are young adults (ages 18–26). They are navigating identity, professionalism, boundaries, and leadership while simultaneously supervising youth and being supervised by themselves. Under pressure, supervisors often default to compliance-based or transactional leadership—focusing on directions followed, rules enforced, and tasks completed. This interactive workshop challenges that mindset shift. Participants will walk away with practical strategies, reflective tools, and a renewed sense of purpose in their supervisory role.

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San Jacinto

Onboarding and Retention: Building a Strong Foundation for Sustainable OST Programming

Jessica Baker, MA, Director of Learning and Extended Day Programs; Ken Geisick, Ed.D., Superintendent; Esther Rosario, Leadership and MTSS Consortium Coach, Saratoga Union School District, Saratoga, CA

Explore proven onboarding and ongoing PD strategies and gain practical guides and tools to integrate staff into your organization's culture. Examine how viewing onboarding as a continuous process is crucial for maintaining program quality and alignment with organizational initiatives. We detail our process for tailoring PD to diverse needs, helping staff feel welcomed, informed, and prepared to contribute effectively. This supportive approach drives program quality and boosts staff retention.

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Pueblo A/B

The Power of Partners: Leveraging Partnerships to Strengthen Program Success

Tiffany Roberson, MS, Deputy Executive Director, Hudson Guild, New York, NY

Successful child care and youth programs thrive through strategic partnerships—with families, schools, and communities. The Power of Partners explores how these connections improve outcomes, especially in underserved areas. Using the Three P's—Prioritize, Pivot, Persist—participants will gain practical tools to build trust, leverage resources, and sustain collaboration despite challenges like limited funding or low engagement.

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The Prime Time Games® - A Truly Inclusive Interscholastic Sports and Recreation Program

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

The Prime Time Games® is a truly inclusive, evidence-based, interscholastic sports and recreation program that gives students with and without disabilities the chance to compete together and learn from one another in the only league of its kind. It is a single, turnkey program that meets two educational priorities: Social-Emotional Learning and Inclusion. This workshop will detail everything needed - from funding opportunities (ELO-P, ASES, LCAP, etc.) to CBO integration to staff training - in order to start your own league. Idea for grades 4-12.

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Plaza C

Protecting California K-12 Students from Harmful Law Enforcement (including ICE) Encounters in Schools

Brenda Rosas, Equal Justice Works Fellow, ACLU of Southern California Education Equity Project, La Habra, CA

This session will equip educators and staff with the tools to protect students and respond effectively to law enforcement and immigration enforcement on campus. The presentation will provide an overview of the school-to-prison/deportation pipeline, legal protections for students in California schools, how to create safe and supportive environments, how to prepare for law enforcement encounters, rights when interacting with law enforcement or immigration agents on or near campus, how to support students impacted by detention or deportation, and action steps and resources. As part of the session, participants will have the opportunity to review their own district's sanctuary school policy and learn how to advocate for stronger protections.

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Responding to Myths and Misinformation about LGBTQ+ Youth

Rebby Kern, Deputy Director, Welcoming Schools, Human Rights Campaign, Washington, DC

Learn how to respond when misinformation or bias-based comments arise in your program. This interactive session builds staff confidence to address myths about LGBTQ+ youth, model inclusive language, and redirect conversations toward respect and belonging. Participants will practice real scenarios and leave with ready-to-use strategies and resources.

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Pasadena

Risky Business in Expanded Learning

Jeanette Cruz, MPA, Sr. Director of Risk Management, Think Together, Santa Ana, CA

This session will guide attendees through real-world methods to identify, analyze, and mitigate potential exposures, empowering organizations to create safer, more resilient environments. Participants will explore how data-driven insights can transform risk management in expanded learning programs through interactive discussion and practical application, and learn how intentional safety strategies and proactive risk mitigation can prevent incidents and strengthen organizational sustainability.

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Social Emotional Learning as Essential Practice: Adapting SEL Learning Standards to Nurture Development in OST

Yolanda Luna-Mroz, MA, Vice President of Youth Development; Kenny Riley, MA, Senior Director of Youth Development; Sidika Balogun, MSW, Social Emotional Learning Manager, Carole Robertson Center for Learning, Chicago, IL

We will examine effective ways to integrate social-emotional learning (SEL) in out-of-school-time (OST) programming. We will present an overview of the current landscape and trends in SEL, and why SEL is critical in OST. Participants will learn about our SEL framework, curriculum design and use and how we have built staff capacity, training, and buy-in around SEL integration. Participants will walk away with concrete tools to create their own SEL framework and training guides.

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Write Your Evolving Story

Billy Mawhiney, Executive Director and Author, South Dakota Afterschool Network, Sioux Falls, SD

We are all writing a story, whether we are intentional about it or not. In this interactive session, participants will walk through a six-step framework designed to help them clarify their Northern Star, enroll their people, name roadblocks, gather tools, set a timeline, and tell their story with confidence. This workshop creates space for reflection while offering concrete strategies for leadership, growth, and navigating transition. It is especially powerful for professionals experiencing change, stepping into new roles, or seeking renewed clarity in their work.

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ZTAG Forward: STEM Play, Prediction, and Problem-Solving

Quan Gan, MS, Owner/CEO; Steven Hanna, Playmaker Developer, ZTAG, Valencia, CA

The ZTAG STEM workshop is designed to explore how ZTAG can support critical thinking through active, game-based experiences and data-driven experiences. In our session, attendees will engage with gameplay that encourages learners to make predictions, solve problems, recognize patterns, and adjust strategies in real time. The workshop will highlight how play can spark STEM-oriented thinking by creating opportunities for observation, experimentation, decision-making, and reflection in a way that feels accessible and engaging for students. Participants will also explore how these kinds of challenges can be adapted for enrichment, collaborative learning, and hands-on program experiences that promote both creativity and problem-solving. Attendees will leave with ideas for using ZTAG and other resources to create playful learning environments where STEM thinking comes to life through movement and interaction.

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THURSDAY

SOCIAL HOUR

5:30PM

Wind down and join us for a Social Hour at 5:30PM in the Renaissance Hotel Rocks Lounge! Network with BOOST attendees and enjoy food and drink specials and reflect on your day!

ROCKS LOUNGE, RENAISSANCE

LOUNGE EVENT

5:30PM - 6:30PM

Hip-Hop & Hits: 90s Rap Bingo Lounge

Step into ProSolve's throwback lounge for 90s Rap Bingo—a fun opportunity to recharge and reconnect. Win prizes, laugh, and vibe to old-school hits. It's the perfect mix of nostalgia, music, and community—BOOST style.



HILTON HOTEL BAR & LOUNGE

THINK RED INSPIRE & PAINT

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Presented by Think Red Project

Hosted by Drag Queen Xrystal

Join us for a fun event of painting while raising funds to benefit organizations that serve the San Diego HIV & AIDS community. This fun event will be guided by a professional artist and drag queen (Xrystal), Nathan Mohle from San Diego, CA.



Food & drink specials will be available for BOOST attendees participating in this special event.

Think Red Project & Red Dress Party San Diego www.reddresspartysd.com

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VILLAGEFEST STREET FAIR

6:00PM-10:00PM

Locals and tourists happily mingle at the Palm Springs VillageFest, held year round every Thursday evening on Palm Canyon Drive. An open-air street fair with more than 200 booths offering live music, fresh fruit stands, artists, craftsman, unique foods, and street entertainers to charm the crowd is a must-see for conference-goers. Admission is free and within walking distance from most BOOST Conference hotels!

The Palm Springs Art Museum offers free public admission every Thursday evening from 4:00PM-8:00PM during VillageFest! The Art Museum currently has 28 galleries, five art storage vaults, two sculpture gardens, four classroom/resource centers, a 90-seat lecture hall, the 433-seat Annenberg Theater, a Museum Store, and a Café in an architecturally significant building designed by E. Stewart Williams at the base of Mount San Jacinto. An adjacent Administration building contains offices and a 12,000-volume Library.

www.psmuseum.org

DOWNTOWN PALM SPRINGS



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.

Bob Marley ONE LOVE

Celebrate the life and music of an icon who inspired generations through his message of love, peace, and unity. In One Love, discover Bob Marley's powerful story of overcoming adversity and the journey behind his revolutionary music that changed the world.

POOLSIDE RENAISSANCE



FRIDAY, MAY 1

BreakFEST

7:30AM

It's a new twist on breakfast! Meet us poolside for a breakfast experience with breakfast burritos, a live DJ, and networking! This is the perfect opportunity to say your farewells and connect before heading to morning workshops, closing & raffle. **Grab-and-Go Breakfast Items available for purchase.**



ROCKS LOUNGE TERRACE & POOLSIDE



REGISTRATION

8:00AM-10:00AM

The On-Site Registration Booth will be open until 10:00AM. Don't forget to check in on any lost & found items before heading to your workshop session.

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MEET THE AUTHORS

8:30AM-9:30AM

Watch Me Rise: From Streets of Despair to the Halls of the Ivy League

Dr. Doug "Dr. Luff" Luffborough, III, President & CEO, Higher Level Leadership, Chula Vista, CA

10:00AM-11:00AM

Teach the Brain, Change the World

Lyndsay Morris, Founder of Generation Wellness, Generation Wellness, Olympia, WA

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CAMP INSPIRE

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM

PSCC LOBBY

Station 1

Clever Craze for Kids: FREE STEAM-integrated K-8 Academic Enrichment Website & App

Desiree Rainbolt, Expanded Learning Consultant, Clever Craze for Kids, San Bernardino, CA

Clever Craze for Kids is an Always FREE, Always FUN educational enrichment website and app that inspires and empowers young scholars and athletes! This e-learning resource engages students through games and activities in a variety of subjects, including STEM, the arts, literacy, physical fitness, and more. Students can earn prizes and even win money for their programs. You won't believe it's FREE until you see it yourself!

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Station 2

Waves of Kindness: Bringing Social-Emotional Learning to Life Through Art, Literacy & Community

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

Waves of Kindness™ is a hands-on social-emotional learning experience that integrates art, literacy, and community engagement. Participants will learn how a simple kindness activity can grow into a schoolwide movement that builds empathy, student voice, and belonging. This session provides practical, easy-to-implement strategies and tools to create a visible culture of kindness connecting students, families, and communities.

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FRIDAY

MORNING WORKSHOPS

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

30 Days to Connection: Relationship-Based Strategies to Engage Youth & Transform Behavior

Raynee Russell, Operations Manager & Lead Teacher, Global Kindness Initiative & The Kind Campus, San Francisco, CA

Don't wait to see change — start transforming your youth program now! This hands-on, interactive workshop shows youth program leaders how building connection and strengthening relationships leads to improved behavior, cooperation, and engagement. Leave with a digital/printable 30-day journal to implement one actionable practice each day and see real, lasting impact.

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Building Belonging with Bots: Trauma-Informed AI Tools for Tutors Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness

Angelique Singh, Ed.D., Curriculum and Assessment Specialist, School on Wheels, Los Angeles, CA

Learn how School on Wheels is using trauma-informed AI tools to help volunteer tutors build connection, trust, and belonging with students experiencing homelessness. This session explores how bots like SOWbot can support SEL, offer real-time guidance, and empower educators working in out-of-school and high-mobility settings.

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Coaching with Empathy

Julie Shiller, Trainer, Positive Coaching Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

This research-based workshop demonstrates how to seamlessly integrate empathy into everyday working with others by creating strong connections, listening to others, and understanding how others' experiences impact how they show up to your program. Attendees will take away tangible tools for creating an empathetic environment, where all members feel safe, seen, heard, and valued.

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Community Walks, Field Trips, Panels, and Beyond! Adding Career Exploration Components to Your Middle School Program

Alexandra "Alex" Fendrich, M.Ed., Middle School Career Exploration Program Director, ExpandedED Schools, New York, NY

In this workshop, we'll explore various ways to bring career-connected learning to your program. Together, we'll reflect on our own career journeys and examine the steps to implement successful career exploration with middle school youth. You'll learn about middle school career exploration activities, tools to support middle school youth in their transition to high school, and even plan your very own community walk, field trip, or panel for your site!

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Connecting Community Through Service and Safety: Building Bridges Between ELOP Schools, Families, and the Heart of a City

Laura North, M.Ed., District Director, English Language Learners and Expanded Learning; Linda Simmons, MS, Community Schools Coordinator, Kingsburg Elementary Charter, Kingsburg, CA; Valerie MacAdam, Administrative Assistant of ELOP and EL, Kingsburg Elementary Charter School District, Selma, CA

Discover how Kingsburg, California, transformed its after-school program into a bridge connecting schools, families, and the community. This session showcases replicable initiatives—Kingsburg You Matter Day, Kingsburg Reads One Book, Summer Olympics, Downtown Trick-or-Treating, Cook-Out With A Cop, and Safety Day—that unite students, families, and local partners through service and collaboration. Leave inspired with practical ideas to build trust, foster belonging, and strengthen community connections.

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Create, Connect, Collaborate: Unlocking SEL with Easy-to-Implement Robotics & Engineering

Ann Goodwin, M.Ed., Solution Architect; Nik Gatan, Sr. Account Executive, Southern California, Sphero, Greenville, TX

Discover how to deliver SEL-boosting experiences with low-prep Sphero robotics and engineering. See examples of ready-to-go lessons, how they connect to SEL, and even get hands-on with one! Whether you are running sessions with students yourself or planning for multi-site implementation, we've got you covered.

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Creative Healing in Action: The S.E.A.R.C.H Model for Youth Voice, Reflection, and Collective Expression

Fausto Alejandro Lopez, M.Ed., Co-Founder & Youth Development Specialist; Jessica Juarez, M.Ed., LPC, NCC, Co-Founder & Healing-Centered Practitioner, The Praxis Institute, Chicago, IL

This interactive workshop introduces the S.E.A.R.C.H Model, a creative youth development framework that integrates social-emotional learning, restorative practices, and arts-based expression to support older youth. Grounded in healing-centered engagement and youth voice, the model guides participants through a reflective process that builds connection, identity exploration, and emotional awareness. The S.E.A.R.C.H Model has evolved across multiple youth-centered settings, including a six-session model in alternative schools, arts-based open studio programming, workforce development spaces, and short-form reflection workshops. Each iteration expanded the model's flexibility while maintaining its core structure of guided reflection, creative expression, and youth agency. Participants will experience core components of the S.E.A.R.C.H Model through narrative exchange, creative expression, and collective meaning-making. The session centers storytelling, dialogue, and collaborative art-making as tools for fostering belonging and engagement with middle and high school youth. Attendees will leave with adaptable tools, facilitation strategies, and practical ideas to implement in out-of-school time programs, alternative education settings, and youth leadership spaces.

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Designing Character-Building SEL Experiences Through Play

Sena Lee, Co-founder, MILLU, Whittier, CA; Sarah Hartono, Co-founder, MILLU, La Mirada, CA

Design SEL that doesn't just teach—but transforms. In this interactive workshop, educators will learn how to turn their own lived experience into immersive, play-based experiences that build confidence, empathy, and lasting character. Using a simple, actionable framework, participants will walk away equipped to pass on intergenerational wisdom and create engaging curriculum that develop real-world life skills—far beyond the classroom.

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Findings from the California Department of Education's 2023 and 2025 Legislative Reports on Expanded Learning Programs

Jonathan Nakamoto, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, WestEd, Seal Beach, CA; Shannon McCullough, Ph.D., Research Manager, WestEd, Detroit, MI

The California Department of Education reported to the Legislature on its Expanded Learning Programs (ASES, 21st CCLC, and ASSETs) in 2023 and 2025. Using data from 2020–21 and 2022–23, this workshop provides an overview of the type and quality of these programs and the characteristics of the students participating in them. The workshop reviews the programs' positive impact on school-day attendance, mathematics achievement, English language proficiency, and college and career readiness.

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Flex Your SEL Muscles: Engaging and Fun Tools for Building Resilient Students and Empowered Staff

Lori Woodley-Langendorff, MS, PPS, Founder, Chief Visionary Officer, All It Takes, Simi Valley, CA

This experientially fun and reflective workshop will equip participants with tools to support not only students, but also staff in strengthening their own social-emotional muscles. The 6-SEL Muscles support adults and youth, even those who are resistant, to manage stressful situations effectively, model resilience, communicate responsibly, and foster collaboration. The SEL Muscles ensure both youth and adults are prepared to successfully navigate challenges and celebrate wins.

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Sierra

From Suffering and Surviving to Healing and Thriving: Applying Indigenous Wisdom and a Critical Wellbeing Paradigm to Recalibrating Education Ecosystems

Roberto Rivera, Ph.D., Executive Director, Alliance for the 7th Generation, Chicago, IL; Jennifer Leavitt-Moy, President, Cadre LLC, Chicago, IL

What does it take to build education ecosystems where all young people, especially those most marginalized, can truly thrive, even in politically tumultuous times? A global scan searching for long-standing, holistic success stories uncovered something remarkable: only 4 sites worldwide met the criteria, and each was led by Indigenous communities using what is now known as the Critical Wellbeing Paradigm.

Join us for an upcoming Town Hall to explore how this powerful, community-centered approach is transforming education ecosystems. You will learn how the Critical Wellbeing Paradigm and a strategic wellbeing management platform are helping diverse staff, students, and communities reclaim and recalibrate their ecosystems: centering mental health, belonging, and voice participation, while amplifying youth and community partnership through meaningful data. Through real-world case studies, discover how expanded learning organizations are using this approach to drive lasting impact, even in politically complex and uncertain times. Participants will leave with practical strategies and tools to use the right data to amplify the voices that matter most, strengthen wellbeing across their ecosystems, and systematize wellbeing and sustainable change. This is more than a conversation: it is an invitation to reimagine what is possible, and to become part of a growing movement catalyzing education ecosystems worldwide.

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Madera

From the Classroom to the Court: Integrating Pickleball into PE and After-School Programs

Randall Bedwell, MA, Executive Director, Tennessee Junior Pickleball Association, Inc., Paris, TN

Discover how pickleball can transform PE and after-school programs! Learn TJPA's strategies for launching inclusive, low-cost, and engaging pickleball programming that builds skills, confidence, and teamwork. Explore equipment, training, community partnerships, and competitive pathways like tournaments and state championships. Leave with actionable tools to engage students, support equity, and strengthen school and community connections through the power of pickleball.

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Santa Rosa

Game On: LEGO League Future Edition for STEM Engagement

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

Step into the future of STEM education with LEGO League Future Edition. This session invites you to explore how LEGO Education CS & AI kits can transform afterschool classrooms into arenas of innovation and competition. Engage in hands-on activities that demonstrate the power of game-based learning and discover how to implement thrilling STEM competitions in your schools and districts. Empower your students with skills in computer science and artificial intelligence while fostering teamwork and creativity. Join us to learn how to inspire the next generation of problem solvers and innovators.

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Mesquite C

The Hidden Link Between Emotions and Learning: Unlocking Executive Function in Every Child

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

Emotions are central to how children learn, make decisions, and succeed. This session explores the link between emotional intelligence and executive function, showing how self-awareness, regulation, and empathy enhance focus, planning, and adaptability. Participants will gain practical strategies to foster emotional safety and resilience, empowering students to thrive academically and emotionally.

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HOKALI Action Lab: Exploring Robotics, Dance, Sports, and Martial Arts

Delfina Corso Rodriguez, Content Developer & Learning Analyst, HOKALI, San Francisco, CA

Our showcase will feature four dynamic stations where participants can experience HOKALI's exciting programs: Robotics: Build a robot in 1 minute and compete for the best design! Dance: Follow a fun TikTok-style choreography and show your moves. Sports: Test your aim with a basketball challenge using a football. Martial Arts: Kick and punch targets, showing your speed and power. Each station is designed to challenge creativity and skills in a hands-on, immersive way.

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Innovate Anyway: Creativity within Compliance in Expanded Learning

Alexis Prehm, Improvement Coach, Think Together, Huntington Beach, CA

This session tackles a growing challenge in out-of-school time programs: staying innovative and student-centered while meeting complex compliance requirements tied to state and federal funding. As California continues to invest in Expanded Learning, the expectations for both accountability and creativity are rising. This session supports BOOST's mission to empower youth providers, offering strategies for designing high-quality, flexible programming that thrives within regulation, not despite it.

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Mesquite E/F

"Juntos Somos Familia" - Every Student Has a Seat at the Table

Rafael Dominguez, President, Breakfast Club RHS, Bellflower, CA

Join this hands-on training that helps staff create a culture of belonging where every student feels safe, valued, and seen. Through storytelling, interactive activities, and practical tools like micro-affirmations and greeting routines, participants learn how to strengthen daily connections and build a "Juntos Somos Familia" environment where every child truly has a seat at the table.

H MLA DS

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

Pueblo A/B

Ladders to Leadership - Innovation in Staffing!

Michael Waters, Program Coordinator - Director of Community Education, Westlake City Schools, Westlake, OH

Building a framework for a staffing model that establishes a continuum, where students are afforded the opportunity to transition from student to high school volunteer, to paid student aide, to college instructor, and into leadership. This will provide a consistent stream of mission-oriented talent.

E M H ULA MLA CB

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

Plaza A

Leveraging Multilingualism in the Classroom as a Tool for Learning

Amy Feehan, MAT, M.Ed., Senior Director of Program; Rebecca Flores, Ph.D., Director, Program Design, New Teacher Center, Sacramento, CA; Vanessa Espitia, Ed.D., Coordinator II Early Childhood Development and Community Engagement, Milpitas Unified School District, Milpitas, CA

Over one million English learners attend CA schools, yet half of teachers feel unprepared to teach multilingual learners (MLLs). NTC and its partners from Milpitas Unified School District and Salinas City Elementary School District will discuss how professional learning deepened coaches' knowledge of high-leverage strategies for MLLs. Participants will learn tangible approaches for preparing coaches to provide job-embedded support to create inclusive, accessible classrooms in their communities.

PK E ULA MLA CB DS

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

Pasadena

Make a Circle

From an award-winning filmmaking team, MAKE A CIRCLE follows a group of child care providers who are determined to change how our society values the education of its youngest citizens. With a mix of humor, outrage, and passion, MAKE A CIRCLE captures the unfolding stories of Patricia, a leader of a new union for child care providers, as she fights on behalf of a largely immigrant workforce; Charlotte, another union member who tirelessly lifts up the low-income families in her care; and Anne, the director of a large preschool, who finds novel ways to value and support her teachers when jobs at McDonald's are offering higher pay. Within their stories are interludes that offer a cinematic window into the unique, imaginative world of the young children in their care. The film culminates as thousands of union members march on their state capitol demanding better working conditions, just as their contract is set to expire. Weaving together the magic they create in the classroom, the struggles they endure at home, and their tireless activism for their profession, MAKE A CIRCLE is a moving portrait of life as an early childhood educator and a promising blueprint for fixing our broken child care system.

Strand: Film Festival

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Horizon I

STEM without Screens

Jody Nova, MS, VP Product, Brains & Motion, Allendale, MI

Discover Brains & Motion's patented STEM without Screens™—a hands-on, tech-light approach that turns everyday materials into high-energy engineering, coding logic, and physics challenges. Try classroom-ready builds, learn facilitation moves that spark collaboration and creativity, and leave with a toolkit for engaging, standards-aligned K-8 STEM—no devices required.

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

Mesquite G/H

Storytelling as Pedagogy: Healing, Voice, and Community in the Classroom

Rita Naranjo, M.A., Professor/Business Entrepreneur, Of Many, Oceanside, CA

This transformative workshop explores storytelling as a powerful pedagogical tool that fosters healing, critical consciousness, and authentic engagement in the classroom. Rooted in culturally responsive and equity-minded teaching practices, this session examines how storytelling moves beyond the assignment, becoming a method of connection, resistance, and empowerment. Participants will explore how narrative work supports students in finding their voice, processing lived experiences, and building meaningful classroom community. As both a college professor and someone who has overcome the profound challenges of growing up institutionalized, I bring lived experience to this work. Telling my story did not just transform my life, but more importantly, it reshaped my understanding of education as a space for healing and liberation. Participants will leave with practical strategies, assignment models, trauma-informed considerations, and community-building exercises that position storytelling as a viable and deeply engaging classroom practice.

PK E M H HE ULA MLA CB DS

Strand: Storyteller's Café; Staff Leadership; Partnerships & Building Relationships

Tapestry

Teaching is a Work of Heart - Supporting Your Talent to Support Your Students

Katy Wick, Champions Regional Director, KinderCare-Champions, Portland, OR; Anastasia Rivas, Champions Regional Director, KinderCare-Champions, Lake Oswego, OR

Now is the perfect time to invest in your teachers to give them the confidence that they need to implement quality out-of-school programs with intentionality and care to best support the students they serve. Join an interactive session to learn about what all teams need to feel supported, to think critically about your staff and what they need to do their best work in program, and to develop a plan to address any gaps you identify so you can head home with the confidence to make a difference.

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Strand: Staff Leadership

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Youth Development Practitioners: Intentionally Creating Pathways for Careers Into, Within, and Beyond Expanded Learning

Bill Fennessy, Senior Specialist, Equity & Quality; Crystal-Jo (CJ) Blanchard, Specialist, Equity & Quality; Lupita Perez, Senior Specialist, California AfterSchool Network, Sacramento, CA

Youth Development Practitioners are an essential yet often under-utilized force within our education, health, social, human, and public service systems. This workshop invites participants to examine practical workforce strategies, ranging from student leadership and mentorship to job shadowing, internships, and apprenticeships. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of the various programming opportunities to help them identify which strategies they could implement and support.

H HE ULA MLA CB DS

Strand: California AfterSchool Network Strand; Program Design, Development & Quality; Partnerships & Building Relationships; Older Youth; CA Focus

Smoketree D/E

ZTAG for Every Learner: Access Through Play

Quan Gan, MS, Owner/CEO; Steven Hanna, Playmaker Developer, ZTAG, Valencia, CA

The ZTAG For Every Learner workshop is designed for participants to discover how active gameplay can foster meaningful connection and inclusive participation. Attendees will experience ZTAG at a community level, exploring opportunities for movement, collaboration, choice, and engagement that can be adapted across ages for all learning needs. Through hands-on play and guided discussion, participants will learn how to create experiences that are accessible, supportive, and fun while promoting confidence, connection, and success for all students. The workshop will also highlight how educators and program leaders can use ZTAG to build inclusive environments where every learner has a chance to participate, contribute, and thrive.

E M MLA DS

Strand: ZTAG Strand; Program Design, Development & Quality

Palm Grove

BOOST LIVE PODCAST LOUNGE

9:30AM-10:30AM

The Potential Protocol

Dee Hankins, Human Behavior & Resilience Expert, Dee Hankins, Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, CA

CLOSING REFLECTION & 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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FRIDAY

MOJAVE LEARNING CENTER

EXTRA CREDIT

1:00PM-3:00PM

Turning Insights into Action: Taking our Learning Home to Build the Programs Kids Need and Want

You have attended workshops, networking events, and met with exhibitors - now what? Take this opportunity to intentionally connect with your colleagues and begin planning your next steps.

The goal of this planning retreat is to provide attendees and teams with a chance to engage in a facilitated experience to download all of their learning from the week, share what they are passionate about applying/implementing at their site or in their role supporting sites, and collaborate to identify concrete next steps to ensure the learning is integrated into their continuous quality improvement plans.

You must be pre-registered to attend



BOOST GOLF OUTING AT TAHQUITZ CREEK GOLF RESORT (LEGEND COURSE)

1:00PM-6:00PM



Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort is one of the premier public golf resorts in Palm Springs, CA. Play golf within minutes of Palm Springs International Airport, downtown nightlife, and hotels in Palm Springs. Tahquitz Canyon, nestled in the San Jacinto mountain range, provides the framework for incredible vistas, while tales of the banished shaman, Tahquitz, will keep your imagination running wild. Golf Digest recently rated Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort as "One of the Best Places to Play" for golf resorts.

Arrange your own transportation, or carpool with other players. We encourage you to arrange designated transportation (e.g., Uber/Lyft/Taxi) if you plan to consume alcohol.

BOOST BINGO

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 2027 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 Reflection & Raffle 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

BOOST BREAKS

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

MEALS IN EXHIBIT HALL

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
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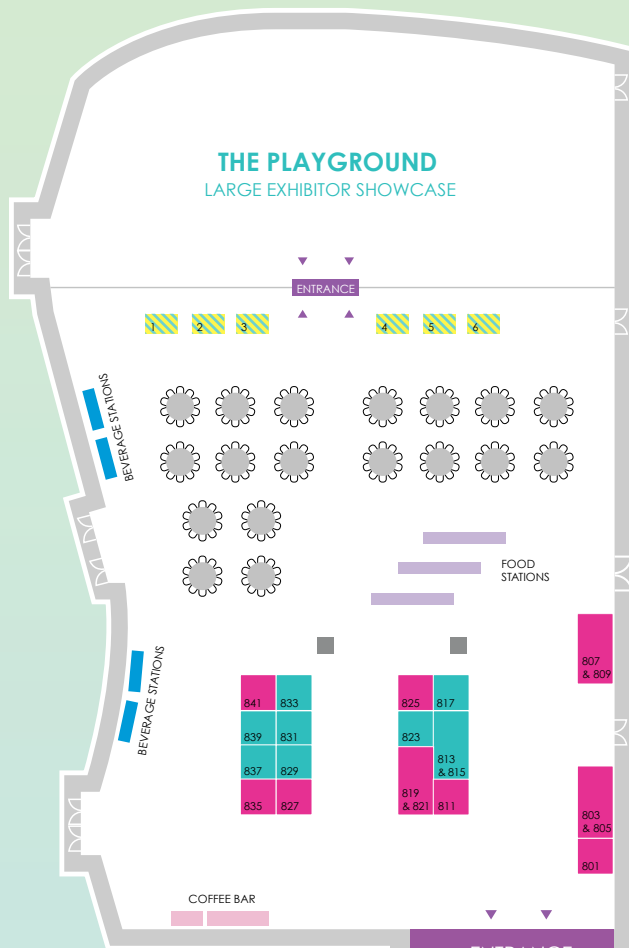
POP UP DEALS

THURSDAY
Starting at 2:30PM



2026 BOOST EXHIBIT HALL FLOOR PLAN

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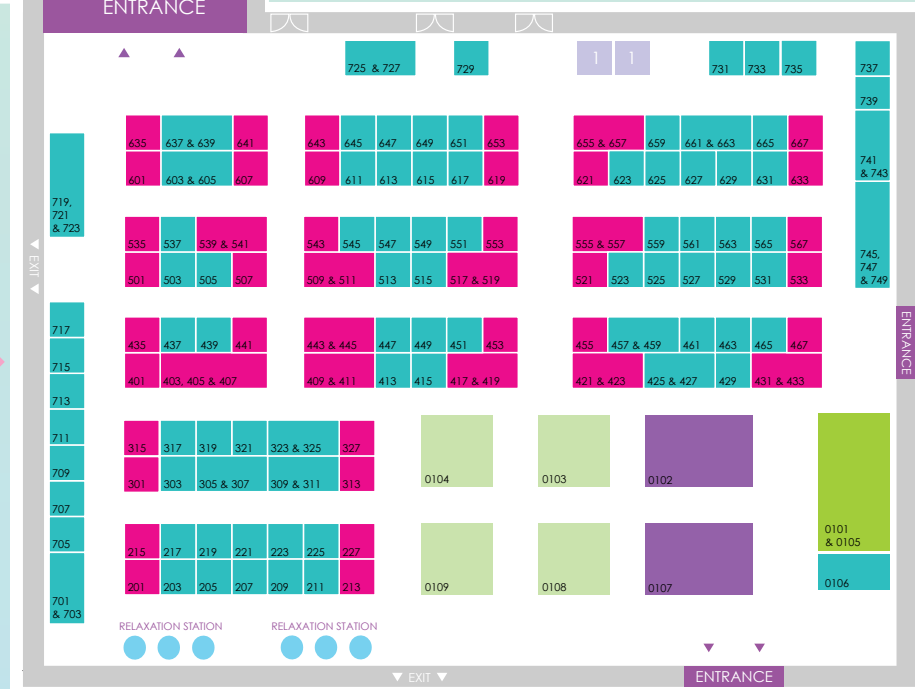
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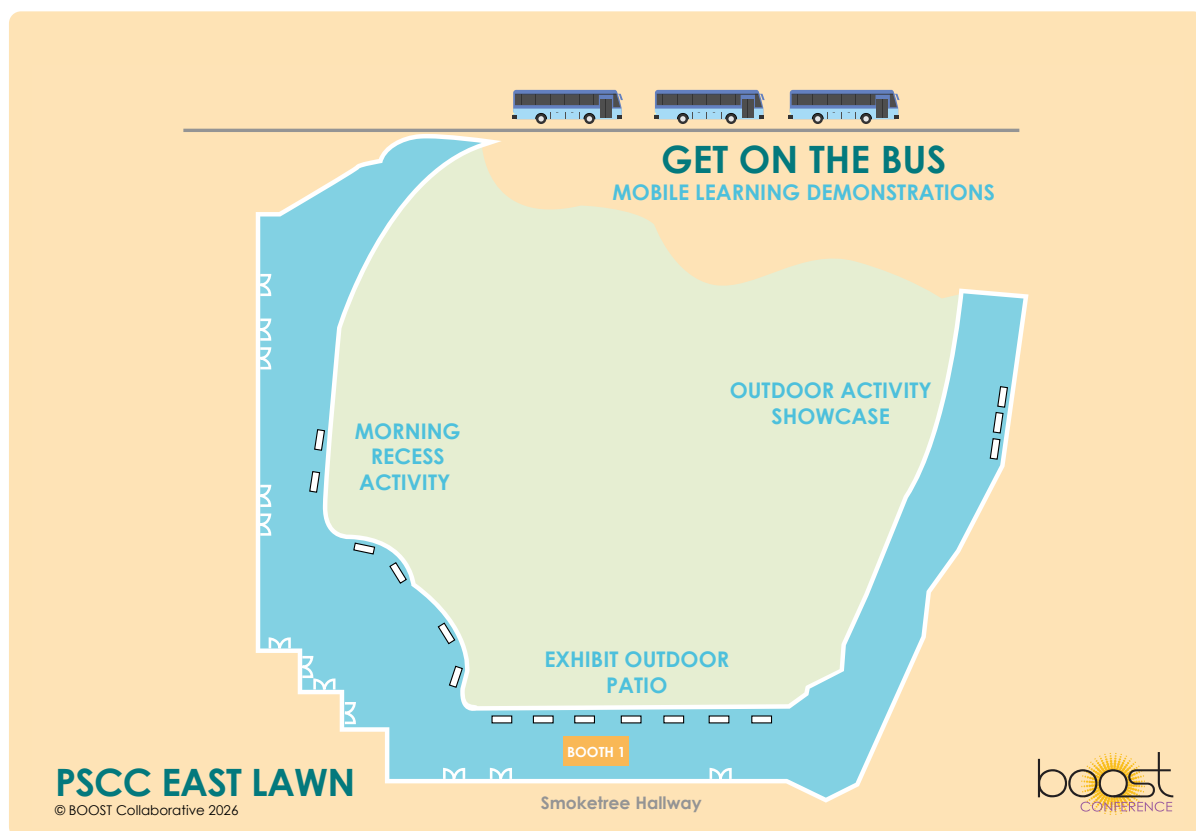
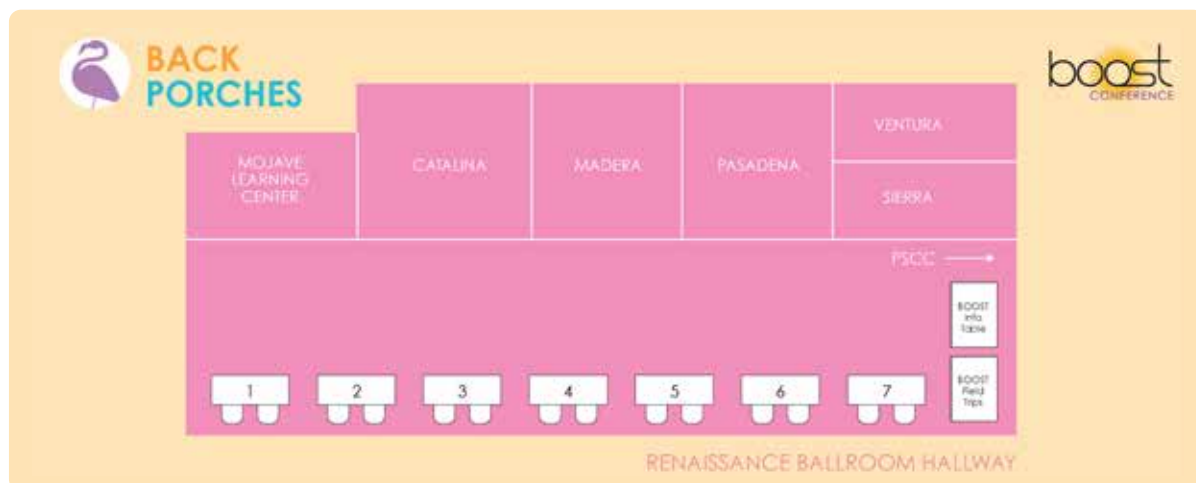
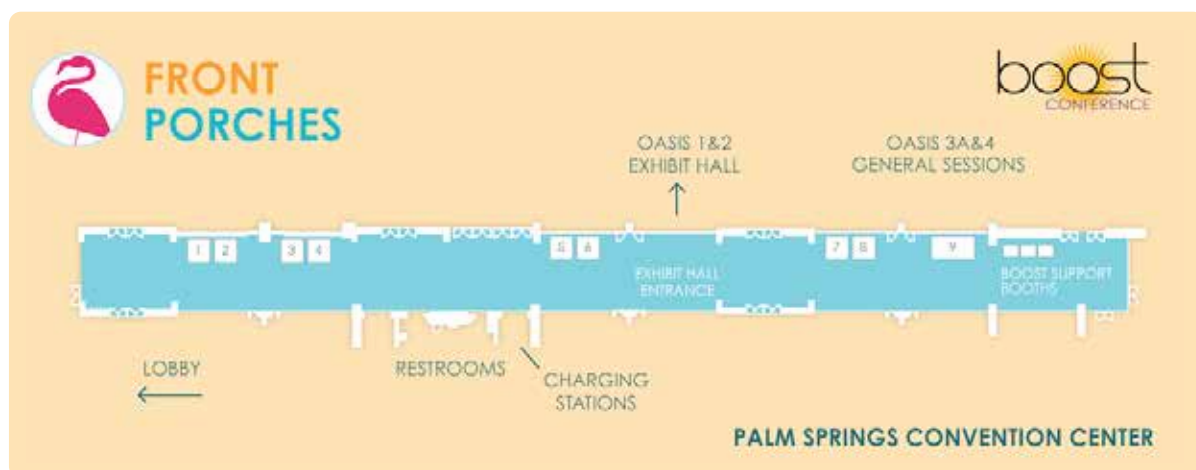
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BOOTH LOCATION LEGEND

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- FRONT PORCH, BACK PORCH, & EXHIBIT OUTDOOR PATIO
- BOOST GEAR SHOP & MEET THE AUTHORS
- EXHIBIT REGISTRATION SERVICE DESK
- RELAXATION STATION





WORKSHOP MATERIALS



- All workshop materials are housed on the BOOST Cafe Online Training & Learning Community platform.
- Visit boostcafe.org and set up a FREE profile. Please wait up to 48 hours for your profile to be approved.
- Log in and navigate to the RESOURCES Tab > CONFERENCE MATERIALS
- Use the search options to find the materials for the workshops you attended at the conference.
- Questions? Please email hello@boostcafe.org

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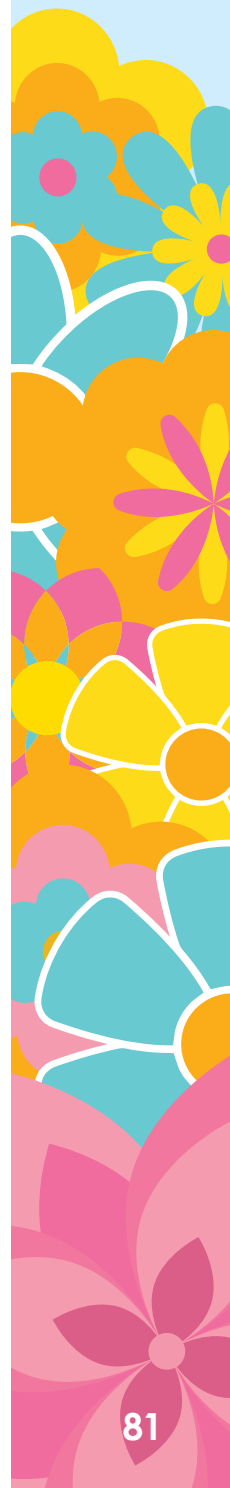
The **BOOST Breakfast Club Blog** is a curated space on the BOOST Cafe where bloggers from around the world contribute content on a continual basis about a variety of topics relevant to in and out-of-school time. The BOOST Breakfast Club blog is at the heart of an ongoing dialogue where expanded learning and education professionals share their personal thoughts and stories from the in and out-of-school time field. They also tell us what they ate for breakfast! Visit boostcafe.org/blog to sample the Breakfast Club!

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CodeREV & Momentum Kids	Front Porch Booth 4
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Woodcraft Rangers	Booth 523
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2026 BOOST EXHIBITORS

3Doodler

Booth 509

www.the3doodler.com

At 3Doodler, we're more than just a 3D pen. We unlock a world beyond your wildest imagination. From the second you start to use 3Doodler, you're thinking outside the box, and off the page—literally. Whether you're drawing freehand, just for fun, a student designing a school project, an architect developing a futuristic model, or a chef decorating delicious pastries, 3Doodler helps you bring life to your ideas—and inspiration to your life. Potential lives inside all of us—just waiting to be.

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3DuxDesign

Booth 607

3dudesign.com

Unleash creativity and innovation with 3DuxDesign! Our hands-on STEM kits and project-based learning resources empower K-12 students to dive into real-world challenges. Using cardboard-based materials and design thinking, your students will explore, prototype, and solve problems like never before. Make learning unforgettable with 3DuxDesign, where imagination meets engineering!

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4imprint

Booth 725 & 727

4imprint.com

For 40 years, 4imprint has helped businesses, schools, and organizations of all sizes connect with their audiences through a broad range of promotional products. With more than 40,000 customizable options, including apparel, drinkware, bags, tech gear, and exclusive top brands, ensure your logo shines on every item.

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6crickets

Booth 227

6crickets.com/elop

6crickets is an expanded learning management platform that seamlessly interconnects all education stakeholders. Our system makes it easy to manage expanded learning, such as enrollment by families or staff, attendance tracking, reporting, and syncing with the Student Information System.

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100 Mile Club

Booth 717

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!

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Active Education

Booth 817

activeeducation.com

Active Education supports children's social-emotional growth through play, behavioral tools, and physical activity. We teach teamwork, sportsmanship, and problem-solving to help students manage emotions, resolve conflicts, and stay engaged. Our instructors partner with local elementary schools to lead fun, structured games that build social skills, reduce disciplinary issues, and promote healthy, active lifestyles through mentorship and movement.

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ActivityHero - OST Enrollment & Reporting Software

Front Porch Booth 5

schools.activityhero.com

ActivityHero is your one-stop shop for all expanded-learning management needs. Our after-school software streamlines enrollment, rostering, and parent communication for school-year, intersession, and summer programs. Customized reports support data-driven decision-making and satisfy grant requirements.

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After School Music Academy

Booth 305 & 307

afterschoolmusicacademy.com

At After School Music Academy, we're on a mission to bring the joy of music to every child! Through partnerships with school districts, local organizations, and community groups, our music and movement programs ensure students get the chance to explore, grow, and just have fun.

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Afterschool Alliance

Booth 735

afterschoolalliance.org

The Afterschool Alliance works to ensure that all children have access to affordable, quality before school, afterschool and summer programs. We offer free tools and resources related to advocacy, marketing, public awareness, and sustainability. These resources include outreach tools for media and policymakers.

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AfterSchool HQ

Booth 533

go.afterschoolhq.com

AfterSchool HQ is a youth organization management platform that creates more time for meaningful engagement with students.

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Afterschool Podcasting

Booth 217

citizenracecar.com/afterschool-podcasting

One of the leading producers of branded podcast series for more than a decade, Afterschool Podcasting, now offers a program that teaches podcasting to the next generation. In our unique program, kids in 4th through 12th grade learn the craft of audio storytelling and are empowered to create and publish their own podcast series. Along the way, they learn important lessons about teamwork, creativity, media literacy, and the power of their own voices.

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AllSet Education

Booth 835

allseted.com

AllSet Education delivers excellent enrichment in STEM, Arts, Life Skills, and Movement, empowering TK–6 students, educators, and communities during and beyond the school day. We are building a bolder, brighter future by empowering educators, students, and communities with growth mindsets, diverse skill sets, and equitable toolsets. We create opportunities for both children and adults to grow, know, and show lifelong learning.

#GrowItKnowItShowIt #AllSet

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Amergis Educational Staffing

Back Porch Booth 3, Renaissance Ballroom Hallway

amergiseducation.com

Amergis Educational Staffing strengthens after-school programs by providing skilled Level 1 and Level 2 behavioral support professionals through flexible substitute pools and both temporary and long-term assignments. Our adaptable staffing model helps programs stay fully staffed, maintain consistency, and create safe, structured environments where students can thrive.

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Artome

Back Porch Booth 1, Renaissance Ballroom Hallway

artome.fi/en

Artome is a portable All-In-One Audio Visual solution designed for education. The high-quality sound, combined with large image sizes, makes Artome an instant favorite amongst educators, IT staff, and most importantly, students. Flexibility and the true Plug-and-Play setup make Artome an excellent fit for classrooms, multipurpose rooms, gyms, outdoor events, graduations, after-school clubs, vapa, athletics programs, etc. Artome, "One Device, Any Space."

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Arux

Booth 425 & 427

arux.com

Arux is the fastest-growing software for K-12 after school programs. Arux combines our new platform with experienced teams to modernize how after school programs work, including registrations, payments, attendance, data management, and communications.

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Attendly

Booth 0102

attendly.com

Attendly is California's expanded learning management platform built to End Administrative Agony. We replace paper sign-in sheets and manual reporting with automated attendance tracking, seamless Aeries SIS integration, CALPADS compliance support, and ADA funding recovery. Purpose-built for California districts of all sizes. One platform. Zero guesswork.

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Authorable

Booth 553

authorable.com

We take classrooms behind the scenes of professional book publishing with a series of after-school club options! Fun for kids. Easy for staff.

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AYSO PLAY!

Booth 627

aysoplay.org

AYSO PLAY! uses the power of the world's game to inspire students to learn through activity and play. AYSO PLAY! partners with school districts, private schools, and early education centers across the country to deliver a best-in-class soccer experience for all students. We encourage success in soccer through...

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Black Rocket

Booth 801
blackrocket.com

Black Rocket is a STEAM-based education company that has specialized in partnering with K12 schools, community colleges, universities, and parks and recreation departments for the last twenty years. Every youth enrichment program is powered by the child's innate imagination and designed to bring their ideas to life in a fun, hands-on learning environment. All Black Rocket programs mirror real-life experiences and the collaborative nature of the design process.

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BLICK Art Materials

Booth 315
dickblick.com

Blick Art Materials is the leader in art supplies in the U.S. since 1911, offering more than 110,000 products to inspire and support artists, teachers, students, organizations, and "makers" of all abilities. Hundreds of FREE project ideas with instructions and video demos are also available at www.DickBlick.com.

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BookNook Inc.

Booth 317
booknook.com

BookNook provides research-driven, high-impact tutoring in reading and math for K-8 students. Our synchronous learning platform delivers live, small-group, or 1:1 virtual tutoring aligned to standards, helping districts close learning gaps with measurable results.

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Books on Break

Booth 709
bookharvest.org/books-on-break

Through Books on Break, Book Harvest partners with summer providers to deliver a powerful literacy experience: every elementary student chooses ten brand-new books to take home, nurturing a love of reading and ensuring access to the building blocks of lifelong learning.

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BOOST Collaborative

Booth 0101 & 0105
boostcollaborative.org.boostconference.org

BOOST Collaborative is a unique, purpose-driven organization committed to supporting PK-HE educators serving youth in in- and out-of-school time by providing high-quality professional development, networking & partnership opportunities, leadership training, and a variety of tools and resources for the field. The BOOST Conference is the largest global convening of in- and out-of-school time and expanded learning educators. Together, we make a difference.

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Brains & Motion (BAM!)

Booth 635
brains-and-motion.com

Brains & Motion brings excitement and enrichment to your school year-round! Whether during school hours, after school, or throughout the summer, we provide everything needed for a dynamic learning experience. Our expert team delivers an innovative curriculum across all content areas, including STEM, sports, arts, and music. We handle it all, from top-notch instructors to all necessary equipment, ensuring each program is engaging and educational!

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BrainStorm STEM Education

Booth 515
shop.brainstormedu.com

Innovative hands-on STEM Kits for Grades 1st-12th. Each STEM Kit is aligned to NGSS standards and is packed with everything you need for successful hands-on experiences with your students. Inspire innovation and ignite a passion for STEM through BrainStorm's fun and educational kits. Real STEM. Real Fun!

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Braintrust Tutors

Booth 209
braintrusttutors.com

Braintrust Tutors Inc. ("Braintrust") partners with schools and districts to create personalized, evidence-based literacy and mathematics intervention programs that are designed to meet unique learning needs for at-risk students, with a focus on the 1-in-5 who learn differently, the 2-in-3 who are behind grade level, and the 1-in-10 English Language Learners (ELLs).

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California Adventure Camps

Booth 539 & 541
californiaadventurecamps.com

At California Adventure Camps, we believe in the transformative power of enrichment programs that inspire and elevate young minds. As a leader in specialized camp programs, we provide dynamic before-school, after-school, and expanded learning opportunities that go beyond the ordinary. Partnering with world-class talents, we deliver experiences that foster creativity, physical fitness, and personal growth, all while making a lasting impact on the communities we serve.

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California Healthy Kids Resource Center

Booth 823

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.

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Champions® Before- and After-School Programs

Booth 517 & 519

discoverchampions.com

More than just a before- and after-school program, Champions is a true community partner for schools and hardworking families. As a leading provider of out-of-school-time learning and education programs, Champions offers kids fun activities in a challenging environment, giving parents peace of mind and administrators a dedicated partner in delivering high-quality education. We operate more than 800 sites around the country. For more information, visit discoverchampions.com.

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Charity for Change

Booth 457 & 459

charityforchange.org

The Charity for Change PreK–5th-grade program empowers students to be good citizens through character, academics, and service-learning. Students build problem-solving, self-reflection, goal-setting, and decision-making skills through cooperative, standards-based activities. By completing activities, they earn dollars for charities they select. Our evidence-based curriculum has an 18-year track record of improving behavior, academics, inclusion, empathy, and student well-being.

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Clever Crazes for Kids

Booth 543

clevercrazes.com

Clever Crazes for Kids (CCK) is an Always FREE, Always FUN, STEAM-based website and app available on computers and tablets that is designed to inspire and empower young scholars and athletes! CCK's K-8 learning games build self-esteem and a love of learning.

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CM SCHOOL SUPPLY

Booth 301

cmschoolsupply.com

CM School Supply offers high-quality educational materials, classroom décor, and teaching tools for Pre-K through 8th grade. Proudly family-owned since 1972, they're dedicated to supporting educators and creating engaging learning environments.

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CodeREV & Momentum Kids

Front Porch Booth 4

coderevcamps.com

CodeREV Kids inspires innovation by making robotics, engineering and coding exciting and accessible to all students. Our goal is to achieve this by partnering with institutions that bring cutting edge STEAM learning experiences to students. Momentum Kids Lab, which partners w/CodeREV, combines the excitement of sports with the power of STEM.

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Coral Isles Sunscreen

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coralises.com

Sunscreen protection in bulk bottles that is cost-effective and efficient.

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CREATIVE BRAIN LEARNING & MUSICSTAR

Booth 211

cblc.org

Creative Brain has been named an enrichment superpower, offering many STEM, ARTS, MUSIC, SPORTS and other high-impact and turn-key enrichment programs. Creative Brain also provides comprehensive ELOP, ASES, 21CCLC expanded learning program services. We supply districts with curriculum and materials, such as educational robots for all ages, musical instruments, student art kits, technology, and much more. To receive more information, please contact us at info@cblc.org or call us at 888-673-2171.

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Curious Creators' Club

Front Porch Booth 8

curiouscreatorsclub.com

An after-school program designed to ignite creativity, curiosity, and teamwork in students.

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Dhasa Care Music and Arts

Booth 807 & 809

dhasacare.org

Dhasa care music and arts provide an immerse learning experience to cultivate students creative abilities.

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Discount School Supply

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discountschoolsupply.com

Discount School Supply is a leading supplier of educational products, classroom supplies, and early childhood materials. Serving teachers, schools, childcare centers, and parents, the company offers a wide range of affordable, high-quality resources—from arts and crafts to curriculum-based learning tools. With a strong focus on value, innovation, and customer service, Discount School Supply helps educators create engaging, enriching environments for young learners.

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Disney Imagination Campus

Booth 413

disneycampus.com

Welcome to Disney Imagination Campus. Through our unique curriculum and learning environment, we offer a new type of student travel—brimming with educational workshops that draw students into creative thinking and fearless exploration through the magic of Disney Parks. Our mission is student development. We provide students with the tools they need to express themselves creatively and academically, so they are prepared for real-world challenges.

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DrumBus

Booth 643

DrumBus.com

DrumBus partners with schools to deliver rhythm-centered group drumming programs that enhance student engagement, social-emotional learning, and community building for TK-12th grade. Our evidence-based curriculum helps students build confidence, coordination, cooperation, empathy, focus, listening skills, and self-expression—while supporting both cognitive and physical development. We offer programs for after-school, summer learning, and back-to-school professional development.

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The Edible Education Group

Booth 309 & 311

www.Kitchenalacart.com

The Edible Education Group is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the Kitchen a la Cart. A complete, portable teaching kitchen for all your culinary programming needs! Hot and cold running water, induction burner + oven for 10 students to prep beautiful food. The cart comes with small wares including pots + pans, Ninja blender, cutting boards, knives, etc and 3 years of curriculum.

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Elemental Hardware Enrichment

Booth 431 & 433

ehdw.com

Elemental Hardware Enrichment partners with schools and youth programs to design and deliver hands-on, career-connected TK - 8 learning experiences that build student confidence and real-world skills across woodworking, engineering, design, and agriculture. Because we develop both the curriculum and materials, each experience is intentionally designed to connect academic concepts to tangible outcomes for students.

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Elevo

Booth 453

elevolearning.com

Elevo provides a range of in-school and out-of-school (OST) programs and services designed to support the physical, mental, and academic well-being of all students. For almost two decades, we've partnered with districts across California to meet their unique programming and staffing needs. We impact more than 360,000 students per year through our programs.

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Empower Educational Consulting

Booth 463

empowerec.com

Empower E C is a full-service professional development company with hands of activities for math and literacy. Perfect for the classroom, after school programs, and summer school. Empower offers PD and an embedded coaching model that fits diverse models. Customizable PD and coaching are available.

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Enchanted Education, LLC.

Booth 443 & 445

enchantededucation.com

Enchanted Education brings engaging STEAM learning classes directly to your after school program. Inspired by the trailblazers of the themed entertainment industry, we design specialized hands-on experiences tailored for learners of all ages and backgrounds. Our project-based approach sparks creativity, ignites curiosity, and strengthens problem-solving skills.

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Engaging Hearts & Minds

Booth 503

engagingheartsandminds.org

Engaging Hearts and Minds is dedicated to building a just society by taking a "heart and mind" approach through a portfolio of culturally responsive products and services. We provide standards-aligned curriculum & training for K-8 ELA, Math, Art, STEM, and Spanish. Our team's educational approach is rooted in amplifying student voice, creating strong communities, and deepening knowledge. Districts may integrate our materials into existing programs, whether led by teachers or youth leaders.

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Expanded Learning Studios

Booth 701 & 703

itsmresmysteries.com

Expanded Learning Studios is a creative education company dedicated to transforming how students engage with learning beyond the classroom. We design and deliver innovative, story-driven programs that blend art, storytelling, media, and social-emotional development to create unforgettable experiences for schools and organizations. Our offerings empower students to explore creativity, build confidence, and develop real-world skills through interactive projects and collaborative challenges.

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EZReports Afterschool Management Software

Booth 641

ezreports.org

EZReports: Comprehensive afterschool management software for grant-funded programs (including ASES, ASSETs, and ELOP), meeting data collection/reporting requirements mandated for Federal 21st CCLC programs. EZReports offers live attendance on mobile devices, early release codes, automated student uploads, and surveys. Used by 10 State DOEs, 5,000+ schools/CBOs. EZChildTrack: Manage childcare/afterschool programs with automated billing, online payment and registration, attendance, parent app, more!

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FetchKids

Booth 439

fetchkids.com

FetchKids is a secure, affordable platform that streamlines school dismissals and after-school management. Schools can track attendance, manage car lines, handle schedule changes, collect parent signatures, store student notes and health info, and notify staff of arriving parents—all in one place. Real-time updates, direct messaging, and built-in reporting keep families informed and operations smooth. Ideal for staggered dismissals and multi-class transitions.

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Fit Kids

Booth 711

fitkids.org

Fit Kids is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides structured physical activity, movement, and mindfulness programs to children through partnerships with schools and after-school organizations. Fit Kids is a fun, engaging program for students that helps increase physical activity levels and deliver critical physical and mental health benefits to all participants.

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Fork Farms

Booth 613

forkfarms.com

Fork Farms feeds the future with food access technology called the Flex Farm, an indoor hydroponic vertical farm that grows fresh produce while educating students in STEM, growing food for student meals, and creating community around food access.

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Forum for Youth Investment

Booth 205

forumfyi.org

The Forum for Youth Investment supports youth programs, systems, and policymakers in improving outcomes for young people. We provide tools, training, coaching, and data systems for continuous quality improvement—helping teams assess, plan, and improve their work with young people.

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Forward Education

Booth 811

forwardedu.com

Purpose-driven STEAM Education for a brighter future. Inspire creative problem-solvers, from first code to career-ready skills. Boost engagement with plug-and-play tech that sparks creativity, collaboration, and meaningful cross-curricular links. Easy setup, no tech expertise needed. Ideal for clubs and after-school activities. Encourages creativity and teamwork. Visit us at booth #811 and our Camp Inspire session on Wednesday, 10:30-11:15 in Station 2!

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FranklinCovey Education

Booth 559

www.leaderinme.org

Leader in Me is the flagship offering of FranklinCovey Education. It is a comprehensive school improvement process that builds leadership and life skills in students and staff members, creates high-trust cultures, and accelerates academic achievement.

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Fulcrum Adventures

Booth 603 & 605

fulcrumadventures.com

Teambuilding, leadership, youth development, & organizational development. Since 1994, Fulcrum has been delivering first-rate team-building and leadership development experiences for over one million people across a broad spectrum of industries, fields, and institutions - always working by our motto: "DO. RISK. GROW." Come by our booth to win prizes and connect!

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Funtology Fundamentals

Front Porch Booth 3

ifuntology.com

Funtology Fundamentals is your solution to unlocking your classrooms' creativity! With an interactive, hands-on approach to teaching all things beauty, barbering, nails, and skincare, we empower visionaries of all ages to cultivate passion and entrepreneurship, utilizing core subjects taught in school.

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FutureMakers

Booth 537

kidsmakethingsbetter.com

FutureMakers Sparks are screen-free, playful engineering activity packs for innovative PK-8 co-curricular learning. They're made for extended day, family, and outreach programs - and priced for kids to keep. Stop by each day for a new sample, and ask how partners grow deeper connections with learners and caregivers with Sparks packs.

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Galileo Learning

Booth 667

galileo-camps.com/partnerships

We bring our high-quality summer programs directly to public schools and districts. Our Galileo X ELO-P solution gives unduplicated students equitable access to our flagship Camp Galileo summer program at neighborhood schools

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GameTime Activity Kit and GL Consulting

Booth 507

www.lauderdaleconsulting.com

With 20+ years supporting K-6 providers—including youth sports, out-of-school time, and camp staff—we provide training to help your team lead with confidence. GL Consulting offers flexible 3, 6, and 12-month options designed to fit your schedule and yield measurable results. Plus, implementation is easy with our GameTime Activity Kits. This turnkey resource provides 30 gym and outdoor games, video tutorials, and all equipment. No more planning stress—just plug, play, and impact.

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GIBBON North America

Booth 733

www.gibbon-usa.com

GIBBON SlackBoards bring movement, balance, and focus into the classroom. Inspired by slacklining and trusted by athletes and therapists worldwide, SlackBoards help students develop coordination, core strength, and body awareness through fun, engaging activities. Perfect for after school programs, PE classes, sensory breaks, and active learning environments, SlackBoards turn balance into mindfulness, focus, and fun!

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Girl Scouts of California

Booth 623

girlscoutsofcalifornia.org

Girl Scouts is a non-profit girls organization. Our mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Our program—the Girl Scout Leadership Experience—is all about fun, friendship, and new adventures. Through this Leadership Experience, girls discover who they are, what they care about, and how to best use their unique talents; connect with others, both locally and globally, to learn and expand their horizons.

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Girls on the Run

Booth 831

girlsontherun.org

Girls on the Run® is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams.

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Girls Who Code

Booth 625

girlswhocode.com

Girls Who Code is an international nonprofit on a mission to close the gender gap in technology and change the image of what a programmer looks like and does. We do this by providing free curricula, webinars, and programming to all students and the communities that serve them - no prior CS experience necessary! Join us to learn how to launch, lead, and grow free, girls-first computer science opportunities in your community to support social-emotional development and build inclusive communities.

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Gopher

Booth 467

gophersport.com

Gopher is proud to support teachers, coaches, and trainers with high-quality equipment designed to create fun, active, and memorable experiences. When you choose Gopher, you'll receive exceptional customer care, durable products backed by our Unconditional 100% Satisfaction Guarantee, and access to exclusive products. We're excited to partner with you in making your program a success!

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Grasshopper Kids

Booth 629

grasshopperkids.com

Grasshopper Kids brings enrichment teachers with unique backgrounds into K-8 schools. Our teachers are working artists, chefs, engineers, musicians, and more who design their own classes around their real skills and experience. We handle vetting, lesson-planning support, and compliance so your school gets creative, hands-on programming without the overhead.

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Groza Enrichment

Booth 401

GrozaEnrichment.com

What if after-school was the program that students couldn't wait to attend? Groza Enrichment partners with schools to deliver turnkey, high-impact programs aligned with Expanded Learning priorities- run by our trained team, side-by-side with your staff, or fully independent. With 20+ years of experience, we offer: SEL • Around the World • Family & Consumer Science • No-Tech AI
Easy to implement. Impossible to forget.

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Habbi Habbi Reading Wand & Bilingual Books

Booth 611

habbihabbi.com

Habbi Habbi makes it easy and fun for kids to learn another language. Our unique Reading Wand sets us apart by providing audio when you tap anywhere on any of our books, flashcards, and puzzles. Support language learning, build literacy skills, and support a variety of topics from Social Emotional Learning, to early math, science, social and cultural studies, and more. Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, French, Hindi, Japanese & Italian. Versatile supplemental tool for PreK through Elementary.

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hand2mind

Booth 737

hand2mind.com

hand2mind provides hands-on learning tools and curriculum that empower students to explore math, literacy, and STEM concepts through active discovery. Their research-based solutions support educators in building deep understanding, critical thinking, and confidence in learners from early childhood through middle school.

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Harmony Academy & National University

Front Porch Booth 1 & 2

Harmony-Academy.org

Harmony Academies at National University is a non-profit organization that provides social emotional, and academic learning resources, training, and professional development for schools, districts, or programs with no cost and elevated cost options.

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HealthCorps Inc.

Booth 219

www.healthcorps.org

HealthCorps is a national nonprofit organization working to eliminate health inequity by empowering teens toward better physical and mental well-being. Through our school-based programs, we provide health education, peer mentorship, and community engagement opportunities that build life skills, resilience, and healthy habits. Our mission is to strengthen communities by helping youth lead healthier, more productive lives.

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HeyTutor

Booth 653

heyttutor.com

HeyTutor, recently awarded the prestigious Program Design Badge by Stanford University's National Student Support Accelerator (NSSA), stands at the forefront of K-12 tutoring. This recognition underscores HeyTutor's commitment to educational excellence through its signature method, which emphasizes personalized, high-dosage tutoring to significantly enhance student performance in reading and math.

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HOKALI

Booth 415

hokali.com

Your One-Stop-Shop for Whole-Child Programming. With our full-service and management platform, we empower them to grow, discover their passions, and build the future they dream of. At HOKALI, we connect schools and districts with expert educators for on-site programs that enhance student learning and development.

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Home Science Tools

Booth 621

homesciencetools.com

Home Science Tools Your Headquarters for Hands-on Science. You want your students to develop a love for science and achieve their learning outcomes, but finding the perfect hands-on science materials at the right price and in the quantity you need can be a challenge. With more than 30 years of supporting exceptional learning and elevated teaching, we help educators inspire students to unlock their full potential.

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HPA

Booth 655 & 657

hpanation.com

At HPA, we believe movement transforms lives. Through programs, camps, and leagues, we create structured, engaging experiences during the most impactful hours of a young person's day. By blending physical activity, mentorship, and social-emotional learning, we help youth build confidence, develop teamwork, and unlock their full potential, on campus and in the community.

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I'm The Chef Too!

Booth 647

imthecheftoo.com

I'm The Chef Too! transforms learning into a joyful, hands-on experience by providing curriculum-based cooking kits that blend food, STEM, and the arts into educational fun. Each kit is designed to spark curiosity and creativity, infusing educational concepts into each recipe!

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Imagineerz-Learning

Back Porch Booth 2, Renaissance Ballroom Hallway

imagineerz-learning.com

Imagineerz-Learning, where STEM meets Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) in an engaging, CASEL-aligned curriculum for K-6 learners. Through hands-on, Stanford designed, engineering challenges, students actively build resilience, collaboration, and problem-solving skills—learning by doing, not just listening.

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InnerJoy Ed

Booth 551

innerjoyed.com

InnerJoy's Behavioral Intervention Program helps students improve their behavior through a fun and effective "Inventure" - an inner journey of self-discovery. The program aims to boost self-awareness, explore personal strengths and weaknesses, and teach mindful strategies for managing emotions. Through engaging activities and crafts, students learn about their thoughts, feelings, and body cues while developing coping skills.

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InnovEd

Booth 619

innovatedinc.org

InnovEd was founded with a mission to transform education through hands-on learning. Since then, we've continued to deliver engaging learning experiences through both our curriculum and in-person instruction. Drawing on over two decades of experience, we've designed a curriculum tailored to meet the needs of afterschool programs. In doing so, we've seen the power of hands-on learning to engage students. Above all, we are committed to inspiring curiosity and igniting a lifelong love for learning.

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Kaplan Early Learning Company

Booth 803 & 805

kaplanco.com

Resource for early childhood educational materials, training and services; including classroom materials, furniture, outdoor play, technology, curriculum, assessments, evaluations and professional development.

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KiwiCo Education

Booth 429

education.kiwico.com

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

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Lakeshore Learning Materials

Booth 555 & 557

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 Procurement—making Lakeshore the one-stop shop for all your early childhood and K-12 needs.

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Learn Fresh

Booth 417 & 419

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 learning by bringing students' genuine interests into the classroom. Learn Fresh programs foster a lifelong enthusiasm for learning.

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Learning Beyond the Bell

Back Porch Booth 4, Renaissance Ballroom Hallway
learningbeyondthebell.com

Learning Beyond the Bell is proud to introduce our new School-Age Aftercare and Camp Curriculum created by educators inspired by school-aged children, and designed specifically to support Texas providers with what matters most: engaged children, empowered staff, and enriched programs.

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Learning Wrap-ups

Back Porch Booth 5, Renaissance Ballroom Hallway
learningwrapups.com

We offer Hands-On and Self-Correcting materials for Math and Reading essentials.

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LEGO Education

Booth 213
LEGOeducation.com

LEGO® Education is a global leader in hands-on learning solutions designed to spark student curiosity and foster creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. Backed by over 40 years of experience, LEGO Education offers a range of STEM-focused programs—including science, computer science, robotics, and early learning—that bring learning to life through the power of play.

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Levity

Booth 827
improv.com

Humor is more than entertainment; it's a powerful tool for connection, understanding, and growth. Through humor, Levity helps young people develop the resilience and emotional intelligence they need to thrive. We provide off-the-shelf and customizable programs using improv and comedy to teach valuable life skills—engaging, inclusive, and giving children space to explore creativity while building social and emotional skills.

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LineLeader

Booth 705
lineleader.com

Stop relying on outdated, disconnected tools to manage your out-of-school time programs. LineLeader's platform for after school providers includes a CRM and marketing automation, parent-led registration to book programs, a management system to improve site operations, seamless online payments, and a mobile app to communicate with families & staff.

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Luminous Minds

Booth 567
luminousmindsinc.com

Luminous Minds is an educational platform offering engaging, easy-to-use worksheets, instructional videos, reading games, and hands-on literacy kits. Our award-winning, standard-aligned resources—including word building mats and interactive dice games—support foundational reading skills for TK-3rd grade students. We partner with families, schools, districts, and afterschool programs to provide fun, effective tools that help all learners become confident readers.

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Mabel's Labels

Booth 615
mabelslabels.com

Mabel's Labels has been a trusted source for durable, waterproof labels for over 20 years – But did you know they offer a FREE fundraising program too? Raise money for your school or program by simply spreading the word. No sorting, no hassle, and free shipping straight to parents. Your lost and found shrinks, and your funds grow - It's a fundraiser that sticks!

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Magic Explorers

Booth 215
www.MagicExplorers.com

Magic Explorers sell Magic Activity packs to schools and camps. Each Activity Pack is a creative mixture of magic, arts & crafts, and educational content that helps elementary aged kids build confidence, empathy and grit.

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MANGO Math

Booth 451
mangomath.com

MANGO Math is an evidence-based PK-8 curriculum that gets kids off worksheets and into applying math concepts. Our fun games require students to communicate and collaborate, and meet national standards. Each grade level kit contains 20 lessons and the manipulatives needed, for students to grab and go enjoy math.

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Mastery Coding

Booth 421 & 423

masterycoding.com

Mastery Coding empowers students to meet the challenges of tomorrow through intelligent technology education.

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Meg Languages

Booth 321

meglanguages.com

Meg Languages provides Expanded Learning Programs an immersive blend of world language and culture resources designed to engage students with dynamic and interactive instruction and activities. Our LIVE program classrooms with teachers in Colombia or China.

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MILLU

Booth 509 & 511

millubox.com

MILLU brings social and emotional wellness to life through play. We design strengths-based, hands-on, intergenerational experiences that help after-school programs build connection, confidence, and belonging. We believe SEL should be experienced, not just taught—and at its core, it's love in action. Come play and experience it with us.

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MindLabs

Booth 223

exploremindlabs.com

Discover how Explore Interactive is transforming STEM learning beyond the classroom! Our MindLabs platform blends augmented reality, hands-on tools, and project-based learning to bring science and engineering to life. Students engage in guided challenges, document progress in a built-in digital notebook, and collaborate on real-world design projects. Visit our booth to see how MindLabs makes STEM interactive, accessible, and fun!

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MindWorks Resources

Booth 637 & 639

mindworksresources.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!

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MoxieBox Art Inc.

Booth 0103

moxieboxart.com

MoxieBox Art is dedicated to nurturing creativity, self-expression, and exploration in all learners. We understand the powerful role of an engaging art program and we are passionate about ensuring equitable access for each student. Our diverse, all-inclusive solutions equip educators with the tools they need to provide meaningful and engaging visual arts experiences for every learner.

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MySchoolBucks

Booth 739

heartlandschoolsolutions.com/en

MySchoolBucks Activities is designed to simplify program registration and payments for program directors, staff, and parents. We'll help you improve program management by automating key processes such as enrollment, payment collection, check-in and check-out, billing, and attendance tracking.

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Nature Watch

Booth 327

nature-watch.com/afterschool

Nature Watch STEM Kits for Afterschool are FUN for students and EASY for staff! Kits include everything so there's no prep time. Kits come with Guided E-Lessons which make the teaching "plug & play". Hands-On, Project Based STEM learning designed specifically for Afterschool.

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Nexplore

Booth 435

nexploreusa.com

Nexplore is a nationwide onsite enrichment service provider with over 60 STEAM, Life Skills & Fitness specialty programs.

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Showcasing unique handmade jewelry and accessories using quality natural materials and lots of love.

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OMNIKIN

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omnikin.com

Omnikin products are designed to maximize participation, success, and fun by taking advantage of the dynamic, lightweight, and non-threatening equipment! Our 14"-48" colorful and durable balls are designed specifically for physical educators and recreation enthusiasts! This unique equipment can be used in a number of innovative games and activities that promote skill development, fitness, teamwork, and fun! Come have a BALL with Omnikin!

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Oriental Trading Company

Booth 713

orientaltrading.com/education

Oriental Trading, along with our Mindware and Peaceable Kingdom subsidiaries, is a leading supplier of educational toys & games, school supplies, arts & crafts supplies, teacher resources, curriculum materials, STE(A)M activities and fun products for every theme, reason and occasion, including value-priced party supplies, decor, giftware and promotional items. With over 60,000 products and recognized as one of the top 100 online retailers, www.OrientalTrading.com is your one-stop-shop solution.

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Outside The Lens

Innovation Alley 2 & 3

outsidethelens.org

Outside The Lens (OTL) is a San Diego-based nonprofit that inspires young people to become storytellers and changemakers through media arts. Our K-12 and transitional age (18-24) students learn more than technical skills in digital photography, graphic design, filmmaking, and emerging media, they also develop expertise in critical thinking, creative expression, and visual literacy.

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Ozobot

Booth 649

ozobot.com

An award-winning robotic platform that makes it easy to bring STEAM learning into your classroom. Teach coding & STEAM with all subjects. (math, ELA, & more) Increase engagement anywhere.

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Parker-Anderson Enrichment

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parker-anderson.org

Parker-Anderson Enrichment has been the leader in after-school enrichment since 1986. We now offer the broadest selection of services for after-school classes, extended day childcare, in-school programming and summer camps.

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PCS Edventures

Booth 0104

edventures.com

PCS Edventures is a leading provider of hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) curriculum and resources for educators in classrooms and out-of-school learning environments. We offer turn-key curriculum kits and provide scalable solutions for education programs that give students the resources they need to succeed in STEAM fields.

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Peaceful Playgrounds DBA IMovePlayLearn

Booth 221

peacefulplaygrounds.com

At Peaceful Playgrounds, we've been helping schools transform play spaces into active learning zones for over 28 years. As the original playground stencil marking company, we've supported thousands of educators with comprehensive, easy-to-implement programs that bring structure, safety, and fun to recess and physical education. What sets us apart? Real people ready to support you every step of the way—no bots, no guesswork, just proven tools and personal guidance that work.

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Pencil Box Solutions

Booth 829

pencilboxsolutions.org

Pencil Box Solutions provides ready-to-use, engaging video lessons that support social-emotional learning and classroom management—two of the most pressing needs in education today. Our content helps educators and expanded learning programs create consistent, supportive learning environments, improving student behavior, emotional regulation, and overall classroom outcomes.

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Playworks

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playworks.org

Playworks is the leading nonprofit leveraging the power of play before, during, and after school to transform childrens' physical and emotional health. We leverage the power of play to encourage child development and lifelong skills like empathy, leadership and conflict resolution.

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Procare Solutions

Booth 513

procaresoftware.com

For over 30 years, Procare Solutions has been dedicated to empowering early childhood educators by providing products and services that enable them to focus on the care, safety, and education of children. Over 40,000 satisfied customers have chosen Procare Solutions as their trusted partner in providing exceptional care for young minds.

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Professor Egghead Science Academy

Booth 313

professoregghead.com

Professor Egghead brings high energy STEM programs to schools and districts across the United States. We offer Robotics, Science, Engineering, and Financial Literacy courses year-round and in person, or during intersession dates.

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ProSolve

Booth 741 & 743

prosolve.com

ProSolve empowers schools to prepare every student for the future workforce through highly engaging, experiential learning. We partner with educators to transform traditional, knowledge-based instruction into real-world experiences that build career-ready problem solvers. Our mission is to ensure all students gain the skills, confidence, and relevance they need to thrive in tomorrow's world.

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Quirkles/Fuddlebrook Science Series

Booth 549

quirkles.com

Quirkles and Fuddlebrook Science Series are educational materials that integrate literacy with hands-on science experience. Books, science kits, student journals, and ebooks are just some of the many products we carry.

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Rainbow Chefs Academy

Booth 437

rainbowchefsacademy.com

Rainbow Chefs Academy inspires healthy habits through educational courses and hands-on culinary experiences. Our flexible, cross-curricular programs align with Common Core State Standards (CCSS), NGSS, NHES, CASEL, STEAM/STEM, and CTE standards. Easily adaptable for TK-12 schools, camps, and youth programs

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Rainforest Art Project

Booth 525

rainforestartproject.org

For over 20 years, we've empowered students through hands-on art programs that build creativity, confidence, and community. By engaging students in campus beautification and providing standards-aligned, low-prep curricula, we help unlock their potential and inspire positive change. Our all-inclusive kits, videos, and PD support educators in any setting — from classrooms to camps — while integrating SEL, literacy, and cultural enrichment into joyful, impactful learning.

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Reading with Relevance

Front Porch Booth 6

readingwithrelevance.org

Reading with Relevance uses diverse, empathy-building books to unite academic and social/emotional learning. Our CASEL-certified 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.

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Reflection Sciences

Booth 837

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Rhino and Crow Arts Education, LLC

Booth 409 & 411

rhinoandcrowartseducation.com

Rhino and Crow Arts Education empowers TK-12 students through dynamic, youth-centered art programs. We immerse young creators in visual storytelling—painting, murals, illustration, photography, videography, animation, and virtual reality. In classrooms, communities, and digital spaces, we nurture creativity, confidence, and every student's unique artistic voice.

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Right At School

Booth 465

rightatschool.com

A place to learn, play, and grow. On-site and hassle-free after school programs, at no cost to your district!

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Rise Girl™

Booth 561

www.risegirlprogram.com

Rise Girl™ is a confidence and wellness program for girls in grades 3 and up, designed to build confidence, connection, and lifelong healthy habits. Through after-school programs and curriculum-based experiences, Rise Girl equips students with tools for belonging, stress management, and self-confidence. We partner with schools and districts nationwide to enhance student well-being, strengthen school culture, and create environments where girls feel confident, connected, and supported.

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Royal Brush Mfg., Inc.

Booth 659

royalbrush.com

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S&S Worldwide

Booth 631

ssww.com

S&S Worldwide supports after school programs in delivering engaging, hands-on activities for every season and age group. Since 1906, we've been the trusted one-stop resource for crafts, games, enrichment activities, and supplies that energize community and after-school programs. Our dedicated team is here to help you find the right products to meet your goals and stay within budget. With thousands of creative, ready-to-use ideas and reliable service, we make it simple to run a successful program.

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SAM Labs

Booth 841

samlabs.com

SAM Labs is a hands-on STEAM and coding platform for K-8 students that brings learning to life through creative problem solving. With standards-aligned lessons and easy-to-use hardware, it's perfect for in-school or expanded learning. Come build, code, and explore with us!

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Sami's Circuit

Booth 531

samiscircuit.com

Sami's Circuit is a weekly motivational exercise program for K-6 students that blends movement with meaningful life lessons. Each video includes storytelling, exercise, and positive self-talk, with lesson materials and parent guides to support learning at school and home. Available in English and Spanish. No prep or training is required. Just press play and participate.

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Say it with Music

Booth 731

sayitwith-music.com

We provide STEAM | social emotional learning programming students create, write, record, and produce their very own song and film a MUSIC VIDEO! During the 1 or week long camp, students record poetry, rap, and sing to their favorite beat and receive their very own song! Our award-winning celebrity videographers and music producers guide them through the process. We also offer professional development and school assemblies on the Psychological Effects of Music, Music & stress management.

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Scholastic Education

Booth 403, 405 & 407

scholastic.com/education

Scholastic Education partners with districts to drive successful outcomes through supplemental literacy solutions and professional learning services. From the school to the home, we help every reader reach their full potential through research-based resources in six key areas: • Structured Literacy • Summer Learning • Early Childhood • Welcoming and Engaging Classrooms • Family, School, and Community Engagement • Classroom and Home Libraries

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SCHOOL OF BEATS

Booth 0106

schoolofbeats.org

School Of Beats creates and delivers custom STEAM based electronic music educational curriculums for AfterSchool, Youth & Community Programs. We also offer our curriculums to individual students through our video tutorials on the Teachable educational platform.

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School Yard Rap

Booth 719, 721 & 723

schoolyardrap.com

School Yard Rap's program fosters a unique approach to education by engaging students through our music and media. We bring history to life, careers to the forefront, and performing arts to your campuses with dynamic virtual curriculum, intersession camps/classes, interactive assemblies, enriching field trips, and professional development opportunities. We support you by filling the gap between enrichment and education in order to increase attendance and engagement. Learning should be fun!

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SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

Back Porch Booth 7, Renaissance Ballroom Hallway

schoolsfirstfcu.org

Welcome to SchoolsFirst FCU. We're Your Biggest Fans. 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 ninety 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.

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SCORE Sports

Front Porch Booth 7

scoresports.com

Sports Uniforms, Apparel, and Sports Equipment

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Skillastics

Booth 0108

skillastics.com

Skillastics is the all-in-one physical activity program solution that is simple to implement and super fun for kids.

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Smart Girls HQ

Booth 645

smartgirlshq.com

We facilitate exciting and impactful experiences that promote STEM Career Literacy through our content, products and technology.

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SPARK

Booth 529

sparkpe.org

SPARK is the world's most evidence-based physical education and physical activity programs, proudly founded in California. We look forward to serving your curriculum, equipment, and professional development needs.

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Speed Stacks, Inc.

Booth 441

speedstacks.com

Speed Stacks, Inc. is the world wide leader in sport stacking equipment and services.

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Sphero

Booth 461

sphero.com

Sphero connects fun at school with future careers through hands-on STEM, robotics, and Career and Technical Education experiences. Our accessible tools and curricula help build skills and confidence, preparing students for success in and beyond the classroom. Together with educators, we inspire the next generation of problem solvers and innovators.

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Spooner Board Sport Fitness

Booth 447

spoonerboards.com

Building confidence and fitness through balance and board sport training.

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STEAM On Demand

Booth 455

steamondemand.org

STEAM on Demand is a virtual streaming video platform for instructors to use in guiding students through standards-based projects in the STEAM fields by projecting the website video onto a large screen. Every video lesson leads the class in a hands-on project that is standards-aligned. STEAM on Demand is not intended for individual or independent use

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STEM Center USA

Booth 729

stemcenterusa.com

TK - 12 STEM educational services and products. We offer in-school, afterschool, and summer programming.

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STEM in a Box®

Booth 609

techtterraeducation.com

STEM in a Box® are turnkey STEM programs that provide standards-aligned curriculum, reusable STEM tools, and training for your staff. These programs provide hands-on STEM exploration in the Stations of STEM® and are created for Early Learners through High School. With nearly fifty Year Round and Theme-Based programs to choose from, STEM in a Box® is making STEM Access for ALL a reality.

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STEM Supplies

Booth 527

stem-supplies.com

STEM Supplies brings innovative products, curriculum, and resources into the classroom to immerse students in STEM principles and to connect their learnings to the real world. Our hands-on products are designed to promote creativity, inquiry, and collaboration while encouraging students to learn through discovery.

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STEMfinity

Booth 0107

stemfinity.com

STEMfinity is dedicated to providing the most cutting-edge, meticulously curated STEM resources and services. As the STEM industry leader, we boast an unparalleled array of PreK-12 hands-on educational materials sourced from the most reputable STEM brands worldwide. Contact us today to create a Custom STEM Solution! Visit www.stemfinity.com to begin the adventure!

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Step-By-Step Cultural Arts

Booth 323 & 325

stepbystepculturalarts.com

Step-by-Step Cultural Arts brings high quality multicultural music and dance classes from around the world directly to your after school program. We teach dynamic, hands-on performing arts classes for students in grades TK12 that include culminating performance and showcase. Our instructors engage, teach, and inspire through movement and music to foster skill development, creativity, and cultural awareness and appreciation.

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STIIX

Booth 535

hellostiix.com

STIIX brings hands-on STEM & Career Exploration to schools around the world in the most teacher-friendly and affordable way!

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Strategic Kids

Booth 319

strategickids.com

Our aim is to positively impact our community by teaching life strategies through games! We strive to make learning fun and exciting so children feel engaged and are able to retain the knowledge they learn to use in their futures and everyday lives. We offer our enriching programs in public, private, and charter elementary schools. You can find our programs in schools in Orange County, San Diego, Seattle, and Denver.

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Strawbees

Booth 547

strawbees.com

Strawbees addresses the gap in 21st-century skills education with hands-on STEAM and STEM solutions. We support teachers to build the innovators of tomorrow by fostering creativity, coding, and rapid prototyping. With accessible tools and free digital and offline resources, students of all abilities can explore and develop essential skills for the future.

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Take Space to Pause

Outdoor Exhibit Patio Booth 1, East Lawn

takespacetopause.org

Take Space to Pause is a statewide campaign launched by the California Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity (OHE), as part of the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI), it aims to transform the way teens view mental health. The Take Space to Pause campaign aims to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health, educate young people about how breaking points occur, and promote positive help-seeking behaviors among teens aged 13-17 in California.

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TCM

Booth 225

tcmpub.com

TCM provides standards-based educational resources across PK-12.

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TeachMe TV®

Booth 633

teachmetv.co

TeachMe TV® is an award-winning, web-based education platform that helps teachers teach and students learn. TMTV is an interactive, AI powered resource that helps educators create dynamic, student centered learning experiences before, during and after school- with lessons in core school subjects, homework help, and interactive project based learning. We can be found on the EdTech Index and are a proud partner of 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

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Team Prime Time

Booth 207

teamprimetime.org

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

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Think Together

Booth 825

thinktogether.org

For over 25 years, Think Together has partnered with schools across California to give students more time to learn, grow, and succeed. Through expanded learning, early education, and enrichment programs, we support students at every stage. Visit our booth to see how strong partnerships, effective staffing, and strategic hiring help deliver impactful programs statewide.

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TIE

Booth 201

technologyineducation.net

TIE focuses on maximizing student engagement by delivering highly interactive, flexible solutions like ActiveFloor interactive floors and Play LU, as well as several engaging STEM solutions.

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Tinker the Robot

Booth 565

tinkertherobot.com

Tinker the Robot sparks playful, hands-on STEM learning. With our plug-and-play platform, any educator can lead engaging, standards-aligned projects—no STEM background needed. Students tinker, build, and experiment while growing creativity, confidence, and problem-solving skills.

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TinkRworks

Booth 665

tinkrworks.com

TinkRworks is a provider of exceptional PreK-12 STEAM curriculum designed to transform learners to innovators with STEAM Project-based Learning. We provide an inspired STEAM solution that is hands-on, engaging, impactful, and easy-to-implement.

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TPG Creations

Booth 833

tpgcreations.com

TPG Creations is dedicated to providing resources to parents, teachers and therapists that set the standard for excellence in education. Our hero product, The Pencil Grip, was invented in 1992 by Dr. Lois Provda, a prominent educational therapist. Three decades later, TPG Creations has grown to offer hundreds of unique and innovative products for the home, school and office.

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True North HealthWorks - Junior Medical Academy

Booth 661 & 663
hfpartnerships.com

We believe the foundation of a healthy community is access to the healthcare it needs — and that begins with the people who provide it. We partner with education, healthcare industry/practices, and community leaders to inspire, develop, and nurture the current and next generation of healthcare professionals, starting with the first spark of interest in students and continuing through their careers.

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TSP Afterschool Program

Booth 813 & 815
tspprograms.com

For over a decade, Tutor Me Education has provided research-based, high-dosage tutoring, special education staffing, and social-emotional services for K-12 to college students. We serve diverse populations, including newcomer students, McKinney Vento, foster, unhoused youth, and emergent bilinguals. Our expert tutors specialize in STEM tutoring, focusing on closing academic gaps and boosting achievement. We adapt to each student's learning style, fostering success and confidence.

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Two by Two Character Development

Booth 617
twobytwoeducation.org

Inspiring children to be kindhearted toward all living things through heartfelt, hands-on character development learning activities using stuffed animals.

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Tysen Knight Art Experience

Booth 303
tysenknightexperience.com

The Tysen Knight Art Experience offers an enriching opportunity for students spanning from kindergarten to twelfth grade. Each participant will receive a tailored art kit inspired by the works of Tysen Knight. Throughout the session, students will delve into Tysen's artistry, accompanied by the anticipation of a surprise visit from the artist himself. Tysen's presence sparks enthusiasm and inspiration among the students, who eagerly engage with this contemporary creative figure.

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United States Tennis Association (USTA)

Booth 203
usta.com

USTA is the national governing body for tennis in the U.S. We are a non-profit sports-based organization. We serve youth and adults of all ages, providing accessible and inclusive tennis opportunities for all. USTA works with schools and afterschool programs to start or support existing youth tennis program. The partnership includes free resources such as professional development workshops to train your staff, youth tennis equipment, and USTA Net Generation curriculum based on grade level.

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Universal Studios Hollywood

Booth 707
universalyouthprograms.com/home

We offer an array of activities designed exclusively for the Youth and Education communities. From multiple tours and events to in-park experiences, your students will never forget their visit to Universal Studios Hollywood. Explore aspects of technology and special effects, celebrate accomplishments with friends or even audition to become a "Hollywood star." It's an enriching experience for students of all ages.

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VariQuest

Booth 715
variquest.com

Transform the way you teach with VariQuest, a visual learning platform designed for all learners. For over 40 years, VariQuest has helped educators engage students with easy-to-use tools and custom content. From poster makers to laminators and design software, we provide everything needed to create dynamic learning environments—saving time so you can focus on your students.

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Welcoming Schools, Human Rights Campaign Foundation

Booth 839
welcomingschools.org

HRCF's Welcoming Schools is the most comprehensive, bias-based bullying prevention program in the nation to provide LGBTQ and gender inclusive professional development training, lesson plans, booklists and resources specifically designed for Pre K-12 educators and youth-serving professionals. We uplift school communities with critical tools to embrace family diversity, create LGBTQ+ and gender inclusive schools, prevent bias-based bullying, and support transgender and non-binary students.

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Windtree Education

Booth 601

www.windtreeeducation.org

Windtree Education, a non-profit organization founded in 2010 in the city of Pomona, California, provides innovative STEAM Education curriculum, material, and software for K12 Students in many school districts in California and other states. Windtree encourages innovation, builds confidence, promotes teamwork, and inspires students to become STEAM leaders. By teaching students about robotics, 3D design, coding, music, art, and engineering, we imbue in them the means to solve the problems of today and the future.

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Woodcraft Rangers

Booth 523

woodcraftangers.org

Woodcraft Rangers is a leader in expanded learning, supporting 20,000 youth at over 110 Title I schools throughout LA county, with before/after school enrichment and summer day and sleepaway camp programs. In 1922, Woodcraft opened its doors with the mission of guiding young people as they explore pathways to purposeful lives. Always committed to access and inclusion, all youth were invited to develop a sense of self through the Woodcraft Way, a fourfold path of body, mind, spirit, and service.

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Work ED

Booth 545

worked.com

Work ED builds and operates tailored Summer and afterschool programs in person and at scale for Elementary and Middle School students. Our programs are built to unlock the potential in communities across the nation providing future proof career schools to every student. Our Work-Based learning programs designed for High School students allow them to discover real world careers and work with companies to help them accelerate their beginning high wage careers and connecting with industry.

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Wyman

Booth 651

wymancenter.org

Wyman connects teens to their voices, their strengths, and their futures through proven programs and supports. We believe every young person possesses the talent and potential to succeed and lead; needs healthy connections with caring adults and peers; and deserves quality educational and life experiences, unencumbered by economic and systemic barriers. We envision a day when ALL young people thrive.

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Youth Athletes United

Booth 745, 747 & 749

youthathletesunited.com

Our multi-sport brand portfolio offers kids the chance to explore and excel in sports from toddler to teen. We seek to empower kids through sports by teaching them how to have fun while learning the fundamentals and developing as youth athletes. We're united in our vision and efforts to build the nation's largest youth sports platform with the goal to positively impact the lives of over 1M kids annually.

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ZTAG

Booth 819 & 821 / Get On The Bus

ztag.com

ZTAG exists to spark connection beyond the screen—using intuitive, movement-based technology to create transformative moments where joy becomes the universal language. Through our wearables and responsive systems, children of all backgrounds and abilities are empowered to play, belong, and thrive—together.

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STUDENT QUOTES

#StudentQuotes

How can you contribute to ending racism?

By telling others to be nice to others no matter what race or culture they are.

Aiza, 9 years old
Reach for the Stars, Whittier, CA

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One thing I will always remember about my after school program is:

"That is a fun place with really nice teachers that care about me and always ask how I am."

Alexander, 10 years old
Reach for the Stars, Whittier, CA

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

"I want to make a difference in the world by being kind."

Ariel, 9 years old
Reach for the Stars

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One thing I want my teacher/after school program leader to know is:

It's really hard for me to control myself because I have ADHD and I don't think before I say things so sometimes I might get into trouble.

Oliver, 8 years old
RFES, Whittier, CA

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We asked students, "This is what I want to do to make a difference in the world:"

"I want to clean, recycle and give money to poor people."

Sarahi, 8 years old
Lennox LEAP
Inglewood, CA

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My after school program is important to me because...

"I would be at home alone instead I like staying here with my friends and the staff and do fun activities."

Mia, 10 years old
Whittier, CA

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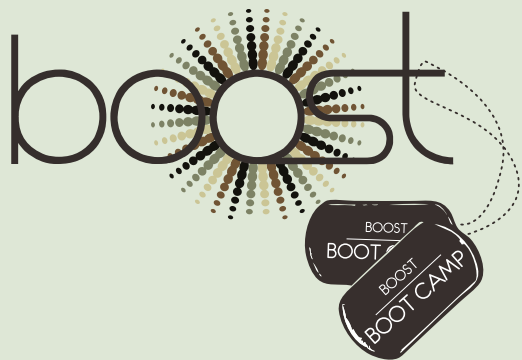
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Stop by the BOOST
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BOOST Boot Camp Series & Certificate Program



Preparing your staff with the necessary tools to be effective in supporting children, families, and communities is essential. The BOOST Boot Camp series offers customized training including valuable tips, tools, and resources to support staff to be successful in serving ALL children, youth, families, and communities. All training sessions embed SEL strategies and practices to benefit the whole child. Staff will leave equipped and inspired to thrive in their programs. Certificates available upon completion.



Facilitator:
Tia Quinn

Founder & CEO, BOOST Collaborative

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boostcafe.org/boot-camp

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- Youth Voice & Leadership
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- Creating Leadership Roles (and Jobs!) for Students
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- DEI- It Starts with Us
- Teaching Tolerance

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- Professionalism & Leadership
- Leadership 2.0
- FISH Philosophy & Leadership, Part 1
- FISH Philosophy & Leadership: Becoming World Famous, Part 2
- Leadership Development
- Communication 101
- Communication 201

CLEAR VISION, MISSION, AND PURPOSE

- Culture Club
- What's Our Mission & Vision?

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

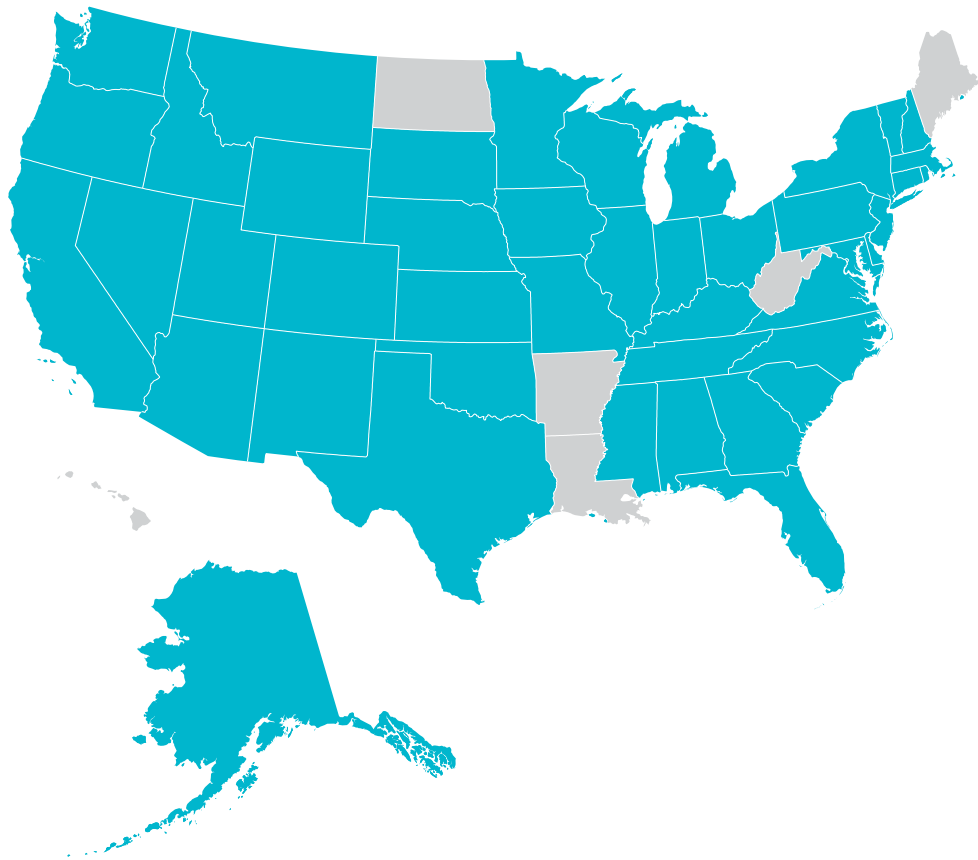
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- No Family Left Behind
- The Principal's Principles

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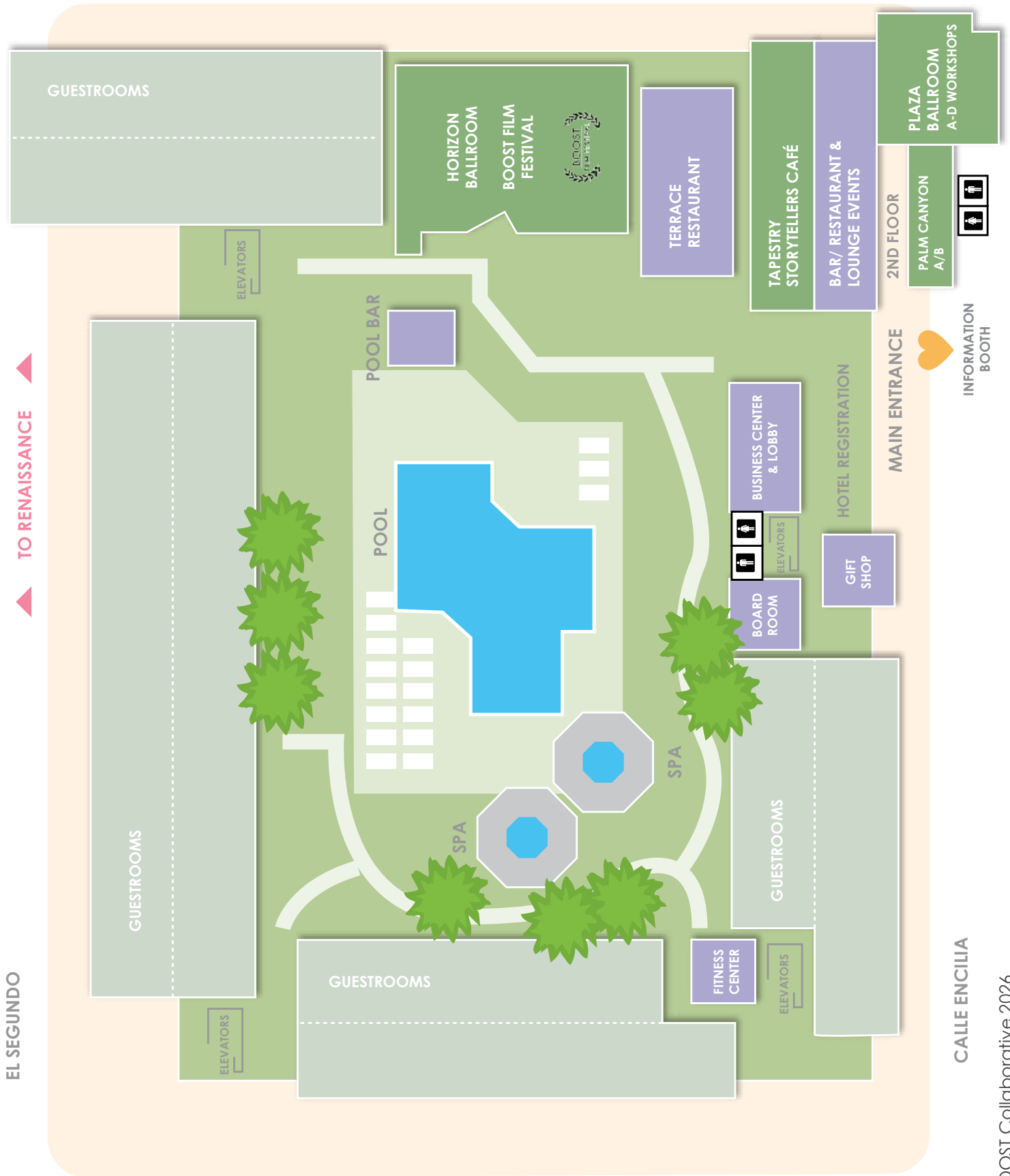
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HILTON FACILITY MAP

TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY



EL SEGUNDO

TO RENAISSANCE



TO CONVENTION CENTER

ANDREAS

CALLE ENCILIA

PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER & RENAISSANCE FACILITY MAP

